

eis:

Hauroko
VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Technology Challenge



*our people. our place.
our stories*

Principal Post

31st August-4th September

Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

Thank you to our students and staff for adapting so positively when needed. This week, we have had between 15-20 students and three staff away each day. We have merged classes to provide cover, and we are incredibly proud of how everyone has embraced the change and made it work.

Our Year 4 students joined Discovery and stepped confidently into leadership roles. Our Year 5 & 6 students joined Rata for a Discovery afternoon, enjoying pickleball, visual arts, robotics coding, paper mask-making, and digital technology presentations. It was fantastic to see everyone making the most of the opportunities available.

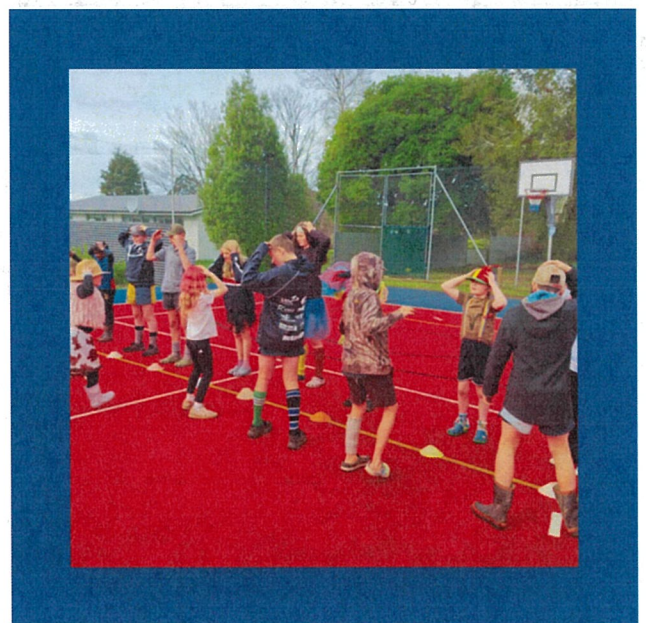
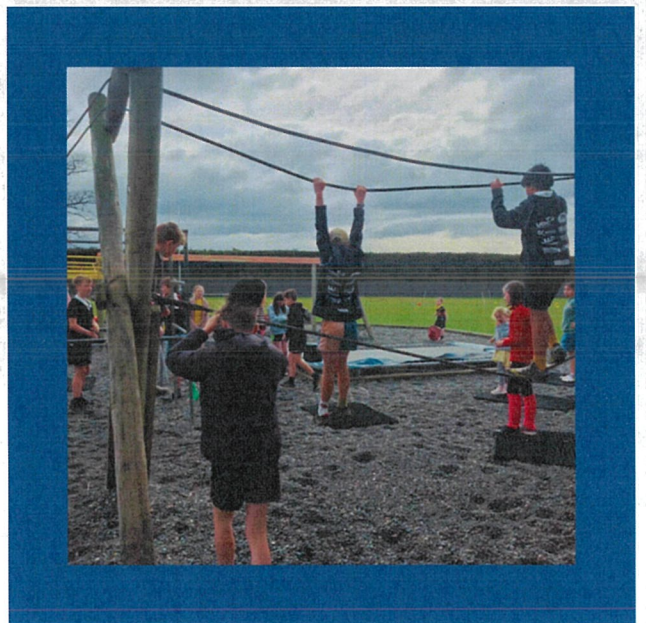
We appreciate that this round of illness has hit many people hard, with recovery taking some time. Thank you for your continued support and for being available when needed to collect your child if they become unwell at school.

With illness affecting our school over the past few weeks, absences have created opportunities for others to step up. It is a credit to the students who have shown strength, confidence, and a willingness to lead when their teams needed them most. I was particularly impressed by Alex Eg, Oscar, Caitlin, and Connor, who confidently represented our school at EIS and stepped seamlessly into teams to support their peers.

