

Kia Ora Tatou,

I am just going over the Safety Action Plans for the senior camps that occur in mid-late Term 4. These forms are important as they provide for the safety of your children and the adults going with them. As you would expect there is a lot of detail which covers all sorts of eventualities.

EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) is one of the really wonderful things about our school: that we still do it is amazing in itself, when some schools have steered clear of it in recent times. EOTC can range from a museum or marae visit to a sports trip, an outdoor camp, to a field trip to the rocky shore. EOTC can take place in the school grounds, in the local area, or in places further afield. EOTC brings the curriculum alive!

I know how important these kinds of trips are, and even though they are incredibly time consuming to organise, all our teachers believe in the importance of EOTC too. We are incredibly fortunate to have staff who are keen to take on these responsibilities, and parents who give up their time and their work holidays to go with them.

EOTC offers our children the chance to embed some learning, find out about themselves and what limits (or lack of limits!) they have: both physically and mentally. Let's face it - EOTC enriches our lives. School life would be a little duller without it!

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

HALCOMBE SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT - HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THIS EVENT?

We are raising money for school resources - things that will help our kids to continue to work and learn in an awesome environment.

BOTTLES FOR THE BOTTLE AUCTION

'top shelf' bottles - wine - something quirky - beer - non alcoholic options

ITEMS FOR THE GROCERY RAFFLES

non-perishable - things that would be great for school lunches - sweet treats - useful items for baking

OTHER RAFFLES

something for a pamper pack - items for a sports prize - a voucher - kids stuff (puzzles/toys/games) - goodies for a blokes' box

BIG TICKET ITEMS

Are you in a position to make a more significant donation? We'd love to hear from you.

Staffing

This week we welcome back Charlotte Gilchrist to a part time teaching role. She will be working in a number of classes, releasing teachers. Great to have you back Charlotte!

HALCOMBE SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

We have had a good response to our opening up of the enrolment ballot to out-of-zone families. If you know of anyone moving into the greater area, and needing a good school for their child, please let people know. The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is 3pm on Friday 20 September 2024. The Board has determined the following places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students next year:

- New Entrant/Year 1: up to 8 places
- Year 4: up to 4 places
- Year 5: up to 5 places
- Year 6: up to 3 places
- Year 7: up to 5 places

Pet Day - 17 October 2024:

It does seem a long way off, but it will be here soon enough. All students are able to enter a lamb, calf, horse/pony, dog, cat, or any other domestic pet. More information is coming soon, but here are some key points to note:

- Entries: 10th Sept - 25th Sept (see future newsletter for entry slips).
- Cost: \$3 - pays for the Agricultural Club registration and the ribbons.
- As well as bringing along a pet, your child may like to write a diary, which can be entered as an extra challenge.

Manawatū Mountain Biking Festival

There is a festival coming up on 12-13 October that some of our senior students may be interested in entering. Check out <https://mmbc.co.nz/mwsmtb/> for more information.

STAFF vs Y8s NETBALL FRIDAY 23 AUGUST, 1.30pm HALCOMBE SCHOOL



CUDBY, Georgia	STEWART, Hannah
LEE, Brenna	GIBSON, Elizabeth
ECKERSLEY, Alex	RYAN, Kelly
HEMOPO, Mya	TURNER, Debbie
MEURK, Spencer	JOHNSTON, Ray
SIMPSON, Lucy	LINKLATER, Fritha
DAWSON, Harry	van den BRINK, Fiona
OLDFIELD, Tom	SIMPSON, Di
WAUGH, Jamie	

SINCLAIR, Christine (umpire)
PARANIHI, Sacha (umpire)

SPECTATORS WELCOME
(especially if you're cheering for the staff)