

Kia Ora Tatou,

With the first full week behind us, and a further eight ahead of us, routines and focus are strongly evident in all classes. Our students are really focused on doing their best and achieving well. I love that about our school. We take learning seriously and we also have a lot of fun while we are doing it.

In a fortnight's time we have our compulsory Three-Way Conferences (3WCs - see below). For those who are new to Halcombe School, you will have picked up on our strong desire to engage with our whānau, and also to inform you of how well your child is doing. Already at this time of year, we make it our purpose to know about your child: what they are 'in' to, what they like to do, what activities they are doing, what children see as their strongest areas of achievement. We also have already done several forms of assessment - tests, observations, and discussions - so we already know an awful lot about your child.

YOU, most of all, know your child better than everyone else. You have things to share and things you'd like to know, All three people - children, parents and teacher get to share and mentor our pupils at these 3WCs. This is an important time of year - goals are set, good relationships established, and we expect all our parents to come along, listen and share valuable information about each child, as we embark on this learning journey together!

See you then!

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

Whole-School Kapa Haka

A great opportunity for our school started today - the whole school is gathering to do kapa haka together. Kapa haka is a uniquely Aotearoa treasure, and we are very much looking forward to increasing all our pupils' knowledge, confidence and skill in waiata, haka and understanding of Te Ao Māori. This also helps our kids grow up proud of their country and the heritage they are a part of.

WHAT'S DUE?

- Contact Information - this Friday 21 February
- Digital Citizenship Agreements - this Friday 21 February
- School Invoices - Friday 14 March

Three-Way Conferences

On 3rd, 4th and 5th of March (Week 6), we have our annual Three-Way Conferences. This is where all parents and students come along to meet with their teacher. This is an important chance for information to be shared, and your attendance is compulsory. Conferences are student-led, with teacher support.

School will finish at 12.30pm on March 3rd, and the bus will run at this time. If you're unable to pick up your child early, please contact us.

We will again use the online booking system for you to find the best time to meet with your child's teacher. Bookings for parents will **OPEN TOMORROW** at about 8.30am.

To book: go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/hs3wk> OR use this QR Code. You can then enter your details and select the teacher and time. An email will be sent to you to remind you of the details. If you have any trouble, you can ring us or come in and we can make the booking for you. Spaces will fill up fast, so we urge you to make your booking as soon as possible.



School Triathlon

We are all go for the Halcombe School Triathlon being held next Thursday 27 February. Once again, we are expecting all students to participate this year - it is suitable for all ages and skill level (please let us know urgently if your child doesn't have a bike - we can help). We have designed this event to be all about fun, and giving it a go. This is a fantastic spectator sport too, so we hope to see lots of parents there, cheering on the kids! Parents please note - you'll need to stay in your designated spaces, and it is not necessary/appropriate for you to run alongside your child at any time. Please see the attached advertisement for more information, or come and see Di if you have any questions.

Swimming Sports Information

Look out for more detail about these events in next week's newsletter:

- Senior Swimming Sports (Rooms 5-8) - Tuesday 4 March - Makino Pool: 12.10-2.40pm
- Junior Swimming Showcase (Rooms 1-4) - Thursday 6 March - Halcombe School: 1.30-3pm

Halcombe School Triathlon

27 February 2025

10.30-12.30pm

run - bike - swim

students must bring:

togs & towel
running shoes
bike & helmet

(make sure the tyres are pumped up)



THIS EVENT IS ABOUT GIVING IT A GO AND HAVING FUN!

WHĀNAU WELCOME

**If you don't have a bike,
please let us know so
we can get something
organised.**



GROUP	RUN DISTANCE	BIKE DISTANCE	SWIM DISTANCE
YEAR 1 & 2	2 laps of field	3 laps of field	50m (4 lengths)
YEAR 3 & 4	3 laps of field	4 laps of field	50m (4 lengths)
YEAR 5 & 6	4 laps of field	5 laps of field	100m (8 lengths)
Year 7 & 8	5 laps of field	6 laps of field	100m (8 lengths)

If students cannot swim the distance, they can walk, run or use a flutterboard. Any stroke is acceptable.