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One of the excellent things about our school is the level of EOTC trips and camps that take place. Camps begin this week - an enriching experience for all our senior school pupils, and a big responsibility and workload for our teachers in charge. These events, (and trips like the one to the library last week for the junior team), are time where learning can be connected, where social relationships and good memories are built, and where we can celebrate and support our students. My sincere thanks to all the staff and parents who are giving up their time, and taking on some big responsibilities to organise and run these camps. Well done all!

This fourth term is a quick, and energy sapping term for all. It is the term when tiredness starts to settle in as we run special events, and work really hard to see further progress, before we can even think about the coming holidays. Parents, this is a term where you need to keep encouraging your children, make sure they get enough sleep, and try to turn their tiredness into positivity right up until Christmas. So, please be mindful of the low-energy levels, when irritability kicks in. and remember to look after yourself too - adults need sleep, rest and positivity too, right?!

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

## **KIT Books**

The **Keep In Touch** Books that each child has and brings home to you are incredibly important for parents to keep on top of and look at each night. They contain messages for parents, notices, and organisational information that parents need to know. Our students must also take responsibility for their KIT Book, and make sure it comes to school every day. PLEASE make sure that you read your child's KIT book each night, so that you can make sure you know what is going on, and that your child is prepared for all activities. KIT books are also the place for you to write any notes back to the class teacher - questions, clarifications or concerns for us to know.

## **Booster Seat Reminder: 5 and 6 Year Olds**

Prior to a recent trip we had, we had to spend a lot of time ringing families, asking them to get booster seats here to school. An important reminder to all parents of children under the age of seven: when there is a trip on, we need to have your child's car seat ready to go first thing on that day. Thanks for your help.

## **Touch Rugby**

A reminder, there are NO GAMES for our Y5-6 teams this week. That's Halcombe Purple, Yellow, Green and Gold.

## **School Photos**

Every family has been sent an email by PhotoLife with a unique code to order school photos, please check your trash/spam folder. If you have not received your code please speak to Paula. Free delivery expires **midnight 17 November**. All photos will be delivered to school before the end of the year.

## **Scholastic Book Club**

The latest catalogues are out now. You have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their LOOP website or pay cash at the office. See the catalogue for order forms and full details. Orders close **8 November**.

## **Plastic Bottle Tops**

We've had a great start to this competition - Room 4 is in the lead! Please note that the bottle tops must be clean and the foil lids from the milk need to be removed from inside the bottle top. And it's milk and soft drink tops only - we're seeing every kind of plastic lid you could imagine! Parents, how about you scoop up the lids at your work places too? Thank you!

## Hunterville Cross Country

Our cross country team had an incredibly successful day at the Interschool Champs in Hunterville last week. The course, which has the meanest hills around, was as challenging as ever, and our kids gave it their usual 100%. A special highlight for us was when Maggie broke the Y8 girls record - an outstanding achievement. Josh came close to the Y6-7 boys record too, but was three seconds short. We also scooped up 1st, 2nd and 3rd in TWO races, a first for Halcombe School. Congratulations to all our kids, and particularly those who achieved a Top 5 placing:

Y4-5 Girls - Becky 2nd

Y4-5 Boys - Rylan 2nd, Louis 4th

Y6-7 Girls - Lucy C 3rd, Anika 5th

Y6-7 Boys - Josh 1st, Hunter 2nd, Brock 3rd

Y8 Girls - Maggie 1st, Georgia 2nd, Taylor 3rd

Y8 Boys - Spencer 5th

## NZ Farmers Livestock Donation

Thank you to the farmers who nominated Halcombe School for the 2024 Bobby Calf season. A donation of \$124.95 has been direct-credited to us and we are really grateful to those who have put us down as a recipient for this funding. The NZ Farmers Livestock team recognise the importance of supporting local schools and organisations and will continue this support in 2025. This donation will assist us in the recent purchase of junior reading books. If there are other farmers who can use this scheme and select Halcombe School as the recipient of their bobby-calf funds, please contact the NZ Farmers Head Office on 06 765 6199 or headoffice@nzfl.co.nz. Thanks again, team!

# COMPETITION TIME!

**COLLECT BOTTLE TOPS FROM MILK  
AND SOFT DRINK BOTTLES.**

**BRING THEM TO SCHOOL.**

**PUT THEM INTO YOUR CLASS BUCKET OUTSIDE R8  
(WHICH CLASS WILL COLLECT THE MOST?)**

**THE SCHOOL THAT COLLECTS THE MOST BOTTLE  
TOPS WINS A PIZZA PARTY FOR THEIR SCHOOL.  
COMPETITION RUNS FOR ALL OF NOVEMBER.**

**LET'S GO TEAM HALCOMBE!**

This competition is being run by the Manawatū District Council. Currently the nationwide kerbside recycling rules from the Ministry for the Environment state lids should not be put in your kerbside recycling bins. This is due to them being small and causing issues with some of the sorting and recycling machines. **HOWEVER**, Manawatū District Council have the opportunity to send the lids collected from this competition to Future Post ([www.futurepost.co.nz](http://www.futurepost.co.nz)) to be made into environmentally friendly, long-lasting fenceposts!