

Halcombe School



Term One - Week 5

27 February 2024

Kia Ora Tatou!

I said in the first newsletter of the year how proud I was that Halcombe School tries hard to develop all-round ability in our pupils: academics, social and physical. Socialisation is part of every activity and event we do. I was so proud of the children in the senior school for doing the camps they have completed, some staying overnight for the very first time - well done! Individual goals are important to have in anything you try. And if you don't do as well as you had hoped, you can persevere and know that next time you will do even better.

This week we have the first of many sporting events this term - the triathlon, followed by our various swimming sports. Again, individual goals, and knowing we have done our very best, are outcomes we want to see for all pupils. Parents and community presence is great to have at these too, as we all support and cheer on all our kids. That's one thing I love about this place - we connect together and our focus is all on the kids.

Thanks to all those who help these events, who come early to set up, lend their gear and their time to help with the organisation. We all appreciate it.

Have a great week!
Alastair & the 'H' Team.

PTA Meeting:

The first PTA meeting of the year is tonight at 7pm. Come along to help support our school and meet new people. See you in the staffroom.

Three-Way Conferences

We are nearly set for these conferences taking place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week, and we look forward to seeing all of you there. By now you should have booked your time with your child's teacher. You will realise that it takes plenty of time for teachers to prepare for these conferences, so bookings will close on Friday morning. To book now, go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/nh34n>
If you miss out on booking a time your child's teacher will contact you to make a time in the near future to speak with you.

School finishes at 12.30pm on Monday, and the bus will run at this time. If you're unable to pick up your child early, please contact us to let us know.

Carpark Etiquette:

Child safety is so important and it is timely to remind everyone again of the routines we must all enforce to protect people around cars:

- Hall Carpark: Everyone is doing a terrific job of backing into parks - well done. No children are allowed into the carpark unattended by an adult. Please DO NOT call a child to you. Make sure you come inside the school fence and collect your child and escort them to your car via the footpath. This ensures no child runs out in front of this busy space. Please don't cut across the carpark.
- Montieith Street: Again, please ensure you bring your child into school, at the corner. At the end of the day, remind your child to cross at the corner only. They then MUST walk along the front of the parked cars to your car, NOT behind cars.

Thank you all for reminding your children, and for ensuring adult parking behaviour follows these routines.

Triathlon - TOMORROW!

Only one sleep till the Halcombe School triathlon! This will be an excellent chance to put a big tick in the 'adventure' box of our Triple A values! The first event will be the Year 7-8 students, starting at 10.30am. Here is some important information:

- Bikes and helmets go straight to the field before school. There will be senior students there directing you. Please double check the tyres are pumped up, and the seat is set at the correct height.
- No helmet = no go.
- Students will wear their togs to do the run and bike. Footwear is recommended.
- Please name all gear, including helmets and waterbottles, as we know everything will be in a mess at the end!
- Spectators are welcome. Please don't park yellow lines, or on the neighbour's lawn or grass verges outside the school.
- If your child needs help at any time, this will be provided by staff, designated course marshals or senior students. It is not necessary or appropriate for parents to run alongside their child at any time. Parents need to stay within the designated areas. Spectators can view the swimming from outside the pool fence.
- Bikes will be left on the field and can be taken home at the conclusion of ALL races, or after school.
- We'd like to remind everyone that this event is all about giving it a go and having fun, though we know that many of the students will naturally make a competition out of it.
- Each student will receive an iceblock on completion of the triathlon. Thanks to our PTA for shouting this treat.
- Our team for the Manawatū Interschool Triathlon (Y5-8) will be selected based on the results of our event.

Senior Swimming Sports

- The Senior Swimming Sports will be held at the Makino Pool next Wednesday 6 March, starting at 12.10pm and finishing by 2.40pm.
- These sports are for children in Rooms 5 - 8.
- Transport will be by bus to and from the pool, leaving school at 11.35am. There is no charge.
- All students will return to school after the swimming sports.
- Children must take their togs, two towels, sunhat, warm clothes, snacks and a drink of water.
- There is no 'grandstand' for parents to watch from. You might like to take your own chair/seat. Parents will be seated on the diving pool side, or at the concrete wall/shallow end of the pool.

Junior Swimming Sports

The Junior Swimming Sports will be held at school next Friday 8 March, starting at 1.30pm and finishing by 2.50pm. These sports are for children in Rooms 1 - 4. Parents are welcome to attend.

School Rules - Reminders

Teachers are finding they are needing to give lots of reminders about these rules. You can help by making sure the following rules are followed:

- No nail polish.
- No jewellery except single plain stud earrings.
- Hair tied back with **simple clips/ties** please.
- Finger and toe nails should be kept short.
- Plain haircuts (no mullets, mohawks, rat's tails, colours, zigzags, stripes etc).

Tough Kids

We need loads of transport for this event. See KIT Books for details. Forms are due on Friday.

Contact Information and Digital Citizenship Agreements - THESE WERE DUE LAST FRIDAY

School Invoices - PAYMENT IS DUE ON FRIDAY 15 MARCH