



Kia Ora Tatou,

What an awesome week it was last week with the completion of Pet Day. It is certainly one of my favourite days of the year, where rural roots, animal husbandry, creative arts, and community connection are so evident. I love it! The addition of the 'Dress Your Pet' was an interesting addition - especially with the 'mohawked lamb', and the quietest Kaimanawa horse I've ever met (I've met two now 😊)! The weather helped, but overall it was wonderful. Thank you all for your attendance and support of your child, and all the pupils.

This week is an even busier one than last: photos, cross country, visitors, Board of Trustees meeting, National Shake-Out Day, the start of touch rugby and course, plenty of reading, writing and maths. It'll be no wonder if the kids are tired at the end of it and will need a long weekend to recover!

Speaking of Shake-Out Day - this national preparedness day has been running for many years in New Zealand, and is a day when almost every school and workplace in the country practices an earthquake drill. We do drills for different scenarios each term, and this one is perhaps the most important, given how shaky our islands are. I trust you are also doing an earthquake drill on Thursday at work? Best to be prepared.

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

**Cross Country - TOMORROW!**

The forecast looks good, and the kids are ready to go for the cross country tomorrow. Thanks again to all those who have helped supervise the students in Rooms 4-8 while they have been running laps around the community track. Please ensure you have read the instructions below carefully, especially around where you can and can't park. We know some of our hot shot runners are eyeing up some of these records too - good luck to everyone!

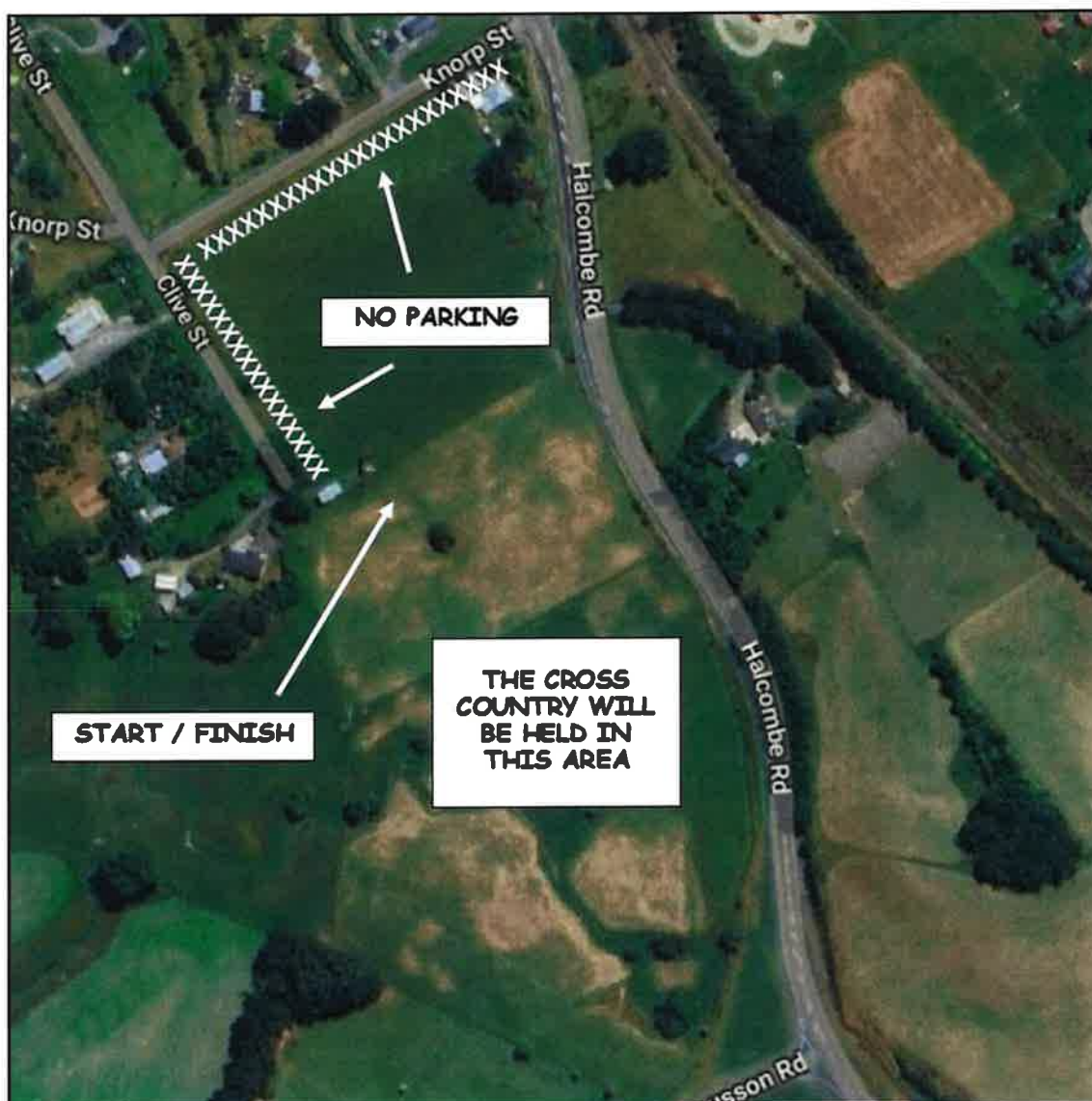
<b>Halcombe School - Cross Country Records</b>			
		<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>BOYS</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>1 lap</b> 900m	<b>5.00</b> Siân Jones 2020	<b>4.39</b> Rylan Kenyon 2020
<b>Year 2-3</b>	<b>2 laps</b> 1.8km	<b>9.35</b> Becky Cudby 2022	<b>8.12</b> Joshua Addenbrooke 2020
<b>Year 4-5</b>	<b>2 laps</b> 1.8km	<b>8.13</b> Maggie Lintott 2021	<b>7.10</b> Joshua Addenbrooke 2023
<b>Year 6-7</b>	<b>3 laps</b> 2.7km	<b>11.18</b> Maggie Lintott 2023	<b>11.44</b> Sean Dawson 2022
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>3 laps</b> 2.7km	<b>11.04</b> Milla Evans 2021	<b>10.37</b> Jordan Botham 2021

