

Hauroko
VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2, Week 6, 2026



our people. our place. our stories

Principal Post

25th May - 29th May

Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

Congratulations to Angus D, who represented HVP in the South Island Secondary School Cross Country Championships held at Oreti Sands over the weekend. This was a wonderful opportunity for Angus, as well as experiencing racing against those who specialise in cross-country. 7th place is a terrific result!

We welcome Isaiah and Axel to Hauroko Valley and look forward to getting to know you both and your family.

We farewell the "Bushman," aka Rufus (as he became fondly known on last year's Year 5&6 Borland Lodge Camp), and his family – Brayden, Liam, Ava, Corbin, and Shannon. We also wish Harper all the best as she heads off for new adventures in Eastern Southland. It is not often you get a second chance to teach a family, so it has been especially meaningful to welcome the Dean family back to HVP. To the Deans and the Pieper family, thank you for your many contributions to our school through coaching, managing, transporting students, and serving on our Home and School Committee. You will always be part of the Hauroko Valley Primary whānau.

Matai class enjoyed a visit to the Rakatu Wetlands, following an invitation from Claire at the Waiau Fisheries & Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Trust. Thank you to Roger and Claire for supporting our learners to explore native birds, eels, conservation, and this special environment.

This week, REAP Winton delivered two sessions in our multi-purpose building. Thank you to Maree and Naomi for bringing REAP Movement to Hauroko Valley. It was valuable for our Kōwhai learners and staff as we explored ways to better use our PMP (Perceptual Motor Programme) equipment. Each week, Nicole leads our youngest students in sessions that develop important physical foundations for learning and life, including concentration, self-organisation, handwriting, memory, eye development, and language – all through movement!

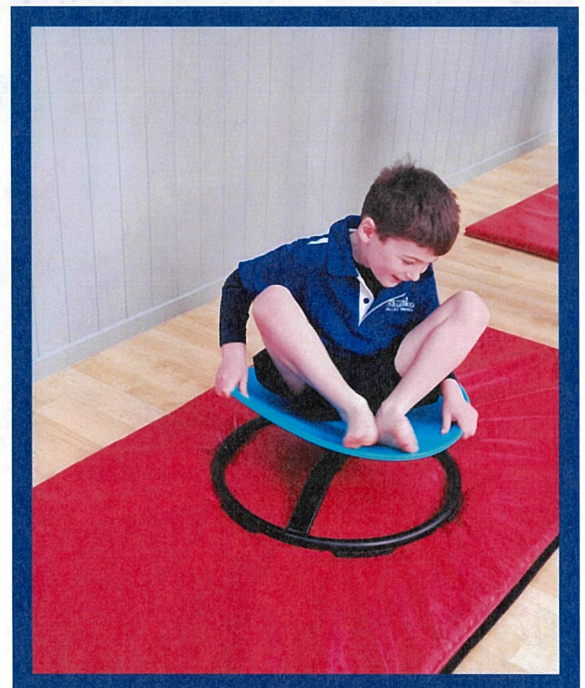
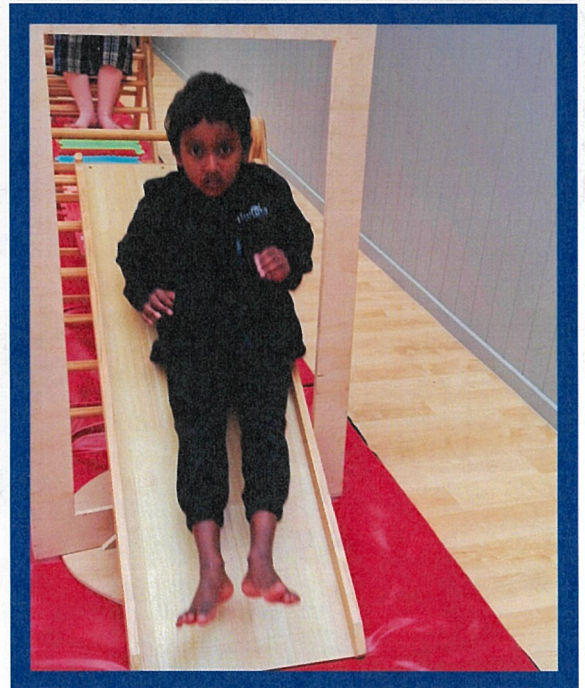
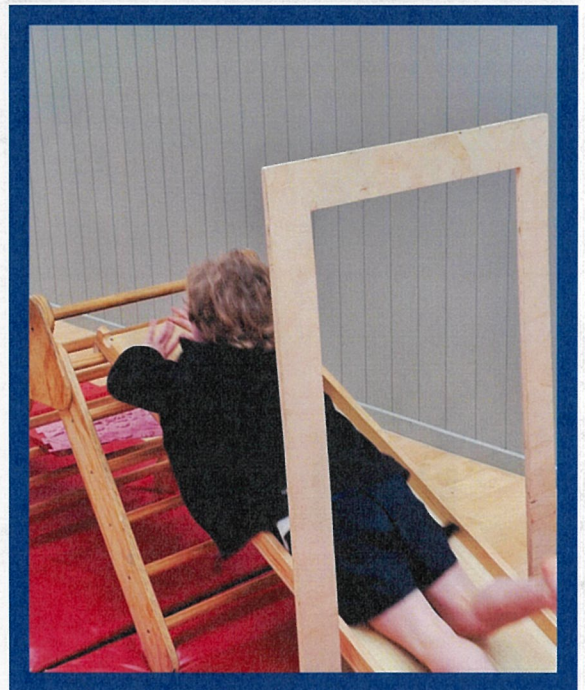
At this time of year, our Year 8 students and their families are beginning to consider Secondary School options. Please let us know if you would like support, as we are happy to offer transition advice and guidance.

