

*our place*

**Term 2, Week 7, 2025**

*our stories*





# Newsletter - Issue #16

## Week: 9th June - 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Kia ora e te whaanau, kumusta, ayubowan,

We celebrated Angus D and his success at the Southland Primary School Orienteering Championships, as he was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 7 and 8 boys. Awesome work!

This week, our Young Einstein teams headed to Winton for the annual current event challenge. Usually we enter two Year 5&6 teams and two Year 7&8 teams. Unfortunately, this year our Year 7&8 crew were attending Deep Cove Camp, so didn't attend. However, our Year 5&6 teams geared up, many for their first time! **Hauroko Hotshots** - Stanley, Grace, Jackson, Oscar, and **Hauroko Hunters** - Layla, Hadlee, Lauren, and Cohen

Our Hot Shots took out 3<sup>rd</sup> place - congratulations! The Hunters were placed 5<sup>th</sup>, with just 2 points between our teams. What an outstanding achievement for each team, given the challenging current event questions, and out of 20 teams from throughout the Southland region.

Deep Cove Camp with our Year 7 and 8 crew was wonderful. The weather had a chill in the air, given the snow on the Wilmot Pass and the tops of hills and mountains. However, our first few days were mild, and this was needed so we could hike up Huntleigh Valley. This steep, 1.9km tramping track leads up to an impressive hanging valley and fantastic views of the Huntleigh Falls and Deep Cove. During the journey there is a marked side track to see the hostels hydro dam, before the track climbs up the "Kea Cairn" and beyond to the end of the hanging valley and the base of the waterfall. A 2-3 hour return trip, the track is steep and challenging, but the views are spectacular.

The first afternoon, our team engaged in confidence course challenges. Our learners were provided with opportunities to build confidence in their skills, navigating the ropes course. They then had to rely on each other as part of a blindfold challenge and trust in the commentary to move. Our guide, Sara, supported our learners in Marine Studies, as they discovered the depth of the salt and fresh water. Two other groups were fishing from the jetty or boat, catching spotties, a Kingfish and a few Jock Stewarts. It was a treat to cook these up and enjoy alongside some crayfish legs. Day three, we headed off early to visit Helena Falls, before all walking to the tail race. This is the Manapouri Hydro Power Station tunnel. Our final afternoon was spent aboard the Fiordland Navigator. This took us through Doubtful Sound, up a few arms where we managed to see the beauty and splendour of dolphins and penguins - wow!

It was an incredible camp with fantastic food, thanks to our families, and was with a great group of parents and children. Thanks to our camp parents - Chris P, Suz, Lindsay, Marilyn, Rob, Kate E, and Jeremy for all of your support and for contributing to a successful camp. To Sally, our Camp Leader - thank you so much for all the hard work, care, and energy you put into making our school camp such an unforgettable experience. Your leadership, patience, and enthusiasm truly made a difference, and we're so grateful for the memories we've made under your guidance. From organizing activities to encouraging us to try new things, you helped us grow, learn, and have fun every step of the way.

The Southland Cross Country Primary School Championships were held at Waimumu today. Well done to each of our runners, making it to Southland is an impressive achievement. We will share the results next week.

The Mid-Year Report will arrive home today with each learner in attendance at school. It has been a pleasure to have read each of our learners' reports, gaining insight into their strengths, talents, interests, progress, and achievements that have contributed to the journey of each of our children. Please make a time to meet with teachers on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June for Matai, Totara, and Rata teachers. Kowhai will be able to meet with Kirsty next Term. Bookings can be made through HERO.

Have a great weekend. On behalf of the Hauroko Valley Primary School team, Julia Waikato, Principal/Tumuaki



# Team TŌTARA

- Through reflecting on our school values and engaging in rich activities, we have learnt about what it means to be a true HVP student!



- We have also been experimenting with mixed medium artwork! Through this, we created our own fruit artwork using a range of pastel, pencil, felt, fine tip pens and more!



- We continue to explore through the use of digital technologies!

