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Last week I attended the Rural Principals conference in Wellington. It was attended by around 300 small and large rural schools from right around the country. I met principals from really remote places like Pitt Island, Stewart Island, right up to the top of Northland. It was great to learn about what education is like in those places and come away grateful for what we have here at Halcombe.

With Market Day fast approaching, we have highlighted again how our community is such an important part of our school - volunteers abound in so many places: working on constructing, enabling kids' ideas to be completed, helping teachers to realise some of the dreams that kids have come up with. We are a hive of activity!

And of course it's not just for Market Day - there's the work behind the scenes of taking practices and preparing sports teams and the combined Agri-Kids training with Waituna West School. And we also have the wonderful grandparents who come and read to our junior children each week.

Some schools find it so hard to find parents and adults to do any of this and so choices are limited. I, and the rest of Team Halcombe are so grateful to our community for being so engaged with all our pupils. By doing this together we really do help enrich the lives and learning of all our kids. Our grateful thanks to you all.

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

Market Day - NEXT WEDNESDAY

We are nearly ready for Market Day! This event (which the students and staff are VERY excited about) is happening next Wednesday 12 June, from 6-7pm. We are pretty sure you will have heard all about what your child/ren have been creating at school. We hear there have been some lively discussions around the dinner tables in our community! The students will be spending the next few days putting the finishing touches on their products, finalising their posters and advertisements and practicing how to be a fantastic salesperson.

This is the perfect opportunity to give a shout out to the amazing people who have supported our kids to make their products. The teachers are very grateful to have had this help, we can tell you!

- R1-2: Tamsyn Grant, Fritha Linklater, Hayley Oldfield, Kathy Smith, Alan Martin.
- R3: Lynnie Humphrey, Alan Martin.
- R4: Nigel Waterhouse, Emma Hansen, Jerome Kavanagh Poutama, Scott Linklater, James Humphrey.
- R5: Emma Wilson, Jess Waterhouse, Tim Porter, Paul Jacobs, Dave Scott.
- R6: those parents who will be helping R6 to prepare the food they're selling at Market Day.
- R7: Amy Bangma, Richard Waugh, Claire Williams, Kurt Brown, Gordon Johnson, Richard Sinclair, Corey Moran, Adam Wilson, Bruce Long, Jennifer Houghton.
- R8: Joe Howland, Denise Campbell, Rhys Staples, Bree and Dave Oldfield, Lucy Lintott, Alastair Schaw.

Here is what else you need to know:

- All proceeds from Market Day are going towards our local fire brigade for the important volunteer work they do for our area.
- We are expecting all students to attend.
- The doors will open just before 6pm.
- If it's not too wet, the field will be open for parking.
- Both the front and back netball courts will be open for parking (don't drive into a basketball hoop).
- If you're parking on the roads, please don't park on yellow lines, on the grass verges or on the neighbour's lawn.
- Teachers will give their students instructions about what to do when they arrive on the night.
- All students will have a turn at selling their products, but will also have time to 'shop' (teachers have a plan to manage this for their class).
- There are lots of things for sale for \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 and a few things for \$20.
- There are a few items that will be selling for more, specifically the barbed wire balls (R4), and the steel products (R8).
- This is a CASH ONLY event.
- Paula will be operating a 'bank', where you'll be able to change larger denominations.
- After you have been welcomed at 6pm, there will be time to walk around and browse the products - no buying will happen during this time. This is a great chance to see what's on offer, and to talk to the kids about their products. We're planning for this to take about 20 minutes, at which point a horn will honk to signal it's time to buy!
- The 'shops' will be open through until just before 7pm.

- Room 6 is selling food on the night. This will include American hotdogs, fudge, slices, fruit kebabs and dried fruit.
- Over the next week, we'll be sharing photos and information about the products that will be for sale - via Facebook. Be sure to check it out.

Disco

The poster below contains all the information you need to know about the disco happening on Friday. A message to our new parents though, our discos are a 'drop off and disappear' thing. Parents don't stay and watch. The students will be supervised by teachers. Just make sure you're back at the right time to pick them up please.

Chocolate Fundraiser

A message for the students in Rooms 5-8 who have been selling chocolate: a reminder all money is due on Friday 21 June. Any unsold bars need to be returned in perfect condition.

Year 1-6 Hockey

Lots of students took home forms for hockey last week. A reminder that these are due (with payment) tomorrow. Any problems, please see Di.

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

Buy your ticket from outside R8
before school one day this week -
cash only, no online sales.

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