

WELCOME TO TERM 2 - 2025

Welcome Ms Hoskins

A warm welcome to Mel Hoskins, our new teacher in Room 6. We hope you have an awesome first week Mel!

New Principal Update - 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 in a few weeks. 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).

Medication Reminder

As per our medication policy, if your child has a short-term condition and needs to have medicines given, we are able to do this. There are some rules around this to protect children, and ourselves however:

- Parents must fill in a form before medicine can be given.
- As students are under our care during school hours, NO other adult may come into school and give medication to your child, unless you have notified us first. Please make sure you call or put a note in a KIT Book.

Attendance

At the end of last term, you will have seen a note in your child's KIT Book giving their attendance data for the term. As you know, this is something we keep a really close eye on. The school average was 95% attendance for Term 1.

Teacher's Only Day

A reminder we have a TOD on Friday 30 May and school will be closed on this day.

Sports - Term 2

We have a very busy term ahead with the start of winter sport. We have one Y7-8 hockey team, five Y4-8 netball teams, one Y7-8 basketball team and one Y7-8 table tennis team. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help coach and manage our teams. We really appreciate your support. Please keep a close eye on KIT Books for team updates and the weekly draw. Make sure your child has their shoes, cut their nails, has afternoon tea and a drink bottle (for all practices and games), and that you've told Paula if your child is not on the bus. Best wishes to all our teams, and those involved in other sports, for a successful season. Practice details:

- Y7-8 hockey - Wednesdays, starting tomorrow, 3.20-4.30pm
- Y4-6 netball - (Red and Black) - Wednesdays, starting tomorrow, 3.30-4.30pm
- Y7-8 netball - (Red and Black) - Thursdays, starting this week, 3.30-4.30pm
- Y7-8 netball - (A) - Mondays and Wednesdays, starting this week, 12.45-1.15pm
- Y7-8 basketball - Tuesdays, starting next week, 12.45-1.15pm

Pie Warmers

The WORLD FAMOUS pie warmers are back! We have three pie warmers that are used to heat up food - very popular on cold days!

- lunches need to be wrapped securely in tinfoil, or put in small tin foil trays.
- lunches need to be **CLEARLY** named with a vivid marker and with a room number.
- if you're making lunches for the freezer, name them before putting them in - vivid doesn't work on cold tinfoil.
- children put their lunches in the pie warmers when they arrive at school (after they have put their bags away).

PTA Support

Thank you to the PTA, who have approved funding for a number of assets/upgrades recently. We are so grateful to have this support and the students and whānau at Halcombe School will certainly benefit from what's listed below. The AGM will be held later this term, so look out for details in the newsletter if you'd like to attend.

- financial support for the R7 and R8 camps - \$4,500
- sports uniforms - \$3,200
- outside seats - \$1,650
- digital devices - \$5,000

Senior Exercise Books

Thank you parents! The staff have really enjoyed reading through your positive comments and feedback in your child's books. Hopefully you saw this as an excellent opportunity to keep your finger on the pulse of what your child/ren are working on at school. Books will go home again at the end of this term.

Term 2 Calendar

The calendar is full already! Please keep up to date with what's on our calendar, which can be accessed through our school website. The calendar is updated regularly. Please note, it's a short term of only nine weeks! This is a great opportunity to thank Kirsten Otter, for the work she does to maintain our website. Be sure to have a look if you haven't seen it for awhile.

Assemblies

Now that Term 2 has arrived, we return to the weekly Friday assemblies. These are held every Friday afternoon, and start at 2.30pm sharp. Classes take turns to host the assembly, starting with Room 8 this week. Parents and whānau are welcome to attend. Some things to be mindful of:

- If you miss the start of assembly, please wait until the end of a segment before entering the hall. For example, wait until the National Anthem has finished, or someone has finished speaking.
- If you have a rowdy, restless toddler, please take them outside. Sometimes one or two of our Y8 students might be available to babysit - just give Di the eye if you need help.
- Please wait until the students have left the hall before you make a move. This will help to ensure our exit points don't become clogged up!
- Our carpark is usually really full on Friday afternoons, so please be mindful of where you're parking if you don't get one in the carpark.

Senior Technology

Our Year 7-8 students are very excited about Tech, which starts this Friday. They will be participating in a series of technology based activities over the next twenty Friday mornings! They will be participating in woodwork, cooking, sewing, hoe waka and CO2 cars. A reminder that the \$55 Tech fee is due this Friday 2 May.

Sideline Code Of Conduct

A few years ago, a number of our senior students created this Code of Conduct, to help keep things positive on the sideline. With winter sport about to crank into high gear, it's a good time to remind Team Halcombe of our expectations. Thank you for your support.

Halcombe School Sideline Code of Conduct



POSITIVE LANGUAGE ONLY

We don't mind if you yell out to encourage us, but please don't say negative things about our team or the opposition.

RESPECT THE REF

You should never criticise the referee - they are doing the best they can. Please don't yell at them from the sideline.

THANK THE COACH

Without coaches, we could not have teams or participate in sport. We think a 'thank you' every now and then sure would be appreciated.

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FUN

It's important to remember we're not representing our country or trying to win an Olympic medal. We're playing sport because it's fun and we love it.