

Kia Ora Tatou,

Last Friday's Wheels Day is a reminder of the sheer fun and social development we can provide as a school. For so much of the week, so much of the year, we have such a strong emphasis on learning and academic progress (which of course is our prime aim, right?!), but it is also important for that sense of adventure and fun as a school to be kept strong.

In this age of anxiety, worry, concern, protecting, holding back until ready, we can get overly cautious about even small events like Wheels Day, but they are important things to do as a community.

Our Triple A Values speak to this too: Attitude, Achievement AND Adventure, in equal amounts, help guide us in what we do and how we do it here. Sports, fun days, camps, trips, EOTC - it all helps us to develop as well-rounded individuals.

As well as physical development and confidence, these events help us interact with each other in enjoyable ways. They help us to trust each other, see what our limits are, and to create shared experiences that we fall back on when times are tough.

Halcombe School is known for the fun it has amongst the focus on the core subjects. I hope it never stops!

Have a great week,

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

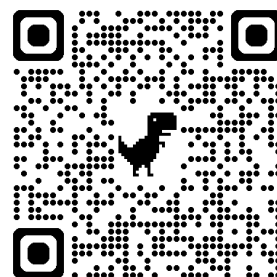
### **Parent Questionnaire: PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY**

The Board of Trustees invites all our parents to have their say about the future direction of Halcombe School. Every three-four years we ask your opinion on a range of topics that affect our school, the children's learning and the opportunities we offer them. This year we have gone for a simplified and straight-forward series of questions:

- What is going really well here?
- What do we need to do better?
- What ideas do you have for making us even better?

In order to have your ideas included all you have to do is either go to this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ncZ3HpYoPNOx1UMH-TYnogPpNDPglyiDFB88v78v6aw/edit>



Or scan this new QR Code to take you there on your device:

Please take time to read, consider and write your ideas. We appreciate it greatly. The survey will remain open for a fortnight before being closed off. Each parent can do the survey once, and this can be done as individuals, or as a family. Thank you for your support.

### **Alastair's Farewell Assembly**

A farewell assembly is being held for Mr Schaw on Friday, at 2.30pm (school hall). This is a chance for us to formally farewell the boss after his four years at Halcombe School. All welcome.

### **New Principal Update - Term Two - What's The Plan?**

The Board is well into the process of appointing a new principal for the greatest school on Earth. They hope to be able to make an appointment about half way through next term. In the meantime, plans have been made to cover the role of principal until the new person is ready to take over. While there might be a few things that look a little different for our staff, we're very much aiming to achieve 'business as usual'. Here are some key points to know:

- Hannah and Di will be acting co-principals.
- There won't be anyone sitting in the principal's 'chair'. If you need to speak to Hannah or Di, please make an appointment through Paula. Please be mindful that they are also teaching full time, so they won't be able to get back to you immediately.
- A reminder of the procedure for dealing with an issue:
  1. Empower your child to speak to their teacher first - if the teacher doesn't know about the problem, they can't help.
  2. If the problem is not solved, speak to your child's teacher.
  3. If you're not satisfied with the outcome of this, contact Hannah (junior school) or Di (senior school).

### **Relationships and Sexuality Education**

Next term, all classes will take part in our Relationships and Sexuality Education Programme (RSE). Please note that this is the same programme we have delivered in the past. Please return the slip below if you wish to attend an information evening for parents next Tuesday 8 April:

- Year 1-4 - 6.30pm
- Year 5-8 - 7pm

### Athletics Sports - Friday

We have a full morning of events planned for our athletics sports being held on Friday - check out the timetable below for what's happening and when (times are approximate). We welcome all parents and whānau to come along and watch. Please remember not to park on yellow lines, or the grass verges. Thank you.

### Junior Hockey

Next term, we'll be organising our Y1-6 hockey teams to participate in a local competition in Feilding (held in Term 3). To prepare for this, Feilding Junior Hockey hosts six weeks of skills and drills. If your child is likely to be signing up for hockey, we encourage you to register them for these sessions. That way, they'll (hopefully) know which end of the stick to hit the ball with. More information on how to sign up below (though please note there is an error there - first week will be Monday 12 May).

| <b>HALCOMBE SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS</b> |  |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|---|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|   | Room 1 & 2   | Room 3     | Room 4     | Room 5     | Room 6     | Room 7     | Room 8     |
| 9.10-9.25                               | shot put   | tug of war | discus     | fun games  | hurdles    | long jump  | high jump  |
| 9.25-9.40                               | high jump  | shot put   | tug of war | discus     | fun games  | hurdles    | long jump  |
| 9.40-9.55                               | long jump  | high jump  | shot put   | tug of war | discus     | fun games  | hurdles    |
| 9.55-10.10                              | hurdles  | long jump  | high jump  | shot put   | tug of war | discus     | fun games  |
| 10.10-10.25                             | fun games  | hurdles    | long jump  | high jump  | shot put   | tug of war | discus     |
| 10.25-10.40                             | discus   | fun games  | hurdles    | long jump  | high jump  | shot put   | tug of war |
| 10.40-10.55                             | tug of war   | discus     | fun games  | hurdles    | long jump  | high jump  | shot put   |
| 10.55-11.15                             | <b>BREAK</b>   |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 11.15-12.30pm                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• final of the 100m - Athletics Champs</li><li>• sprint races x2 for all students</li><li>• final of the 400m</li><li>• house relays</li><li>• presentation of athletics trophies and 400m cups</li><li>• special race - the staff</li></ul> |            |            |            |            |            |            |

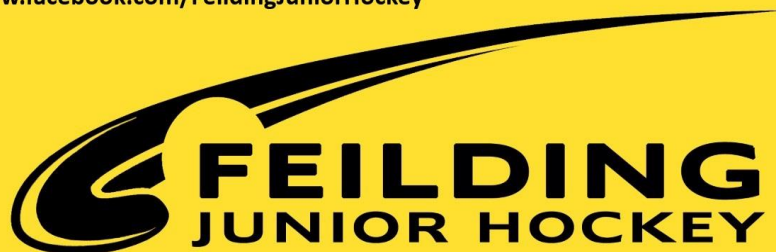
**6 WEEKS OF SKILLS AND DRILLS FOR YEAR 0-6 CHILDREN**

**MONDAY 5TH MAY - MONDAY 16TH JUNE 5:15PM-6:15PM**

**SIGN UP: [www.feildingjuniorhockey.co.nz](http://www.feildingjuniorhockey.co.nz)**

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### Relationships and Sexuality Education Information Evening

I will be attending the RSE information evening on Tuesday 8 April: (please tick)

- Year 1-4 session @ 6.30pm
- Year 5-8 session @ 7pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_