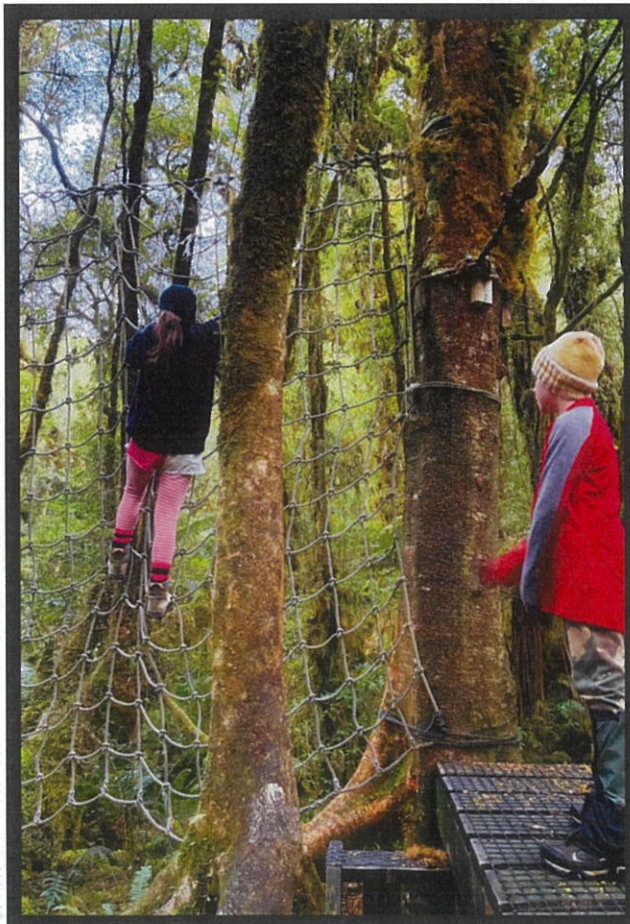




# *Deep Cove Camp*

Twenty-six of our finest Year 7 and 8s, seven parent supporters and two staff, embarked on outdoor education in the remote vastness of Fiordland National Park. This isolated wilderness is found on the South-West Coast of the South Island, also known as Patea. Doubtful Sound is a remote fiord known as 'the Sound of Silence'. This was undoubtedly broken due to the sound of our group tackling the Huntleigh Valley Walk (previously known as Hanging Valley), Helena Falls, Brassel Point Walk, and to the Tail Race, Manapouri Hydro Power Station or tunnel.





## ***Doubtful Sound***

Our stay at Wilmot Lodge part of the Deep Cove Outdoor Trust facilities enabled us to be onsite gaining access to fishing and marine studies via boats, fishing from the jetty, and the confidence course.



The dolphins can jump out of the water for a really long time.

Dusty

Seven gillers are actually really big sharks.

Jake

Deep

The waterfall at the top of Hanging Valley was incredible. It travelled a great distance.

Cassie

The Fiordland Navigator felt and looked like the Titanic. It was fancy!

Aydee

Cove

Helena Falls was magic. It was so unbelievably high and powerful.

Tori

It was a really relaxed camp, because our timing was really good. We had fun playing board and card games.

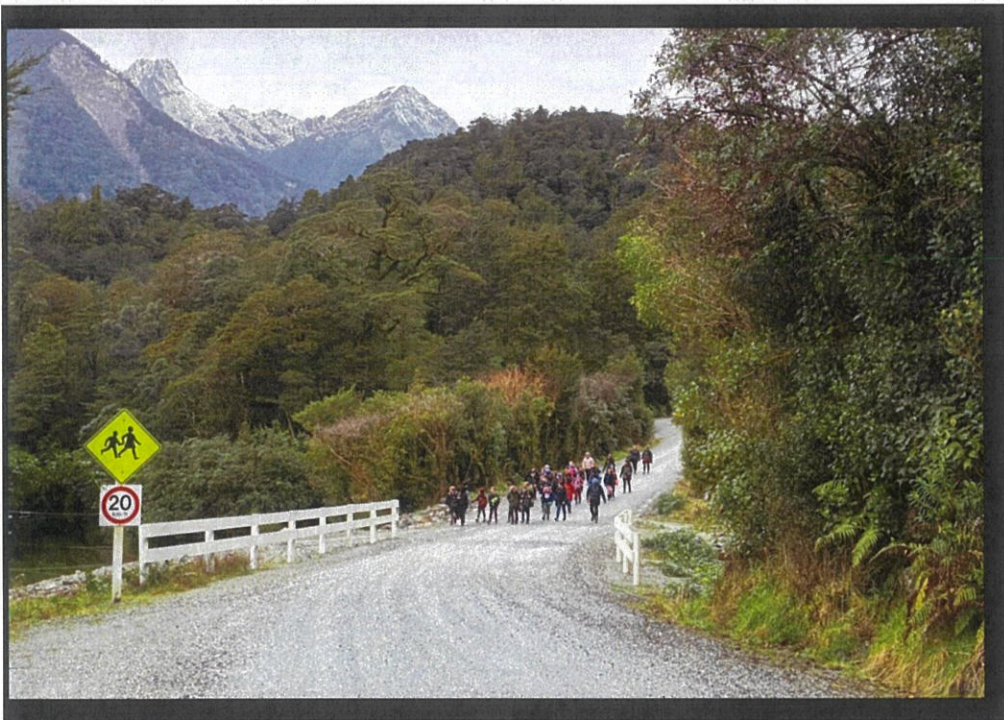
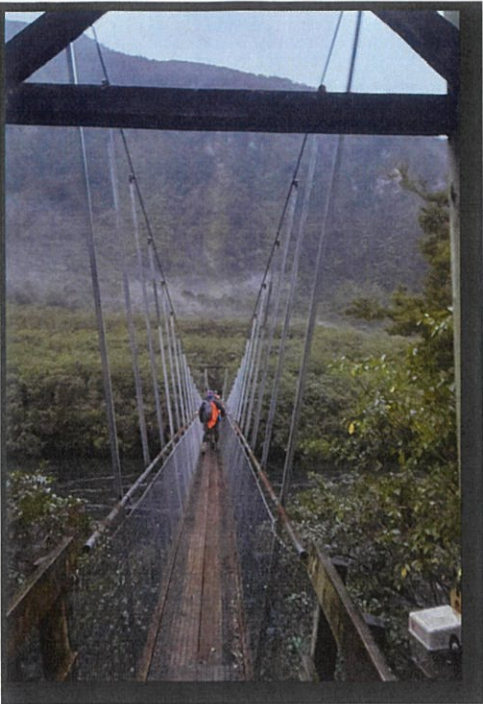
Maddi

