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So many times I reflect on how fortunate we are to have the staff, parents, Board of Trustees and the PTA we do. Today I want to reflect on our STUDENTS. Every day I count myself fortunate indeed at the great kids we have here!

They are capable and polite. They are very accepting and tolerant. They try hard when things get tough. They achieve well and they progress because they come with the right attitude, and sense of adventure that we want to see in them. Kids will always raise themselves up to the level we expect of them, and our school and community have high expectations - as they should. When I am in a meeting with other principals, I listen to the myriad of issues they seem to be grappling with, with kids who seem to be without pride, without goals and have little sense of direction. I am always proud to be the principal of this school, and I reflect on how great our kids and parents are: because the pupils we have are so well motivated and they have the right attitude, we can do so much for them and see real progress. We may not be perfect, but we try hard to be better. And so do our kids.

If kids are a reflection of the community they are raised in then Halcombe is a pretty special community indeed. When your child comes home tonight, give them a pat on the back or a hug, and tell them how proud you are of them!

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

## **Market Day - TOMORROW NIGHT**

The big night is almost here and the hall is looking fabulous! We think this is going to be a really special event for Halcombe School. 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.
- The field will be open for parking.
- It might be useful to bring a shopping bag for your items - they are in short supply here!
- 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.
- 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 antler coat hooks, and steel products (R8). If you want to know more about the products and pricing, please see our Facebook page for details.
- 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 until just before 7pm.
- Room 6 is selling food on the night. This will include American hotdogs, fudge, slices, fruit kebabs and dried fruit.

### **Chocolate Fundraiser**

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

### **Disco Dent**

We had a parent call today to tell us that on Friday night, during the Disco pick-up around 8pm, her car was dented on the rear side. Her car is a black SUV, and the car that dented her is a light colour, likely white. Please check your cars! You may not have noticed doing this, but if it was you please come into the office and let us know so we can put you in touch with the right person. We all know that accidents happen, but we want to make sure that the right thing is done. If you happened to see or hear something we'd love to know more.

### **Robotics Club Challenge**

On Saturday 22 June, Halcombe School, for the first time, are hosting a large robotics challenge, called Vex Robotics. The Junior Challenge will be held in our school hall, and the secondary-school challenge is in the community hall, all day. If you would like to come and see what goes on, and enjoy the robot challenges please come in and look around - there's no door charge, and it's pretty cool. There are refreshments for sale: fizzy drinks, lollies and a sausage sizzle - to raise funds for the end of year Nationals entry fee and parts for the club.

### **PTA Meeting**

Our next PTA meeting is on Thursday 20 June, at 7pm. This group is a dynamic, fun and really motivated group of parents whose focus is on raising funds for the facilities and opportunities for our pupils. We are so fortunate to have them. If you haven't yet been, please come along. We will be discussing supporting the new building in the junior block and planning the Quiz Night (this is in the calendar for Friday 6 September). See you there!

### **Lamb Fattening Scheme**

One of our big fundraisers of the year kicked off on Sunday - the lamb fattening scheme. 152 lambs were drenched, tagged and delivered to some very generous local farmers, who will fatten them up before they're sold in September. Thanks to all the helpers today, especially the Addenbrooke family for the use of their facilities. Great to see some of our kids getting amongst the action too!



**Parking**

We have noticed a few people parking in the space marked by an X in this photo. Please don't park here, as it blocks people from being able to turn around in the turning bay. Thank you for your support.



**Parent Information Evening - Digital Education**

Parenting in the digital age can be hard work and confusing - just keeping up with the pressures of social media can be a challenge. This is something our Board of Trustees is also keen on helping parents to navigate. On Tuesday, 25th June, from 7-8pm, we are offering a chance for parents to come and hear how they can not only protect their child, but also support them when a digital experience goes wrong. We want this to be an empowering experience, where you will leave knowing some of what might go wrong, but more importantly what routines to put in place, what help is out there, and what to do to support your child. You'll come away knowing you're not the only one, and make good connections with other parents too. We will have presentations from our own experts and our local police education officer too. We believe there is a strong interest out there for this, but just to make sure please send the slip below to the office by THIS Friday, to confirm your intention to be there.

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**DIGITAL EDUCATION INFORMATION EVENING**

YES! I will be attending the digital education information evening.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_