

Kia Ora Tatou,

The new building - The Gap - is motoring on and nearing completion. 3D Construction has done a great job in keeping it on track and helping us to provide a really top-quality building that meets our current needs.

This build will help provide us with some facilities that support learning, teaching, planning and resource efficiency (we'll actually be able to find all the resources we need in one area, we expect!) This is something we have waited a long time for. With more classroom release time, teachers will have space to go on release, meet together, and plan for their classes more easily. This is the way modern schools operate.

The last bit of building - the junior cloak bay and toilet block, is the final part to be done, and work on this area is beginning now too. My thanks to all the teachers and the pupils who have been mostly affected - they have done an excellent job of bearing with the noise and dust, and still continue to see great learning happening each day. They have been fantastic. We hope to be opening this area early in the new term.

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

## **Staffing**

Last week the Board of Trustees received Mrs Baker's resignation from her teaching position here. Nicki has taught in Room 6 for nearly a year, and has brought her skill and energy to these learners, even after her injury last year. The way she came back so soon afterwards in order to see her kids do well, was a testament to her dedication. Nicki will be missed from our staff, as she has brought a wealth of knowledge and collaboration. Nicki is leaving us to become a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour (an RTLB as they are known). We are negotiating Nicki's leaving date, and the search for her replacement has already begun. We will let you all know what happens when we make the appointment. In the meantime, please feel free to come in and congratulate Nicki on gaining this new role.

## **Feilding Interschool Swimming**

Our swimming team had an incredible night at the pool for the Feilding Interschool Swimming Champs last night. We are so proud of the team for the way they conducted themselves, and supported each other, and those from other schools. The results are nothing short of remarkable. Congratulations all round. We had plenty of Top 3 finishers:

- Penhey Cup (based on technique): 3rd - Becky
- Y5-6 100m Freestyle Girls: 1st - Becky, 3rd - Charlotte
- Y5-6 100m Freestyle Boys: 2nd - Louis
- Y7-8 100m Freestyle Girls: 1st - Esther, 2nd - Lucy
- Y7-8 100m Freestyle Boys: 2nd - Finn
- Fairs Cup: Y5-6 Relay - winners
- P and T Doe Cup: Y7-8 Intermediate Relay - winners
- Country Schools Relay - winners

## **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 on Tuesday 8 April:

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

## **Athletics Sports - Friday 4 April**

We have a full morning of events planned for our athletics sports being held next Friday 4 April - check out the timetable 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.

# HALCOMBE SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS

	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>						

## Board Of Trustees Update

- It has been a busy time with the resignation of Alastair. The Board have pulled together to form an appointments committee. As this newsletter is printed the advertisement for a new principal will be live. The Board have officially thanked Alastair for his leadership throughout his tenure at Halcombe School and wish him all the best in his new role.
- The Board have had some robust discussions around how the school will function next term without a principal and are fully supportive and have trust in Di and Hannah who will be taking on the extra tasks, with Paula playing an important supporting role too (more information about this next week). Please have some patience and appreciate the extra workload this will bring, but be assured that we have this in hand and it will not affect the education or opportunities for our students..
- We have also had another resignation with Nicki Baker handing in her resignation. This position will be advertised in due course, and we're already working hard to find a replacement. The Board also wish her the best in her new role.
- In property, the Gap build is well underway and on track, the acoustics have been well tested by the builders and Ben assures us they passed his sound test. The trees have been trimmed on the fence line by the sandpit also, and there is already a marked improvement with the amount of light coming into classrooms.
- We are also on track with finances and have recently undergone an audit which is looking to be positive from initial reports.
- Remember there are Board elections coming and if this is something you have wondered about or are interested in please come along to a meeting or tap one of us on the shoulder and ask what it is about.
- We hope you all have a great break over the holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone in Term 2.

Luke Shannon, for the Board of Trustees



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

MATAI - INTERHOUSE PATER TENNIS CHAMPIONS!



# WHEELS DAY

**Friday 28 March**

**Bring your skateboards, ripsticks,  
scooters, drift trikes, hoverboards,  
skates or rollerblades!**

**No bikes please.**

**We recommend wearing a helmet.**



Wheels  
Day!  
Yahoo!

Ka mau  
te wehi!  
Awesome!

