

Kia Ora Tatou,

The last week of the term is upon us and we always seem to try and go out on a high! This week includes the ki o rahi tournament, the senior social, the speech finals, as well as our final assembly - the dance display and winter sport's prizegiving. There is so much to celebrate this week.

The term has felt very full and busy. It is important to recognise the importance of holiday time - for children as well as adults. For teachers it is the same: we need to recharge, plan and recuperate, all before a very busy Term Four.

Term Four will start with a bang - Pet Day in Week 1, Cross Country in Week 2, and then on to end of year camps.

In the meantime, I hope and expect that you all find the time during the next fortnight to spend time with your children, put your feet up and relax.

Thanks everyone for a very successful and wonderful term.

Have a great week,

Alastair & The 'H' Team.

Board Report

- The BOT met on 16 September 2024, with plenty of good discussion and forward planning.
- Firstly, a big thanks needs to go out to our teachers and PTA for organising a great Quiz Night. This was not only a great night out for the community but also a good fundraiser for the school.
- Crazy Day was another huge success, showcasing how fortunate we are to have a community who gets behind the school with any event we have. Teachers once again went out of their way and got into the spirit of the day, making for another memorable moment for our students.
- In property news, we had a large number of businesses who tendered for the building work of "The Gap" (the area between Rooms 3 and 4) which will create a breakout space for teachers and students, resource storage and new cloak bays. We are pleased to announce that we have entered into contract negotiations with the preferred contractor. Students and teachers will hopefully be able to utilise these new spaces at the start of the 2025 school year.
- Unfortunately, as part of this development we are having to lose one tree - the large one nearest the junior toilets. This will be removed in the holidays.

Reminders

- Please complete the survey that has been emailed to you. We are seeking your input into our Health Education programme. The survey closes on Friday. Thank you to the 14 people who have completed the survey so far.
- The next round of payment for our senior camps is due on Friday. If you have any questions about what is owed here, please contact Paula.
- Pet Day entries are due tomorrow.

Dance Display and Winter Sports Prizegiving - FRIDAY

Over the past few weeks, our students have been working on their dance skills. We are so proud of all our tamariki for the effort they have put into giving things a go, perfecting their technique and trying to master some tricky dances. This Friday 27 September, everyone is looking forward to showing off their skills in a dance display for whānau. The event starts at 1.45pm sharp. If you are going to come along, please ensure you park legally, and not on any of the grass around our school. Thank you.

Following the dance display, we will have our winter sports prizegiving, where these awards will be presented:

- Dodunski Cup - most improved hockey player
- Halcombe Cup - best hockey player
- Roygard Cup - best football player
- Halcombe Rugby Cup - most improved rugby player
- Simpson Cup - best rugby player
- Morresey Cup - most improved netball player
- Henderson Cup - contribution to netball
- Moriarty Cup - best junior netball player
- Craine Cup - best senior netball player

Agri Kids Donation

You might remember that our two Agri Kids teams who competed in the national finals during the last school holidays, won the 'Region Off'. Many of you contributed to this by voting for the team. The prize involved a \$5,000 donation to a charity of choice. Last week, the TaraMan team presented the Grassroots Trust Rescue Helicopter with the money. That morning tea looks pretty good too!



Term 4 Information

- The calendar is filling up fast, so be sure to check out what's happening via our school website.
- There are no pie warmer lunches in Term 4. Thanks to Mrs Stace for managing the kai each day - what a job! The pie warmers will return when it starts to get cold in 2025.
- Hats are compulsory in Term 4. Hats need to have a wide brim, and the drawcords need to be removed. Make sure they are named too please.
- The last day of the 2024 school year will be Friday 13 December. School finishes at 12.30pm.

PTA Lamb Fattening Scheme

All the lambs were rounded up in the weekend, drenched and given the once-over. The PTA and supporters run this scheme each year and raise an incredible amount of funds for the school. All 150 lambs were sold yesterday, with the schemeraising \$16,500. An incredible effort!

Thank you so much to the following people who grazed the lambs: Richard and Christine Sinclair, Jeff and Rach Lane, Stu and Rochelle Addenbrooke, Rhys and Kristy Staples, Richie and Rochelle Waugh, Hugh and Bex Lintott, Jason and Amy Cudby, Cam Waugh, Tim and Vic Gorton, Pete Jackson, Scott and Fritha Linklater, Chris and Anna Monk, Cecile Rold, James and Cindy Humphrey, Simon and Megan Wishnowsky, Zane and Ana Swart, Jake Short, Robbie Giesen, Bruce Polson, Mike and Scott Banner, Graeme and Anne Webb, Neil Travers and Wayne and Anne Winiata.

Extra thanks to:

- the Addenbrooke family for the use of their yards and facilities.
- George Bartlett and Jason Christensen for their great support with transport to and from the saleyards.
- Carrfields Livestock for their huge contribution.
- Harry and Max for their record keeping skills and for being in charge of the weighing process.
- all the various volunteers we had with the distribution and collection of the lambs from all around the district.

This scheme is as important to us as our other key fundraising events, and yet it has a pretty low profile. As well as raising money for our school, it also provides good connections between our community too. The PTA will make sure that the people involved do get the recognition they deserve - especially the awarding of the coveted 'Most Weight Gained' trophy.

Cross Country Training

When we return to school after the holidays, we'll be training hard for our cross country, being held on Wednesday 23 October (see below for more information). The students in Rooms 1-2-3 will be running laps around the field, while everyone in Rooms 4-8 will be training on a new track. Each afternoon the students will run down the hill (Willoughby Street) towards the cenotaph. There, they will cross the road and run past the front of the rugby field, along the Halcombe Community Walkway, and up the lime path to school (1.15kms). From there they'll cross the road again, and do another lap or two. We'll have staff everywhere to ensure the students are well supervised, especially at the two points where they'll need to cross the road. We will also be relying on the children to make excellent choices while they're out running, and teachers will be talking to their classes around the expectations for behaviour. **We need about ten parents/grandparents to help supervise the kids - you'll be given a position on the course from where you'll be able to keep an eye on things. What a great opportunity to help us out! Please let us know if you can help.**