

Kia Ora Tatou,

I am currently going over the achievement data for all our pupils. We have always kept a very close eye on how well each of our children are progressing at Halcombe School, especially in writing, reading and mathematics. It is one of the attributes of a great school that children's achievement is part of an on-going process of reporting throughout the year.

Our Board of Trustees looks forward to hearing about our children's achievement, and at every meeting there is discussion of how well our pupils are doing - at academic things, but also sports and cultural opportunities too.

I am very pleased to say that currently our children are achieving very well:

- Reading: 95% of our pupils are at or above expectation
- Writing: 86% are at or above expectation (and hence this is our area of focus this year);
- Maths: 94% of all pupils are achieving at or above expectation

This is truly fantastic news, and continues the fine work that has been built over a number of years. It certainly makes this principal very proud of the work that goes into each classroom, every day, and for the support that our families give to their children.

As we plan to open our ballot for pupils to come to our school next year, this is the news that will hopefully make our school an attractive place to come to. Who wouldn't want the opportunity for their children to come to our school and experience all we have to offer: academically, physically and socially.

Have a great week,

Alastair & The 'H' Team.

### Reporting Absences:

If your child is away from school, it's really important that you contact the office to let us know. Mrs Stace is having to make a lot of phone calls to try and track down where children are if they aren't at school. Thank you for your support.

### Quiz - Friday 6 September

The quiz is now completely sold out. You certainly had to be in quickly to register a team this year. We are thrilled that so many people are keen to come along and test their brain power!

Thank you so much to those who have been able to donate items for our upcoming quiz night. The pile is getting bigger, but we need HEAPS more stuff. We'd like to think that all our families might be able to make a donation here.

- bottles for the Bottle Auction
- items for a grocery raffle
- something else that we could raffle or auction off

### Manawatū Mathex Competition

Our four teams represented our school very well at this event last week. It's not often you get to compete against other schools in a maths competition! A special congratulations to the Year 8 A Team for their third placing - a fantastic result.

Our Mathex Teams - a fine looking bunch!

