

Kia Ora Tatou!

Last week's trip to Foxton Beach was wonderful! Thank you to all our teachers, staff and parents for your time in planning and executing a great day. The activities and fun they brought added to the experiences of all our pupils and for this I am very grateful! The beach trip marks the beginning of a busy year of opportunities for our pupils. This week we see the on-site senior camps, and next week we have two residential camps to Kawhatau. We are exceptionally well-served by staff who want to see these opportunities given, and parents who take time out of their work to support the classes. What an amazing school community we have. Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) is done well here and EOTC activities add to our student's experiences. It is well researched how EOTC adds to children's academic abilities too. We should not take for granted how fortunate we are at Halcombe School to have such a strong focus on developing children's academic, physical and social skills. All of this is just one of the reasons why I love this place. We are a standout school when we all work together.

Kia kaha!
Alastair & the 'H' Team.

KIT Books

Unfortunately, we have to have a bit of a grumble in this week's newsletter. We would like to think we do a pretty good job of communicating with you, and keeping you informed of what's happening. For our beach trip last week, there was information in the newsletter, and there were notes in KIT Books for the parents taking transport. It became apparent, both the day before and the morning of our trip, that many parents had not read the messages. This is really frustrating for us, and Paula, who fielded nine phone calls from parents asking for information that had already been provided in KIT Books or through the newsletter. For younger students, please check their KIT Books each night. Parents of older students, ask them if they have any notes to show you - especially in the lead up to an event. A reminder too, that if a teacher has written a note to you, please reply. KIT books are a unique, and important way in which we all communicate together. Thank you for your support.

Contact Information and Digital Citizenship Agreements

These forms are being sent home today for every family. Please check all details and the contact information and update if necessary. Each student needs a new digital citizenship agreement. BOTH these forms are due back by Friday 23rd February.

School Invoices

School invoices are being sent home this week. Payment is due by Friday 15th March.

Yummy Stickers

Thanks to your yummy sticker collecting efforts last year, we were able to purchase \$584 worth of sports gear - an amazing result! We have bought netballs and cones. Thank you so much to Paula for running the collection system. This is something we do every year, so start collecting those stickers again and bring them to the office when you're ready. Thank you.



Halcombe School Triathlon

28 February 2024

10.30-12.30pm

run - bike - swim

students must bring:



togs & towel
running shoes
bike & helmet



(make sure the tyres are pumped up)

THIS EVENT IS ABOUT GIVING IT A GO AND HAVING FUN!

WHĀNAU WELCOME

Everyone is going to join in this event - yahoo! If you don't have a bike, please let us know so we can get something organised.

Thanks to the PTA,
everyone will receive
an iceblock as they
finish the event!

GROUP	RUN DISTANCE	BIKE DISTANCE	SWIM DISTANCE
YEAR 1 & 2	2 laps of field	3 laps of field	50m (4 lengths)
YEAR 3 & 4	3 laps of field	4 laps of field	50m (4 lengths)
YEAR 5 & 6	4 laps of field	5 laps of field	100m (8 lengths)
Year 7 & 8	5 laps of field	6 laps of field	100m (8 lengths)

If students cannot swim the distance, they can walk, run or use a flutterboard. Any stroke is acceptable.