

Kia Ora Tatou,

I write this from my sick bed this week - I am isolating at home with shingles! It is the ouchiest condition I have ever had and wouldn't wish it on anyone. The mark of a great team, in the absence of the leader, is that it's business as usual. Our staff have continued to do their thing, without missing a beat. I am grateful to the team we have and I'm sure you all feel the same way. I'll keep resting up and am sure I'll see you all soon when the medication has done its work.

Kia Kaha,
Alastair

Mid-Year 3-Way Conferences - NEXT MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY

We have been super impressed with the onto-it-ness people have shown in booking their 3WCs - great work parents! If you haven't done this job yet, please do so.

- You can book your interviews online at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/zvvt>
- OR use this QR code to take you straight there.
- If you have a child that plays netball or hockey on a Monday night, be mindful of the time you book for your conference.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

we are closing early at 12.30pm next Monday 5 August

If you have an interview time between 1pm and 3pm, we can supervise your child at school to wait for your early interview.

**A SLIGHT CHANGE TO THE BUS ARRANGEMENTS FOR MONDAY -
THE BUS WILL BE LEAVING AT SCHOOL AT 1PM
(not 12.30pm as previously advertised)**

Interschool Sport

Good luck to the 62 students travelling to South Makirikiri School on Thursday for a winter sports exchange. We hope you show those South Mak kids how it's done!

Newbury Sports Exchange

There is a slight change to the start time of our two rugby games. The Y5-6 game will now kick off at 11.30am, and the Y7-8s at 12.30pm. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Sports Reminders

With all our sports teams now operating (six netball, ten hockey and one table tennis team), it's really important that KIT Book notes are being read by parents. There is lots of information there that helps everyone to stay organised and do what needs to be done. A couple of reminders:

- Jewellery/Watches/Taonga - EVERYTHING must be removed.
- Punctuality - there were lots of people who were really late to hockey last night, not turning up till well after the game had started. We're seeing this more in netball too. We know people are busy, but it's important the kids are on time.
 - Y1-6 hockey - 10 minutes before game time
 - Y7-8 hockey - 20 minutes before game time
 - Y3-6 netball - 20 minutes before game time
 - Y7-8 netball - 30 minutes before game time

HALCOMBE SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Planning is well underway for our world famous quiz night, coming up on Friday 6 September. This is a fundraising event, raising money for school resources. Any event like this relies on the support of our whānau, and we're hoping each family will be able to support us. There is a lot more detail to come soon, but in the meantime, here is what you need to know:

- It's not time to register yet, but you might want to start rounding up a team of up to six (smart) people. Get a babysitter booked, and start studying!
- There will be a bottle auction at the quiz. **We'd like each family to donate a bottle** - it could be a bottle of wine, beer, a fancy bottle of gin (we're after about ten 'top shelf' items), a bottle of soy sauce, olive oil, or coke - anything! Bottles can be taken to the office.
- We are asking **each family to donate an item or two** to contribute to a grocery raffle (dried goods only). A box of weetbix, a tube of toothpaste, a tin of baked beans, a box of chocolates, a bag of rice - anything! Grocery items can be taken to the office.
- We're also wanting a few special items that can be raffled off too. Do you have a business who may be able to support us? Do you have a neighbour who could help? Could you donate something for a 'pamper pack', a 'man box' or games, puzzles or books? We'd love to hear from you. Donated items can be taken to the office. Please note, we're after new items, rather than preloved stuff.

What a magnificent looking bunch of Y3-6 hockey players we have!