Camp

The flying dolphins were really close to the boat. They were jumping in and out of the wake. I like catching fish and seeing the sharks!

Griffin





Our EOTC made for a memorable jtime. Scenery all around to admire. Our learners saw glow worms, weka, kea, penguins and bottlenose dolphins.

We trekked to Helena Falls, and Huntleigh Falls via Kea Cairn. Rata made it to the Tail Race to see the Manapouri Hydro Power Station tunnel.

In between acxtivities there was bonding and interacting with each other. This strengthens relationships, as people supported others in achieving goals. It was an amazing time!







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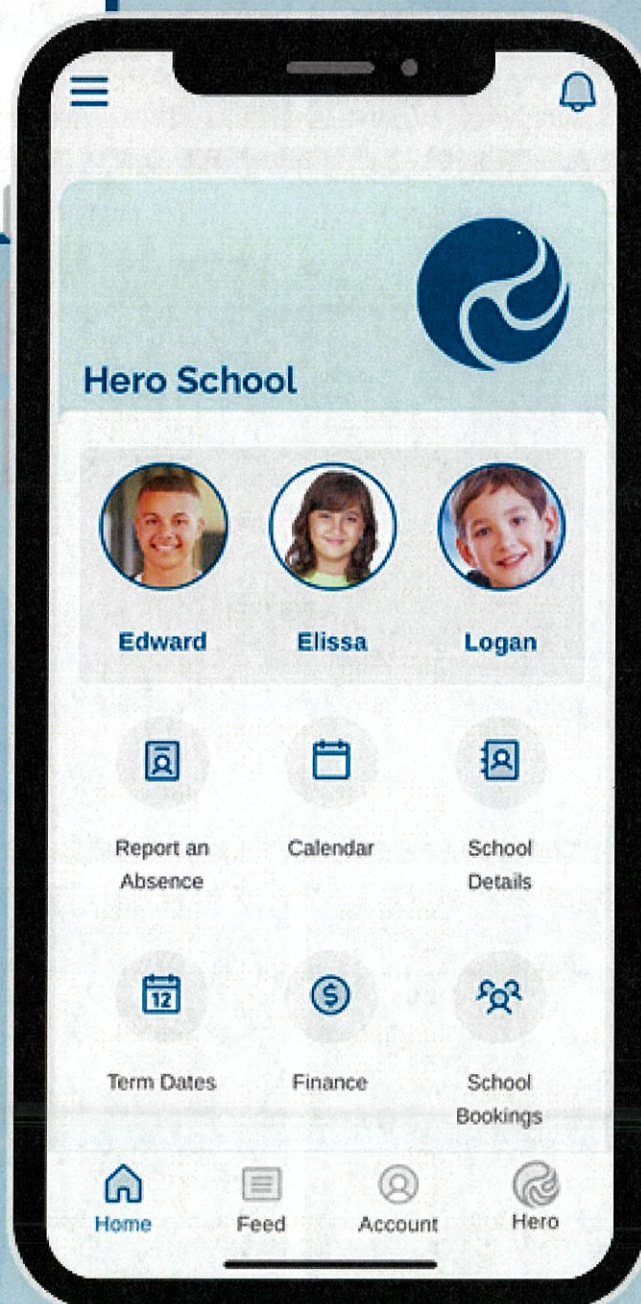
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following these steps.