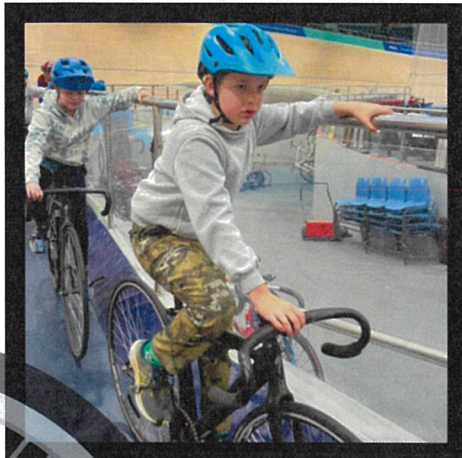
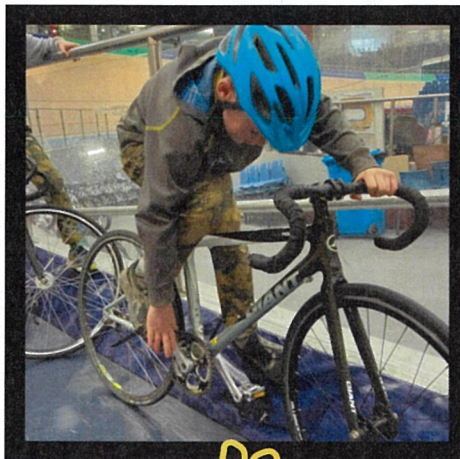
Congratulations to Lauren, Stanley and Angus D, who progressed to the third stage of the Southland Speech competition. Unfortunately, illness meant Lauren was unable to attend on the day. All represented us proudly. Stanley entertained the audience with his speech, "Books - Why You Should Read!" and no doubt left them with a thing or two to think about! Della kindly stepped in for Lauren and placed 3rd, while Angus D placed 2nd. Angus and Della now progress to the Southland Speech Grand Final at the end of September - a wonderful achievement.

Our EIS teams demonstrated problem-solving and teamwork throughout, showcasing our school and children's abilities to persevere and complete challenges. Congratulations to all involved (Year 5&6 - Riley, Aoife, Dara and Della) in Year 7&8 (Grace, Caitlin, Oscar, Cohen, Finley, Connor, Dusty) and to Eve, Alex Eg, Nelly and Lauren, who won the trophy for Year 5&6. Thanks to Matt for taking the lead with this organization and training of our teams.

On behalf of the Hauroko Valley team,
Julia



ALWAYS OUR BEST TONU TO TATOU PAI



Year 7 Have A Go

MIGHTY MĀTAI

Term 3
Week 7



I'm making my mark by...

I have been brave in spelling.
I moved into Stage two in term three.
I thought I couldn't do it. I was nervous.
After I did it, I was happy, proud, and curious
I felt so proud of myself because I did it!

By Goldie

I'm making my mark by...

I have been very brave! I went to the school
ski trip on the 14th of August, this year.
When I was going up the mountain, I was really
scared but Aydee said 'it's not as scary as it
sounds!' Mum said 'I looked like a pro!
Afterwards, I didn't want it to end! After, I
felt so confident and proud!

By Lucy

I'm making my mark by...

I have been happy recently.
I was able to keep up with the big boys in
Rugby at school. They passed the ball to me
and I got the try!
I also love playing with Finley and Carter.
almost as much as getting the try.

By Louie

I'm making my mark by...

I have been brave.
In rugby, I helped someone score a try!
I was happy I helped someone else.
I felt so happy and proud of myself after I did
it. This is how I made my mark.

By Tanner

I'm making my mark by...

I have been brave!
I went on the big monkey bars.
I was feeling nervous. I thought I would fall
off and hurt myself.
I felt so happy after I got to the end of
the big bars!

By Dex

I'm making my mark by...

I have been very brave.
I sang in the KSOM Concert!
I was so scared before I stand in front of
a lot of people!
I felt very proud of myself after it was
over. It was so much fun and I want to do
it again soon.

By Grace

I'm making my mark by...

I have been proud of myself in spelling.
I was feeling nervous about my spelling test.
Especially, about getting words wrong.
I tried my best and found that a lot of it was
really easy. There were still some words that
were really tricky and I don't know them yet.
I am so proud of the effort and progress I have
made.

By Ada

I'm making my mark by...

I trying to make my mark in games.
I like to play soccer, touch, and
video games.
It can be sore sometimes... I got
hit in the head by a ball and
squashed by a big kid. It was an
accident though. I really like playing
games.

By John

I'm making my mark by...