**Punctuality**

We have a number of students turning up late for school. This makes it really hard for both the child and the teacher to get started for the day, and creates a distraction for the rest of the class when kids come in late. School starts at 8.55am, so it's important to be here by 8.45am. Thank you for your support.

**Touch Rugby**

Uniforms, the draw and all organisational information is being sent home today. If you have any questions, please see Di.



### Cross Country - Wednesday 23 October 2024

1. The Cross Country will be run in the paddocks indicated - the best cross country track in Aotearoa!
2. Students will walk to the course, leaving school at 12.15pm. They will need to bring warm clothes, footwear, a sunhat and a named waterbottle. Shorts (not long pants) must be worn.
3. Parking will be available at school and on the northern end of Clive Street. **Please do not park on Knorp Street, or on the southern end of Clive Street.**
4. There is a great viewing area for parents near the start/finish line, and on the corner of Halcombe/Fergusson Road. There will be no seating available. You are welcome to bring your own.
5. The course will probably be muddy, boggy, slippery and there will be some prickles!
6. The students may run in shoes or bare feet - whatever they are most comfortable with. Their shoes will get muddy.
7. Parents will not be able to enter the area where the students are seated.
8. **All students will return to school after the Cross Country.** Parents are welcome to take their children home from there. Just make sure you have told Paula about any changes to bus arrangements.
9. The top finishers in the Y4-8 races may be selected for the interschool cross country event being held at Hunterville on Friday 1 November, and the Manawātū Striders Road Race held in PN on Tuesday 12 November.
10. Any cancellation will be made by 11.30am. Please check our website or Facebook page for details.

***Order of races, which start shortly after 12.30pm is as follows:***

- Years 6 & 7:           running approx. 2.7km
- Year 8:                 running approx. 2.7km
- Years 0 & 1:         running approx. 900m
- Years 2 & 3:         running approx. 1.8km
- Years 4 & 5         running approx. 1.8km

## Championship Day

Championship Day online registration is now open. Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/pnEHL1N56nggPtBA>, Registration will close Friday 8th November 6pm.



Boy and Girls  
Agricultural Club  
SINCE 1910

## Championship Day 2024

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**Te Kawau Memorial Grounds,  
Wear St, Rongotea**

The inter-school Ag Day competition where children compete for points towards the Craig Cup and B&A Cup. Your school is already gaining points through your school Ag Day.

Participations and any placing at Championship Day contribute to the cup points.

Every child who enters a calf, lamb or goat at their school is eligible to come to this day.

**No Cost**  
Register Online  
Lamb, Calf & Kid Goat  
Judging start 10am

**4 Judging Rings:**  
Year 0-2 Year 3-4  
Year 5-6 Year 7-8

**Ice Cream Truck**  
**Sausage Sizzle**  
**Hot Drinks**



Contact [secretary@lambandcalf.co.nz](mailto:secretary@lambandcalf.co.nz) for any questions



**HCT would like to invite  
you to:**

**THE OPENING OF THE  
HALCOMBE  
MULTIPURPOSE COURTS**

**Friday 1st November  
5pm**

- **5pm Opening Ceremony followed by fun games**
- **6pm BYO picnic**

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