## 1 DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP

Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'

## 2 ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Select "Next"

## 3 SELECT "NEW USER"

Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password.

## 4 SELECT "SUBMIT"

Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.

## 5 CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You should receive an email within five minutes.

## 6 FOLLOW THE LINK

This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.

If you encounter problems logging in, please check with your school to make sure they have the correct details for you.





# DATES & EVENTS

**Term 2 - Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June**

**Public Holidays: King's Birthday – Monday 2 June &  
Matariki - Friday 20 June**

**Term 3 - Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September**

**Term 4 - Monday 6 October - Friday 19 December**

**Public holiday: Labour Day – Monday 27 October**

## JUNE

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Mid-Year Reports go home
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Southland Cross Country at Waimumu
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June - BOT Meeting
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Science with Sue for Matai
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Science with Sue for Rata
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Science with Sue for Totara
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Science with Sue for Kowhai AM
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June - KSOM
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Discovery Learning 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- **NB: We will need to change this date. Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> June - HVP School Disco.  
It will be in the last week of the Term.**
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Matariki/Public Holiday
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June - KSOM Performance by our students 10.00 am
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Matariki Breakfast
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Last Day of Term 2



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Tui Base Camp

### Friday Lunch Orders

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



**ksom**  
Kaitiaki School of Music

## In-School Music Lessons

@Hauroko Valley

Spaces Available Now

- Group Vocals
- Group Drums
- Group Guitar
- Group Ukulele

REGISTER NOW



INFO@KSOM.NZ

A collage of four photographs showing students and teachers engaged in music lessons. The photos are framed with pink and white borders. One photo shows a group of students singing into microphones. Another shows a student playing a guitar. A third shows a student playing a ukulele. The fourth shows a teacher and students in a classroom setting.

## School Account

If paying accounts by  
internet banking,  
please do so to

Hauroko Valley Primary School

Westpac:

03 1748 0030028 000

To see your child's account, download the  
Hero App. Register with your email  
address that we have for you in our  
records.





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Bringing back Riverton Whalers Rugby League.

Calling all those who wish to play league in the Union off season. Don't play for a town team when you can play with your mates. Why rugby league?

1. Keeps your fitness up in the off season.
2. Adds more skills to your league and union game.
3. Play with mates longer than just union season.
4. Extend your possibilities for playing in rep teams.

We're getting in early to share the **proposed dates** for this year's **Junior Spring Rugby League Competition**. The competition is scheduled to run across **6 Saturdays**, kicking off **October 25th** and wrapping up on **December 6th**.

Please note the following key details:

- **Start Date:** Saturday, October 25th
- **End Date:** Saturday, December 6th
- **Break:** No games on **Saturday, November 15th** to avoid a clash with the **Pacific Series Rugby League Tournament**.

If you are interested in playing this season please let me know ASAP phone me, so I can enter teams and sort kit etc. Open to year 7 to year 13. Training will be held in Riverton Tues and Thursday 6pm to 7.30pm starting Tuesday 2nd Sept 2025.

Thank you  
Scott Wilson  
Riverton Whalers Rugby league coordinator  
0210338883



**4 - 5 JULY**  
10:30 AM TO 3 PM

## KID'S FUN FEST

AT OTAUTAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Activities**

SPORTS CLINICS	PUZZLE ROOM
BRACELET MAKING	WOODCRAFTS
KI-O-RAHI	FACE PAINTING
FAIRY DOOR MAKING	CARDMAKING
DRESS UP CATWALK	UNDER 5 AREA
SCOUTS ACTIVITIES	E-SPORTS
RURAL WOMAN WOOL CRAFTS	AND MORE!

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL  
OR NATHALIE 027 8004 551  
PARENTS REQUIRED (NO DROP OFFS)



**4 - 5 JULY**  
10:30 AM TO 3 PM

## KID'S FUN FEST



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SPORTS CLINICS  
BRACELET MAKING  
KI-O-RAHI  
FAIRY DOOR MAKING  
DRESS UP CATWALK  
SCOUTS ACTIVITIES  
RURAL WOMAN WOOL CRAFTS



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