

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Market Day - Wednesday 12 June, from 6-7pm. All students are expected to attend.

Matariki Celebration - be at school at 7am on Thursday 27 June. School will finish at 12.30pm.

Kia Ora Tatou,

Halcombe School stands out as a school that provides a broad curriculum. This means, that as well as providing well for the basics, we are also focussed on making sure that the physical and social side of a child is developed here. As we face the winter months, I am reminded of the cold nights and mornings of adults standing on the sidelines and supporting our sports teams. Winter sport remains a high priority for us, and our hockey, netball and table tennis teams have had a great start to the season. Our staff do a fantastic job of organising the sports for the school (and taking care of the unbelievable amount of administration tasks), and we have a multitude of helpers who coach, umpire, manage and support the teams. Once again this makes our school a very connected and focussed place to be part of. Our children are the benefactors of all this support, and it means that the well-being of our kids is looked after. Physical strength and stamina, perseverance, co-operation, friendship, sportsmanship, communication and fast-thinking are all things that sport helps develop in a person. I am very grateful to everyone for making this a priority that runs through our school day and out into the real world.

Have a great week!

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Staffing

Later this week, we farewell Sue and Jan from their shared teaching position in Room 6 - our thanks to both teachers for their teaching over the past few weeks. We have been so fortunate to have the quality of these two, and the skills and focus they bring to the classroom. Our new teacher, Nicki Baker starts in Room 6 next Monday. She is very much looking forward to getting stuck into teaching at Halcombe School and establishing herself as a part of our strong team.

Market Day Needs

If you are able to help, please send these items to send along to school:

- Room 5: plywood and plastic fizzy bottles with lids
- Room 4: hobby fill (stuffing for cushions)

Parent Information Evening - Reading - TONIGHT

We have 25 parents who have responded to confirm their attendance. We are looking forward to spending time with you tonight. Thank you to all those who have said they're coming along - it's not too late to join in. Just turn up in Room 4 at 6.59pm tonight! Our teachers are excited to be sharing their insights and help for you as first educators.

Morning Bus

Feilding High School has a Teacher Only Day on Friday 31st May. The Mangone/Makino/Stanway bus will not run in the morning.

School Trampolines

Unfortunately, we have had to make the decision to stop students from using the trampolines after school, due to students not being able to keep to the one at a time rule. The two trampolines are out of use until further notice. Students are still able to use the trampolines before school and during school hours.

Board Report

- The Board met on 16 May at 6:30 pm.
- The Board has approved a full time teaching position and are awaiting the start of Nicki Baker in Room 6 next week. We thank again Sue Simpson and Jan Casey for standing in and for being as exceptional as they always are.
- The Moveathon was a massive success and the school raised \$8,459.50 to put towards digital device spending - what a great result, and a credit to all involved.
- Financially the school continues to be in a very good place and tracking well within this year's approved budget.
- Our property team is progressing with 'The Gap' and plans are being finalised. This should go to tender in the next three weeks. Exciting!
- We have the results as to how you want the community consultation to occur and are working towards an online survey, discussions at mid-year Three-Way Conferences, and having a meeting with parents and the community to discuss our strategic goals moving past 2025. At present the school goals are focused around:
 - high student achievement
 - offering a broad curriculum
 - strong community links
 - property development

These have been strong goals thus far and the consultation helps us ensure these are the things you still see as important for our school looking forward to the future..... a good time to think about what is important to you.

Have a great week,
Luke Shannon

Market Day Prep

There is a real buzz around our school, with Market Day fast approaching. A lot of research and critical thinking and fact finding and testing and re-evaluating has been done as our groups hone in on the products they are making. There will be a lot of creativity happening at Halcombe School over the next couple of weeks! We'll start to showcase what some classes are making soon, so you can start thinking about what you might want to buy at Market Day. It's also time we shared the following with you: **all profit from Market Day will be donated to the Halcombe Fire Brigade.**

Georgia, Taylor, Maggie and Maisie took a trip to the river to gather 200 small stones, which they then painted. This was to help another group who are making tic-tac-toe sets.

Harry rolled up tons of old barbed wire, which some of the kids in Room 4 will be selling. The boys tell us these rolled up balls of barbed wire "will look cool in the garden". They are still deciding what they are going to sell them for.

