

ROOMS 5-8 CHOCOLATE MONEY - DUE FRIDAY ANY UNSOLD CHOCOLATE MUST BE RETURNED IN PERFECT CONDITION

Kia Ora Tatou,

Sometimes I wish that people in power could come and visit Halcombe School and see the amazing learning and development that goes on here. Over the weekend there were more announcements that sound great in theory, but almost made me cry! Not because I don't agree with them, but because we already do so much of what is being suggested! Halcombe School is often ahead of the game when it comes to teaching and learning. We are privileged indeed.

And that brings me to our amazing Support Staff. Our school cannot work without the staff who support classes, administration, and carry out all sorts of tasks that help to ensure our students are given the best opportunities and experiences to flourish.

Paula, in the office, is one of the most cheerful front-desk people I have had the pleasure to work with. She is understanding, very patient, and has admin operations working efficiently and correctly.

Alan's caretaking and cleaning each day helps keep this school a beautiful and well-kept environment for our kids too. Plus his enthusiasm when working with kids on a class project is always a welcome addition to the learning in classes.

Kirsten, Maria and Emma are our Teacher Aides, working mainly in classes, with individuals and groups to support learning. They also are behind any event we hold, doing any task that needs doing, just to help make sure everything flows well.

I couldn't ask for a better team, and that is a great thing for a principal to be able to say. When you next see one of these professionals, please say 'Well Done'. It's the least we can do for a group that brings their A-Game every day!

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

Market Day - Wowwee!

If you were at assembly on Friday, you would have seen the news unfold. We were very proud to be able to make a donation to the local volunteer Fire Brigade of \$4,990 - a terrific amount indeed! Thank you to our community for all your support - so awesome!

We were very pleased to hand over the fake-cheque to our volleys, and know they will put it to very good use.

The learning in our classes around this topic was rich and very engaging. I know that all our pupils felt a great deal of pride in being one of the groups who designed, made and provided one of the many quality goods for sale.

I take my hat off to our teachers, who planned, motivated, and sourced such a variety of projects that helped make the evening so successful. I trust that the conversations you have had around the dinner table about what was made, and how happy the outcome has made you feel, will continue for many days to come. Well done Team Halcombe!

Senior Team Camps

A reminder that the deposit for the Rooms 5, 6, 7 and 8 camps is due on Friday 5 July, the last day of term. Details are in KIT Books. There will be an important camp notice coming home next week, so keep an eye out for that too.

Tokorangi Bus Notice:

NO TOKORANGI MORNING BUS ON THURSDAY, 27th June - due to our whole-school Matariki Celebration (see below).

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, in Room 5, 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. If you haven't yet, please send the slip below to the office by tomorrow to confirm your intention to be there.

Matariki Celebration: NEXT THURSDAY 27 JUNE

We are commemorating the Matariki holiday with a very special celebration this year. Matariki is a time for reflection on the past year, remembering those who have passed on, as well as looking forward into the new year with eagerness and anticipation of a great year ahead.

We would like all our children AND their whānau to come and join us early on Thursday 27 June. At this celebration we will be walking around the school with waiata and karakia being shared, and culminating with some kai in the hall.

- There is NO morning Tokorangi bus running on this day - we would like you to come with your child to this ceremony if possible.
- We need all pupils here at school at 6.55am, on the back netball court closest to the pool.
- **We will begin at 7am sharp.**
- We will walk around the school with several stops along the way, acknowledging the Matariki Stars.
- We will end in the hall for a patty-sandwich (with grateful thanks to ANZCO) and korero.
- We will plant some trees along the junior garden.
- Have a walk through the classes to see the amazing environment our kids learn in every day.
- After the planting and walk-through parents are free to go onto their work, and pupils will have a normal morning of learning. Our Y7-8 students have Tech.

We will finish the day at 12.30pm and our bus will be running then too. Please come and pick your child up at this earlier time, and enjoy your preparations for the Matariki Weekend!

INTERHOUSE JUMP JAM CHALLENGE

On the last day of term, there is something special happening at assembly - an Interhouse Jump Jam Challenge! For those that don't know, Jump Jam is all about dancing! This will involve a few dance lessons at school, as our Jump Jam captains teach all the kids in their house the moves. Every student will be involved - Y1-8, and we want everyone to dress up in their house colours (just make sure the outfit is suitable to dance in). This will be the first time we've had a challenge like this, and we are VERY excited. Make sure you come along to that assembly, it will be very entertaining for sure.

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DIGITAL EDUCATION INFORMATION EVENING

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