I have been brave! I helped my friend when
she felt sad. She was sitting over by the
netball hoop. I came over to her and she told
me what happened. I cheered her up by
playing with her and shooting hoops. I felt
nervous before I did it. I felt so proud after
I did. I made my mark by being brave and kind.

By Hannah

I'm making my mark by...

I have been excited and proud of
myself recently.
I have worked really hard to get into
the next spelling stage. I learnt lots of
new words and remembered old ones
too. I felt so happy when I passed!
I am making my mark at HVP!

By Zara

I'm making my mark by...

I have been brave recently.
I have been playing soccer and
making friends.
My favourite part is scoring
goals.

By Isaiah

I'm making my mark by...

I have been brave.
I learnt to ride my bike at 6
years-old. I felt scared. I felt
brave after I did it!

By Chanuk

Making our marks

In Mātai, we have been learning that making your mark can
start with a small dot.

We have been looking at who we are, what are our strengths,
and what are the small marks we are making that will turn
into big dots.

But it isn't just us. It is the same for everyone.

Everyone has a strength or a small mark that will turn into a
big dot.

We have been asked to share the marks we have been making,
and the marks we have seen others making.

Please enjoy our work!

Mrs Bell has been making her mark.

Mrs Bell has been responsible and kind. She has been responsible by teaching kids how to read and write.

By Laci

Dara is making his mark.

Dara has been responsible. He has been responsible on the bus. He sits down on the bus and follows the rules. Dara is making his mark at HVP.

By Louie

Cohen is making his mark.

Cohen has been kind. Cohen has been kind by sharing a ball during rugby with me, and lots of others. He helped make teams.

By Tanner

Brenna is making her mark.

Brenna has been caring. She has been letting me play with her. She lets me go second on the bus. Brenna is making her mark at Huroko Valley Primary School.

By Grace

Mrs Erskine is making her mark.

Mrs Erskine has been responsible and respectful. Amazingly, Mrs Erskine has been picking up rubbish at morning tea and lunchtimes. Mrs Erskine is making her mark at Huroko Valley Primary.

By Lachy

Frank N is making his mark.

Frank has been nice and caring. Frank has been nice to me when I got hurt playing rugby. When I got hurt, he took me to the sickbay to get looked after. Frank is making his mark at Huroko Valley Primary.

By Beau

Dusty is making his mark.

Dusty has been kind and considerate. He has been sharing the basketballs at lunchtime. Dusty is making his mark at HVP.

By Louie

Mrs Reid is making her mark.

Mrs Reid has been supportive when people get hurt. She is very caring all of the time. She is making her mark at Huroko Valley Primary.

By Goldie

John is making his mark.

John has been kind, caring, and respectful. John has been caring by helping me to read. John is making his mark at HVP.

By Isaiah

Ruby has been making her mark.

Ruby has been creative. She is very good at art. She is also great at Rugby. Ruby is making her mark at HVP.

By Chanuk

Monty is making his mark.

Monty has been caring. Monty lets me play with him. He is fun to play with. He is my friend.

By Isaiah

Flynn is making his mark.

Flynn has been kind. Flynn has been playing with me, and he played basketball with me.

By Louie

Chaviru is making his mark.

Chaviru has been working hard in spelling. He has been learning to read and write lots of words. Chaviru is making his mark at HVP.

By Ada

Alex is making his mark.

Alex has been kind and respectful in the soccer field. He has been passing the ball to lots of people. Alex is making his mark!

By Tanner

Mrs Harris has been making her mark.

Mrs Harris has been kind. She has been a kind teacher and she helped me with my writing.

By Chanuk

HVP is making a

Mark

Bear has been making his mark.

Bear has been brave. Bear has been brave in rugby. Bear helps other kids to score tries. Bear is making his mark at HVP.

By Lachy

Fletcher is making his mark.

Fletcher has been kind. He has been kind by sharing the trampoline at lunchtimes. Fletcher is making his mark at HVP.

By Chanuk

Memphis is making his mark.

Memphis has been kind and caring. He has been kind and caring by sharing a ball with other people. Memphis has also helped people with which team to go on during rugby. Memphis is making his mark at HVP.

By Tanner

Jack M is making his mark.

Jack M has been responsible. He has been responsible with P.E. gear. He shared the basketball and he passed it to me. Then he put it away.

