

Kia Ora Tatou!

What a term we are having! We have managed to fit in so many social, physical and learning experiences already and there are still four weeks of term to go! This week I want to talk about our second Triple A Value: **Achievement**.

This term has seen so much achievement already, with team events, individual events, camps, and individual learning going on. First and foremost we want and expect every child to do well here at Halcombe School. We have a strong focus on learning the basics. We also make sure that we have a broad curriculum where 'Life-long Learning' is built through connections to Science, Social Sciences, the Arts, Physical Education, and Technology. We make sure each child experiences the full curriculum. A broad curriculum allows us to support the development of our learners more fully. You all know of our cultural and sporting opportunities too - there are many throughout the year for your child to be involved in to grow into a well-rounded individual. We place a high emphasis on everyone having a go and taking part. Sometimes this is easy and sometimes not, but all activities have a huge amount of support from staff and whānau.

Social development is also very important for life. I am proud of the ways in which we quickly get new students socialising and taking part, but also keep extending all kids to interact positively, stand up for themselves, and be coached and supported through any difficulties.

Having a broad curriculum at primary school allows your child to experience all learning areas, and think about the learning they become passionate about. As parents it is your job to encourage, support and ensure that your child knows that you see them as achievers, that they have done well, and that you are proud of them.

Working together, we are making sure that all our students **Achieve** and achieve very well. Achievement is an individual pursuit, and there are individual levels of achievement. It is important that we celebrate all of it. Making sure that all our pupils know they are able to achieve, is something we take seriously and is our determined approach here at Halcombe School.

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

## **Punctuality**

We have noticed that a number of students are turning up late to school. This causes issues and extra administration work for us. Kids should be arriving at school no later than 8.45am (remember, our bell rings at 8.55am). That gives them ten minutes to get themselves organised, check in with their teacher and start the day in a calm manner. Kids that fly in the door late have a chaotic start to the day. Thank you for your support.

## **Interschool Triathlon**

We took a team of 29 students to the Manawātū Interschool Triathlon last week. Everyone gave their very best in blustery conditions that made parts of the bike leg particularly challenging. A highlight was seeing all the kids cheering each other on and celebrating the successes of their team mates. We had some incredible individual performances, with lots of students achieving a Top 20 placing:

- Year 5 Girls - Becky 1st, Charlotte 20th
- Year 5 Boys - Rylan 2nd, Louis 3rd, Finn 4th
- Year 6 Girls - Phoebe Lint 7th, Phoebe Link 14th
- Year 6 Boys - Josh 2nd, Hunter 8th
- Year 7 Girls - Lucy C 1st
- Year 7 Boys - Blake 9th, Osten 11th, Lee 20th
- Year 8 Girls - Maggie 1st, Georgia 2nd, Maisie 8th, Taylor 9th
- Year 8 Boys - Harry 10th

We wish Maggie, Georgia and Lucy all the best for the New Zealand Schools Triathlon Champs, which they are attending in Tauranga later this week. Go well girls!

### Agri Kids Competition

Our agri kids teams had a fantastic morning at the Central Districts Field Days on Saturday. There were 35 teams overall, from all around the Taranaki Manawatū region. Teams competed in a series of challenges, trying to earn enough points to make it through to the final. The training these kids did seemed to prepare them well, and we were excited to see four of our six teams progress. An awesome effort. In the final challenge, teams had to race through an obstacle course, completing some fun but difficult activities along the way. Once all the points were added up, the Top 3 teams were determined. We are thrilled that Halcombe scooped up both first and second place! (1st - Halcombe Black - Max I, Taylor, Maggie and 2nd - Halcombe Purple - Max S, Jonty, Maisie). These teams are now invited to attend the NATIONAL finals, being held in Hamilton in July. Wow!

Agri Kids - Regional Winners and Runner's Up!



### Halcombe School Moveathon - 10 MORE SLEEPS!

We are really enjoying all the moveathon related conversations that are happening around our school at the moment. How many laps are you going to run? How far will that be? What are you going to wear? Have you asked nan and poppa to sponsor you yet? What songs do you think we should have on the playlist? And that's just the conversations we've heard in the staffroom! We want to create a really positive buzz and vibe at this event, so we'd like to think you're talking about the moveathon at home too. Don't forget:

- 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 next 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! We've only had three offers so far, so be sure to put your name on the list if you're available.***

### Tough Kids - FRIDAY

We have 104 students attending this event on Friday, so there are a lot of moving parts and things to organise! Please make sure you're across the details by reading notes in KIT Books. Thank you.

### Winter Sports

Information went home yesterday for netball (Y3-8) and hockey (Y7-8). Those who were keen collected a notice, but if someone has been missed, please send your child to see Miss Simpson to collect a form. Friday is the deadline for forms to be returned.

### Swimming Pool

Our pool is now closed for the season. If you hired a pool key, please return this to school. There are still lots of keys outstanding.

# HALCOMBRE 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!**

**WE'RE RAISING  
MONEY FOR OUR DIGITAL  
TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME**

**THERE WILL BE A FREE  
JUICIE AND SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE FOR EVERYONE  
WHO PARTICIPATES**

**SEE THE NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS!**