

## 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,

Attendance at school - it has always been a priority for us to see Halcombe pupils attending school and being involved in everything we have to offer. We appreciate that most of our families try hard to ensure their child/ren are at school. Who wouldn't want to be in such a great place as Halcombe School?! The phrase 'Every Day Matters' is true here. Being in school, in class matters for learning, and socialising well, and any day that a child is away from school matters too. Lots of broken attendance does have an effect on a child's progress.

You will have heard in the media that the government is also interested in attendance. They have set up a live online attendance table that shows each day's attendance for each school. This heightened focus on students attending school is due to some pretty astounding attendance statistics across our land.

As I said, we have always had a good focus on looking at our attendance rates - this is just good practice, right? This is a good time to remember that unless your child is sick, they need to be at school each day. After all, now that there is a central place for a child's data to be tracked, there may well be enquiries from authorities about a child's absence.

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

### Parent Information Evening

It was great to see such a strong turn-out of parents to last week's Reading Information Evening. The staff really appreciated the chance to share good ideas and information with you. We trust this was a useful chance to question, hear and interact with other parents too.

Our next parent evening has come out of Board discussions, and will be about developing knowledge, understanding and skills to support your child to navigate the digital world safely. We want to take the fear and angst out of this topic and help parents to recognise the issues at the heart of digital use, but also leave with some very good connections, support and help. This **Digital Education Evening** is on Tuesday 25 June at 7pm. There will be a sign-up form to return - look out for this in the Week 7 newsletter.

### Congratulations!

Our Room 5 teacher, Elizabeth Gibson has become engaged! We join her in celebrating this lovely event. Congratulations Elizabeth & Jaedyn!



### King's Birthday Weekend - Sport

- Wednesday Year 3-6 netball practice - ON  
Year 7-8 hockey practice - ON
- Thursday Year 7-8 netball practice - CANCELLED  
Year 7-8 table tennis - NO GAMES
- Friday Year 7-8 hockey - NO GAMES
- Saturday Year 3-6 netball - NO GAMES
- Monday Year 7-8 netball - NO GAMES

### Predator Free

We have been asked to be a distribution place for Predator Free Feilding. They distribute rat tunnels and traps to the community to do backyard and community trapping for pests. In exchange for a trap people are asked to donate a non-perishable food item to Manchester House. This is a great way for any community member to help us rid our environment of these awful pests.

Let us know if you are interested in receiving and using such a trap at your place. Just let Paula in the office know. See more information in the advertisement below.

**HALCOMBE SCHOOL**

# DISCO

**FRIDAY 7 JUNE**

**JUNIOR DISCO: 5.30-6.45PM**  
R1, 2, 3, & 4

**SENIOR DISCO: 7-8.30PM**  
R5, 6, 7 & 8

**HALCOMBE SCHOOL HALL**

**TICKETS: \$5**

**THESE GO ON SALE NEXT WEEK**

**Included in the ticket price:**  
**fizzy drink and a bag of lollies.**

## Predator Free Feilding - FAQ's



Join our Facebook group  
Predator Free Feilding

Download the trap.nz app

Create an account

Find the 'Predator Free Feilding' project and request to join

Once your request has been accepted you will be able to add your trap to the project.



How and where to set the trap

Rodents travel along fence lines and under cover, they do not generally travel across open spaces.

Set your trap tunnel along a fenceline or in an area where there is lots of foliage or cover for rodents to hide. Place trap right at back of tunnel, away from opening

Crunchy peanut butter is a bait that works well. Smear some at the entrance to lure the rat in the tunnel

Trap safety & handling

If your trap is set in a public space, please secure the sliding mesh panel with a screw to ensure small people can't access the trap easily.

Recommended to use gloves when resetting as the scent of people can discourage rodents from entering the tunnel.



Install a screw into top of tunnel to stop panel being slid up without a screwdriver