

Halcombe School



Term One - Week 4

24 February 2026

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whānau,

It has been a pleasure to see our school grounds buzzing with energy again. After the disruptions caused by last week's storm, seeing everyone back into their routines with such resilience reminds me of the strength of our school community. Thank you for your patience as we worked to get everything back to normal.

A massive well done to Room 8! While the weather may have disrupted their original plans, they showed incredible spirit by making the absolute most of their "re-jigged" camp held right here on-site. The leadership and positivity shown by the students were a highlight of my week.

Looking ahead, we want to wish Room 7 an incredible time as they head off for their camp. We hope the weather plays fair and that you create memories that last a lifetime. Enjoy every moment of the challenge! I look forward to visiting them today and seeing them in action.

We are looking forward to a fantastic day of physical challenge and school spirit at the triathlon on Friday. Please ensure students have their gear, hats, and plenty of water. We'd love to see you there cheering them on! It's going to be a busy, active, and rewarding second half of the week. I look forward to seeing many of you at the finish line on Friday!

A final, very important reminder that tomorrow night marks our first PTA meeting of the year.

I want to emphasize that every parent and caregiver at our school is automatically a member of this group. The PTA works tirelessly to raise funds for the "extras" the resources, equipment, and opportunities that our standard operations grant simply doesn't cover. Why should you attend?

- For New Families: This is the single best way to make those vital connections and feel a part of our school culture.
- For Returning Families: Your experience and continuity are what keep our projects moving forward.
- For Our Students: Every dollar raised and every event planned directly enriches the daily lives of our children.

We need you! Whether you can lead a project or simply offer an hour of your time, your presence makes a difference. I look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces there.

Ngā mihi nui,
Warm regards,
Gene and the 'H' Team

Three-Way Conferences

On 9th, 10th and 11th 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.

"Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students, and enthusiastic parents with high expectations." - Bob Beuprez

School will finish at 12.30pm on March 9th, 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. The booking system will go live tomorrow (Wednesday 25th). To book: go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/3yde9> 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.

Halcombe School Triathlon - FRIDAY

This event is fast approaching and is an excellent chance to put a big tick in the 'adventure' box of our Triple A values! The first event will be the Year 7-8 students, starting at 10.30am. Here is some important information:

- Bikes and helmets go straight to the field before school. There will be senior students there directing you. Please double check the tyres are pumped up, and the seat is set at the correct height.
- No helmet = no go.
- Students will wear their togs to do the run and bike. Wearing a t-shirt and shorts over the top of togs is optional.
- Footwear is recommended.
- Please **name all gear**, including helmets and waterbottles, as we know everything will be in a mess at the end!
- Spectators are welcome. Please don't park on the yellow lines, or on the neighbour's lawn or grass verges outside the school. Bring your own chairs and shade!
- If your child needs help at any time, this will be provided by staff, designated course marshals or senior students. It is not necessary or appropriate for parents to run alongside their child at any time. Parents need to stay within the designated areas. Spectators can view the swimming from outside the pool fence.
- Bikes will be left on the field and can be taken home at the conclusion of ALL races, or after school.
- We'd like to remind everyone that this event is all about giving it a go and having fun, though we know that many of the students will naturally make a competition out of it, and that's fine too.
- Each student will receive an iceblock on completion of the triathlon.
- Our team for the Manawatū Interschool Triathlon (Y5-8) will be selected based on the results of our event.

Swimming Sports Information

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

- Senior Swimming Sports (Rooms 5-8) - Wednesday 11 March - Makino Pool: 12.10-2.40pm
- Junior Swimming Showcase (Rooms 1-4) - Friday 13 March - Halcombe School: 1.30-3pm

What's Due?

- Year 7 Immunisation Forms - OVERDUE
- Digital Citizenship Agreements - OVERDUE
- Stationery Invoices - Friday 13 March

First PTA Meeting: All Welcome!

Our first meeting of 2026 is happening tomorrow, Wednesday 25 February and we'd love to see some new faces! Come along to the staffroom at 7.15pm to meet the team and hear about our plans for the school year. Whether you want to volunteer or are just curious to see how it works, our doors are open. We look forward to seeing you there!

Interhouse Competition

The 2026 interhouse competition is well underway, with the flippaball tournament finishing up last week. Congratulations to Matai - the winners! Final results: 4th - Totara, 3rd - Rimu, 2nd - Kauri, 1st - Matai. Congratulations!



**Ehara taku toa i te
toa takitahi, engari
he te toa taki tini.**

**My strength is not that
of an individual but that
of the collective.**