NB: SGHS will not be visiting us this year, so it is important that Year 8 girls intending to attend in 2027 make their own enrolment inquiries.

Congratulations to those students who competed at the Western Southland Cross Country today who have qualified to represent us at the Southland Cross Country Finals. These are being held in Waimumu on Friday 12th June. Results to follow.

Ngā mihi, Julia,
on behalf of the Hauroko Valley Primary team

ALWAYS OUR BEST



MIGHTY Mātāi

Education Outside the Classroom

Rakatu Wetlands



Last week, Mighty Mātāi went on a trek through the Rakatu Wetlands! Students spent the day exploring the area and completing a scavenger hunt about Rakatu Wetlands' history and the flora and fauna found here, along the way.

A highlight was the view from the lookout on top of the hill. Students had the challenge of counting the steps before arriving at the lookout. Another big hit was the bird spotting activity of birds that have made the wetland home, or have visited the wetland at one point or another. We saw black swans and lots of ducks in the water.

We stopped for lunch in the tunnel barn at the end of our route. We saw more birds like tuis and a fantail that flew in to the barn.





Through our scavenger hunt and discussions in the tunnel barn, Mātāi learned about conservation and the steps necessary to preserve the wetlands for the future, especially pest trapping. We saw many traps on our walk, some had eggs, golf balls, and even a hedgehog or two!

Another awesome experience was that students got to see a fyke net being pulled up - with two live eels inside! We also learned that some eels live for more than 24 years, and the journey they take as part of their life cycle.

We ended the day with an opportunity to give back by planting 30 flax plants and cabbage trees that we can visit the next time we arrive at the wetlands.

This was such a wonderful opportunity for our tamariki to learn about our environment and experience this learning authentically, and hands-on.

Thank you very much to Claire and Roger for your support and organization of a wonderful learning experience and terrific day out.



Active Bodies



Curious Minds



REAP Movement

Kōwhai Year 0-2 learners joined Waiiau Area School learners for a session with REAP facilitators Maree and Naomi in our MPB. Tamariki are encouraged to follow their interests and choose the play space that matches their energy, supporting resilience, self-regulation, confidence, and emotional awareness. Thanks to REAP Winton for leading this initiative.

WESTERN CROSS COUNTRY

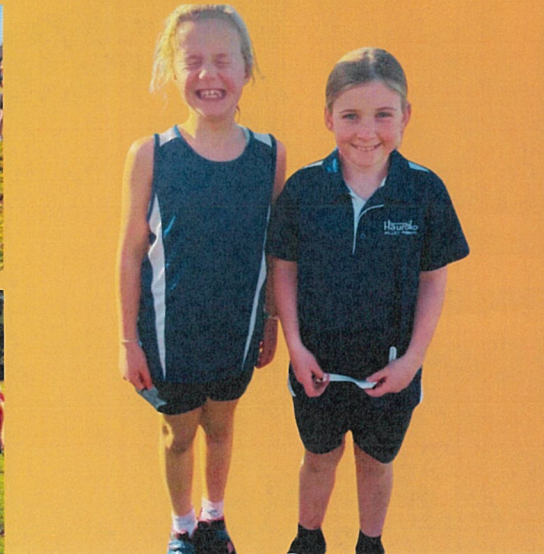
The following students represented us in Otautau at Western Southland Cross Country on Friday 29th May.

10 years - Memphis, Dara, Ava, Aoife

11 years - Angus, Stanley, Jack R, Lauren

12 years - Hadlee, Jack M, Cohen, Griffin

13 years - Angus, Finley, Carter, Flynn, Alfred, Lola, Ruby



Congratulations to all of our runners. We are proud of the way you represented Hauroko Valley through your long-distance running skills, sportsmanship, and conduct.

Once results are received, we will share which students have qualified to represent Western Southland at the Southland Cross Country in Waimumu on Friday 12th June 2026.



Internet
Speed & Connectivity



Security
Provided during breaks



Learning
Digital learning activities



Network
Wireless Access



Filtering
User Protection



Citizenship
Education

Please make sure you know...



Students
are responsible for



Location
Home-School-Home



Digital Footprint
What you say & do.



