

Kia Ora Tatou!

I have been going through classes recently and asking pupils about the Triple A Values - do they know them? What do the Triple A Values mean? Where do we see them in action? For those new to the school our Triple A Values are Achievement, Attitude and Adventure! These values sustain us all through life at Halcombe School. They are the foundation of our school planning, our activities and the culture here, so they need some highlighting, don't you think? This week it'd be great if we all talked to our kids about having the right **Attitude**.

What does that mean?

It means coming to school each day ready to learn. It means being ready to try new things and celebrate our successes and those of others. It means enjoying activities with your friends and persevering when things go awry. It means maintaining a positive 'can-do' frame of mind rather than becoming negative. Always looking for the positive outcome, but realising that it won't always be so.

Training our kids to have the right attitude starts with the first conversation in the morning - "What are you looking forward to today?" and the first upon pick-up at the end of the day - "What was great today?"

Halcombe kids are known for their positive attitude - they have it on show here in the playground and classrooms, and they show it proudly on the sports fields and at inter-school events. And we can all be so proud of that!

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

Senior Swimming Sports

What a fantastic afternoon our senior students had at the Makino Pool last Wednesday. We had 56 events, many with multiple heats, and every student competing in at least three events. Everyone gave their very best, and should be proud of their achievements. Well done to Rimu for winning the junior relay and Totara for winning the senior relay.

A special congratulations to our 2024 champions:

- Blunden Cup: Junior Girls Champ - 1st Becky, 2nd Mackenzie, 3rd Charlotte A
- Blunden Cup: Junior Boys Champ - 1st Josh, 2nd Finn, 3rd Rylan
- Wishnowsky Cup: Senior Girls Champ - 1st Georgia, 2nd Esther, 3rd Maggie
- Wishnowsky Cup: Senior Boys Champ - 1st Finn, 2nd Sean, 3rd Harry
- Monk Cup: Most Improved Swimmer - Maisie
- Barnett Cup: Open 50m Freestyle - Esther
- Overall House Points: 1st Totara, 2nd Rimu, 3rd Kauri, 4th Matai

Halcombe School Moveathon

It's time to tell you about this AWESOME event we have coming up on Thursday 28 March. As you will have read in last week's newsletter, this is one of three fundraising events we have this year. In addition to the information on the poster below, here is what you need to know:

- There will be a free juicy and sausage sizzle for all students who participate.
- To be eligible for a spot prize, sponsorship forms must be returned on or before Wednesday 27 March.
- Sponsorship money is due on Friday 5 April.
- To help the students set goals, it's good to know that one lap is 250m, so four laps is one kilometre.
- We'll keep track of how many laps each student does by putting a dot on their arm every time they zoom past the start line (unless they're tracking their own distance with a watch).
- Students can run, walk, skip, hop, jump, shuffle - just MOVE!
- Costumes: no feather boas, tutus that have dots on them or pompoms please - they shed their bits all over the place!
- Parents - we're going to need some helpers. Please let Hannah know if you're available as soon as possible. We promise it won't be too much hard work!

What's Coming Up?

We have a number of events coming up, and we wish all the students involved the best of luck:

- Interschool Triathlon - tomorrow - 30 students
- Agri Kids - Saturday 16 March - 18 students
- Tough Kids - Friday 22 March - 103 students
- Interschool Swimming - Monday 25 March - 16 students


Swimming Pool

Our pool is now closed for the season. If you hired a pool key, please return this to school.


School Stationery Invoices

A reminder that school stationery invoices are due for payment by this Friday 15 March.

HALCOMBE SCHOOL MOVE-A-THON



THURSDAY 28 MARCH
11-12.30PM



**How many laps of the field can
you walk or run in an hour?**
four laps = 1km

**Collectively, we are aiming to walk or run 1,000km.
That's 4,000 laps of the school field!**

**Lots of awesome Spot prizes!
Dress up in your craziest costumes!
Friends and whānau welcome!**

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SEE THE NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS!

Our last Moveathon was in March 2020, just before we went into a Level 4 COVID lock down. It seems like a long time ago. We've found some familiar faces among the photos of that event:

