

Kia Ora Tatou,

Week Seven is an interesting week. We are just over halfway through the term, and the change of seasons, the tiredness and the events that we're all doing bring the energy levels down. As a result, sometimes kids forget what the routines and behaviour expectations are. This is very normal each term.

One thing Halcombe School does very well is to keep reminding and setting the expectations we have for settled, happy and engaged students, both in classes and in the playground. I know you all appreciate this too. I want you all to know that we appreciate your help in this - making sure your child gets plenty of sleep, and is well prepared for each day. If things don't go well for some reason, your role in coaching your child, and helping them understand the bigger picture is really helpful. If something went wrong, or they did something wrong, get them to take a breath, know that tomorrow will be a better day, and that everyone makes mistakes and can move on.

Here at school we operate on the fact that each day is a new day. We don't remember the bad, but keep moving forward. I hope this helps with your parenting too.

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

Senior Swimming Sports - Attempt Two

- The Senior Swimming Sports are being held at the Makino Pool tomorrow, starting at 12.10pm and finishing by 2.40pm.
- These sports are for children in Rooms 5 - 8 (a few Year 4 students in Room 4 will join us too).
- Transport will be by bus to and from the pool, leaving school at 11.35am. The school is covering this cost.
- If parents are at the Makino Pool when it's time to leave, children may go home with them. There is no need to tell us ahead of time about this - if you're there, we'll assume you can take your child/ren with you after the event.
- All other students will return to school by bus after the swimming sports.
- Children must take their togs, two towels, sunhat, warm clothes, snacks and a drink of water.
- There is no 'grandstand' for parents to watch from. You might like to take your own chair/seat. Parents will be seated on the diving pool side, or at the concrete wall/shallow end of the pool. A reminder that parents don't come over to the 'kid side' of the pool during the event.

Pool Closure

The pool season is almost at an end and our pool closes this **Thursday 13 March**. Please bring your keys back for the \$10 refund after that.

Athletics

Now that swimming is all but done, we have moved straight into our athletics programme. Students will be working hard to improve their throwing, jumping and sprinting skills over the next few weeks.

Interschool Triathlon

Our team had a great day out at the Manawatū Interschool Triathlon last week. The headwind made the course tough at times, and it was a battle to keep the legs pumping, and we're proud of all our athletes for their efforts. We did have some outstanding individual performances (we think winning half the races is pretty cool) and a number of kids placing in the Top 20:

- Year 5 Girls - Georgie 13th, Lydia 17th
- Year 5 Boys - Blake C 7th
- Year 6 Girls - Becky 1st, Charlotte 19th
- Year 6 Boys - Rylan 1st, Louis 2nd
- Year 7 Girls - Phoebe 11th, Anika 20th
- Year 7 Boys - Josh 1st, Hunter 5th
- Year 8 Girls - Lucy C 1st, Heidi 15th, Lucy M 19th
- Year 8 Boys - Blake S 14th, Osten 17th

School Dental Services

Our school dental service will now be provided by Mid Central Health. A mobile dental unit will visit our school at some point this year. If you should have a dental emergency you can contact the local dental unit on 0800 825 583 or 027 6119 5115.

Dogs on School Grounds

Like most schools now, the only day we allow dogs on our grounds are for the annual Pet Day. We have noticed that dogs have been visiting our ground and leaving a deposit - this is not healthy, and it doesn't respect the use of our grounds. Please remember, if your dog is with you in the car, leave it in there when you come to pick up your child. If you see anyone with a dog walking around our grounds after hours, you can remind them of our rules, point out the signs on the gate, OR you can let us know so we can contact them directly. We spend a great deal of time keeping our grounds beautiful, safe and healthy for our students to use. It's up to all of us to keep the grounds looking great!

Our triathlon team - lookin' good!



Kauri - junior flippaball winners!