Breakage
Care & Respect



Charging
At home



Appropriate Use
Apps & Online



Apps
Purchase & Update

TERM DATES



Term 2

Monday 20th April - Friday 3rd July

Public Holiday - Anzac Day - Monday 27th April
Public Holiday - King's Birthday - Monday 1st June

Term 3

Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Term 4

Monday 12th October - Wednesday 16th December

Public Holiday - Labour Day - Monday 26th October



DIARY DATES

Term 2

- Wednesday 10th June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Friday 12th June - Southland Cross Country at Waimumu
- Monday 15th June - Board Meeting 7.00 pm
- Wednesday 17th June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Friday 19th June - Mid-Year Reports Go Home
- Tuesday 23rd June & Wednesday 24th June - EOTC Year 8 to Dunedin
- Tuesday 23rd June & Wednesday 24th June - Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Conversations
- Wednesday 24th June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm

NB: Year 8 EOTC to Dunedin will go ahead next Term. Unfortunately the dates became unavailable for June.

AMERICAN HOT DOG



\$4

**YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP
FUNDRAISER**

PRE-ORDER TUESDAYS

For lunch on
Wednesdays
Term 2, 2026
(unless otherwise
advised)

*A fresh roll with
a frankfurter.*

Optional;

- cheese
- mustard
- tomato sauce

SCHOOL NOTICES

Attendance

If your child is sick and staying home or you have something on, e.g. a medical appointment, wedding, funeral, or other, then please let us know. You can contact us through the following ways;

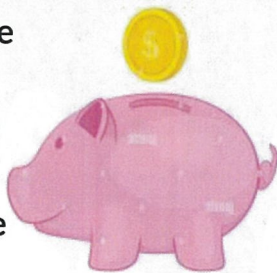
1. Use our school student management system via the HERO Linc-Ed App.
2. Ring and speak with Karen, or leave a message on the school phone at 032266753.
3. Email Karen at office@haurokovalley.school.nz - she will enter the absence, and this advises classroom teachers.
4. Text Karen 0277777520.

Please do so by 9.30 am, as we are legally required to accurately record attendance, and this requires a follow-up with a phone call, email, or text to check in. Thanks!



To see your child's account, download the Hero App.

Register with your email address that we have for you in our records.



School Account

If paying accounts by internet banking, please do so to

Hauroko Valley Primary School

Westpac:

03 1748 0030028 000

Tui Base Camp

Friday Lunch Orders

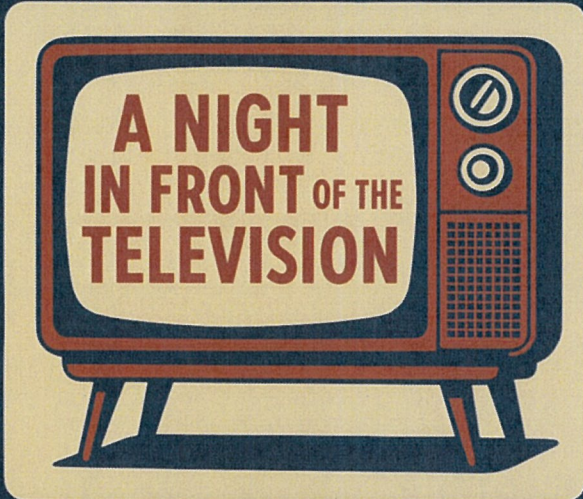
- Sausage & Chips \$6
- Fish Bites & Chips \$5
- Pies \$7
- Chicken Nuggets & Chips \$5
- Chips \$3
- Bacon & Egg Sandwich \$7
- Dagwood \$7
- Muffin \$5
- Cheese Roll \$3
- Scone \$5
- Sausage Roll \$6



COMMUNITY NOTICES

WATCH THIS SPACE

TUATAPERE COMMUNITY THEATRE
BRINGS TO YOU



**FRIDAY 17TH AND SATURDAY
18TH JULY**

**MARK YOUR DIARIES NOW.
TICKET DETAILS COMING SOON**



8th August 2026

12-3 pm

**Taking People of all ages with Special Needs
Or Life long Medical Conditions
For a ride in a Big Rig, Classic Car or Hot Rod**



**VENUE: Southern Field Days Site,
Waimumu**



Food and Drink provided on the day by
Rapid Relief Team,
Mad Cow Coffee and Bees Bites



Anyone wanting to Volunteer their Time, Truck or Car to help out on the day
please contact Dianne 027 7732700 or Ian on 0204 335500
Check out our Facebook Page : Southland Hug a Rig Day

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Tuatapere PĒPI PLAYGROUP

for babies 0-2 years old



"Babies are born curious"

Our playgroup for babies in Tuatapere offers a safe
and interesting haven for babies and their whanau.

We provide a sensory rich play space to support the curiosity,
free movement and self directed play of your baby.

Sessions invite you to slow down, do less, observe more and enjoy the wonder of infant
play and learning. Sessions will be guided by experienced ECE facilitators.

Thursday: 14 May & 11 June at 10am - 12pm

**Venue: Tuatapere Playcentre,
23B Orawia Road, Tuatapere
Gold Coin Donation.**

For more details please contact Stu Guyton: stuart.guyton@gmail.com
Southern REAP - Maree Day: mareereap.co.nz or
Tuatapere Community Worker - Tina Colyer: tcworkerextra.co.nz



