

Kia Ora Tatou!

The beginning of the school year, particularly for pupils who are new to a school, can be an uncertain time. Who will my friend be? What's my teacher like? Who will I eat with? What will I do at break times? New rules and routines make for some worry. So much new information to navigate. This doesn't really change much with age either! I want to congratulate our parents for the superb job you have done in preparing your child for the year at Halcombe School. New pupils are starting to learn how they fit (they'll get there!), and how we operate.

Rather than indulging in worry or stress, you have helped your children persevere by letting them experience newness and uncertainty. You acknowledge their comments, but you coach them rather than trying to solve or grow any anxiousness. Perseverance is only developed if we face some uncertainty, and if we are allowed to solve it ourselves too. Thank you parents for not increasing stress in your children by getting stressed yourselves.

Halcombe School is a great place to be. It may not be perfect, but it's pretty darn close to it. Your children are safe. They are cared for, but they are also coached in being resilient, facing disappointment, and being given ways to be strong too. And kids here are given so many opportunities to have a go - e.g. the Beach Trip tomorrow. Thanks again for what you do to support your child.

Kia kaha!
Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Foxton Beach Trip - TOMORROW!

Thank you to all those who have offered to provide transport for our big trip tomorrow. You'll find a note in your child's KIT Book with details. A reminder that we will be leaving school at **8.50am** (don't be late), and will be back by 3pm.

Gear List:

- shorts & t-shirt (no singlets please)
- jandals/scuffs/sandals/crocs (no shoes and socks please)
- morning tea and lunch, including a drink (water only)
- warm sweatshirt
- togs and towel (girls: wear togs underneath clothes, boys: wear togs and a t-shirt)
- we encourage children to wear rash suits
- underwear/clothes to put on after swimming
- sunhat & sunblock (please ensure students come to school with sunblock on already)

Senior Camps Coming Up

Best wishes to our senior classes for their camps which are taking place over the next two weeks. Room 5 and 6 are camping at school, while Room 7 and 8 are heading to the Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre. Camps are a highlight of school life at Halcombe, and we are sure our students will enjoy bonding with their classmates and teacher, having adventures and making memories. We greatly appreciate the time that our teachers and our parents are giving to these wonderful events.

Scholastic Book Club

The latest catalogues are out now. You have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their LOOP website or cash at the office. See the catalogue for the order forms and full details. Orders close 23 February.

Manawatū Tough Kids

On Monday, lots and lots and lots of forms went home with students who are interested in this event. A reminder that these are due back on Friday. We cannot accept late entries.

Life Education

On Monday and Tuesday next week Harold and the Life Education Trust will be visiting the junior team. They will be doing some learning around the many ways we can show the qualities of friendship, and how kindness, empathy, tolerance, patience and encouragement help us to show great teamwork.

Life Ed is a charitable trust that aims to inspire rangatahi and tamariki to make positive decisions about their wellbeing, and receives no government support. If you would like to support their worthy cause, we will have the following items available at the school office on Monday and Tuesday (cash only please):

- Harold flag pens @\$1
- Harold lanyards @\$3
- Soft toy keyring Harolds @\$7
- Harold drink bottles @\$10
- Harold notebooks @\$15
- Large Harold soft toys @\$24

Community News

Girls Basketball

- A **FUN** and **FRIENDLY** experience
- A **SUPPORTIVE** and **NON-COMPETITIVE** environment

Girls Got Game is based on Basketball New Zealand's Kiwi Hoops program but is modified to meet the needs and preferences of girls. It is a flexible program and can be modified to suit the needs and resources of participants. Girls Got Game aims to introduce more young girls to basketball and encourage them to continue being active and enjoy basketball with their friends.

Registration Fee:

- \$35.00 for new registrations. This includes a "T" SHIRT, BALL, BAG AND BOTTLE!
- \$20.00 if you are returning to the program.
- This class is specifically for Year 4 - 6 girls.
- It is a 7-week program.
- Mums are more than welcome to participate and learn alongside your daughter.

Sign Up:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCQYSfAiQDfEIRtm7BDyqbd9IyACX6nf2n71EmIJNKqpwvvg/viewform>

GIRLS, GET YOUR GAME ON!

A FUN FRIENDLY BASKETBALL PROGRAM FOR GIRLS

LEARN2PLAY

TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY - 26 MARCH
4PM - 5PM

FEILDING CIVIC CENTRE: FEE \$35.00 NEW REGISTRATION:
INCLUDES

Tee, Ball, Drink Bottle & Bag

\$20 if attended a GGG Program Before (no tee, ball, drink bottle or bag)