

Kia Ora Tatou!

As a school we feel strongly that we offer parents plenty of information about your child's achievement and progress in a number of areas. In my principalship, I know that this school offers the most relevant, honest and timely information to you about your child's learning journey.

I've listed them before: 3-way conferences, KIT books, goal-setting, sending exercise books home, as well as summary reports. They all give you accurate and clear information on how your child is doing.

This information is not just made up! We spend a lot of time making sure all teachers are clear about curriculum levels and our expectations, and that we form our judgments using lots of different assessments that we see in school. We try hard not only to be accurate, but also to be holistic and take your child's character and actions into account.

The first of the **compulsory** 3-way conferences are coming up in two weeks time. It is the first time we get to meet, share and hear from you about your child. They are compulsory for all parents to attend, as they are the first important step to the adults all being on the same page.

Camps continue this week too! Rooms 7 & 8 are off to Kawhatau Valley. We hope for MUCH better conditions than last year, and an exciting time away together!

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Three-Way Conferences

On 4th, 5th and 6th of March (Week 6), we have our annual Three-Way Conferences. This is where all parents and students come along to meet with their teacher. Conferences are student-led, with teacher support.

School will finish at 12.30pm on March 4th, and the bus will run at this time. If you're unable to pick up your child early, please contact us. This is an important chance for information to be shared, and your attendance is compulsory.

We will again use the online booking system for you to find the best time to meet with your child's teacher. Bookings for parents will **OPEN TOMORROW**, Wednesday 21st at about 8.30am.

To book: go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/nh34n> OR use this QR Code:



You can then enter your details and select the teacher and time. An email will be sent to you to remind you of the details. If you have any trouble, you can ring us or come in and we can make the booking for you. Spaces will fill up fast, so we urge you to make your booking as soon as possible.

Contact Information and Digital Citizenship Agreements

These forms were sent home last week 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.

School Invoices

School invoices were sent home last week. Payment was due Friday 15th March.

Triathlon

We are all go for the Halcombe School Triathlon being held next Wednesday 28 February. Once again, we are expecting all students to participate this year - it is suitable for all ages and skill levels (please let us know urgently if your child doesn't have a bike - we can help). We have designed this event to be all about fun, and giving it a go. This is a fantastic spectator sport too, so we hope to see lots of parents there, cheering on the kids! Parents please note - you'll need to stay in your designated spaces, and it is not necessary/appropriate for you to run alongside your child at any time. Please see the attached advertisement for more information, or come and see Di if you have any questions.

Swimming Sports Information

Look out for more detail about these events in next week's newsletter:

- Senior Swimming Sports (Rooms 5-8) - Wednesday 6 March - Makino Pool: 12.15-2.30pm
- Junior Swimming Showcase (Rooms 1-4) - Friday 8 March - Halcombe School: 1.30-3pm

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.



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.