By Louie

Conner is making his mark.

Conner has been responsible as a sports leader. He picks up sports gear and puts it in the P.E. shed. Conner is making his mark at Huroko Valley Primary.

By Goldie

Dill is making his mark.

Dill has been kind, respectful, and caring on the soccer field and rugby field. Dill is making his mark at HVP.

By Ada

Mrs Waikato is making her mark.

Mrs Waikato has been responsible and respectful. She has been looking after all the teachers and the kids at school. Mrs Waikato is making her mark at Huroko Valley Primary.

By Hannah

Eve is making her mark.

Eve has been creative and kind. She has been very kind to me and others in the school. She is always looking out for others.

By Grace

Caillin is making her mark.

Caillin has been respectful and caring. She has been respectful because when I talk to her, she always responds. And when I hit my head, she checked if I'm ok!

By Lucy

Dale is making her mark.

Dale has been responsible and kind. Dale has been responsible and kind for doing Maths cards and she has been doing spelling. It is fun to learn with her. Dale is making her mark at Huroko Valley Primary.

By Lachy

Lucas is making his mark.

Lucas has been responsible. He has been picking up rubbish around the school to help us to keep the school clean. Lucas is making his mark.

By Louie

Nethuki has been making her mark.

Nethuki has been brave. She has been playing rugby. She was nervous about playing rugby because she had never played. She was so brave and her team is amazing.

By Chanuk

Charlie is making his mark.

Charlie has been kind. He has been kind and brave on the soccer field. He has been keeping up with the big kids. Charlie is making his mark at HVP.

Oakley is making his mark.

Oakley has been determined. When he does spelling, he always works hard. Oakley is making his mark.

By Lucy

Mr Pierson is making his mark.

Mr Pierson has been respectful. He's been a good teacher. He sometimes makes us baking. Mr Pierson is making his mark.

By John

Thiven is making his mark.

Thiven has been kind, caring, and creative. During Discovery Time, he has been joining in on lots of things. Thiven is making his mark at Huroko Valley.

By Zara

Neilina has been making her mark.

Neilina has been brave. She has been brave during her speech. She was very good even though she was nervous. She also came third. Neilina is making her mark at HVP.

By Lachy

Hazel is making her mark.

Hazel has been kind, caring, and responsible. When she is playing netball and the bell goes, she always puts the netball away. Hazel has also been kind when someone gets hurt, because she is always the first person to ask "are you ok?".

By Lucy

Mrs Dobson is making her mark.

Mrs Dobson has been kind and considerate. She has been kind to other people. She also checks in with people to make sure they are ok. Mrs Dobson is making her mark at HVP.

By Louie

Annie is making her mark.

Annie has been brave. She has been brave when she had surgery. Annie kept joining in with PALS games and other games. Annie is making her mark.

By Beau

Grace H is making her mark.

Grace has been brave and responsible. She has been leading PALS for Kōwhiri and Mātai. She has been amazing! We really like her games. Grace has been making her mark at Huroko Valley Primary.

By Goldie

Jake is making his mark.

Jake has been creative. Jake has been creative during the ERPO8 Technology challenge. He represented the school, too. Jake is making his mark at HVP.

By Lucy

Ilyssa is making her mark.

Ilyssa has been brave. She has been brave during rugby. She has been brave when she tackles bigger people than her. She is making her mark at HVP.

By Goldie

Teacher Regina is making her mark.

Teacher Regina has been kind. She has been kind by checking on people when they are hurt. Teacher Regina is making her mark at HVP.

By Dex

Maeve is making her mark.

Maeve has been brave and hard working. Maeve has been brave and hard working in Poetry. She got first place in Year 2. Maeve is making her mark at HVP.

By Goldie

Riley is making her mark.

Riley has been creative and showing good teamwork. Riley has been creative during practice for EIS Technology Challenge. She is going to represent our school too! Riley is making her mark at HVP.

By Beau

Marie Murphy

Technology Challenge

Year 5&6 Competition

The Marie Murphy Technology Challenge puts students head-to-head in a competition involving STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths). This year, the challenge was held at Waianiwa School. Two teams were sent to represent HVP for Years 5&6. We had Alex, Neilina, Eve, and Lauren. We also had Dara, Della, Aoife, and Riley from Tōtara classroom.

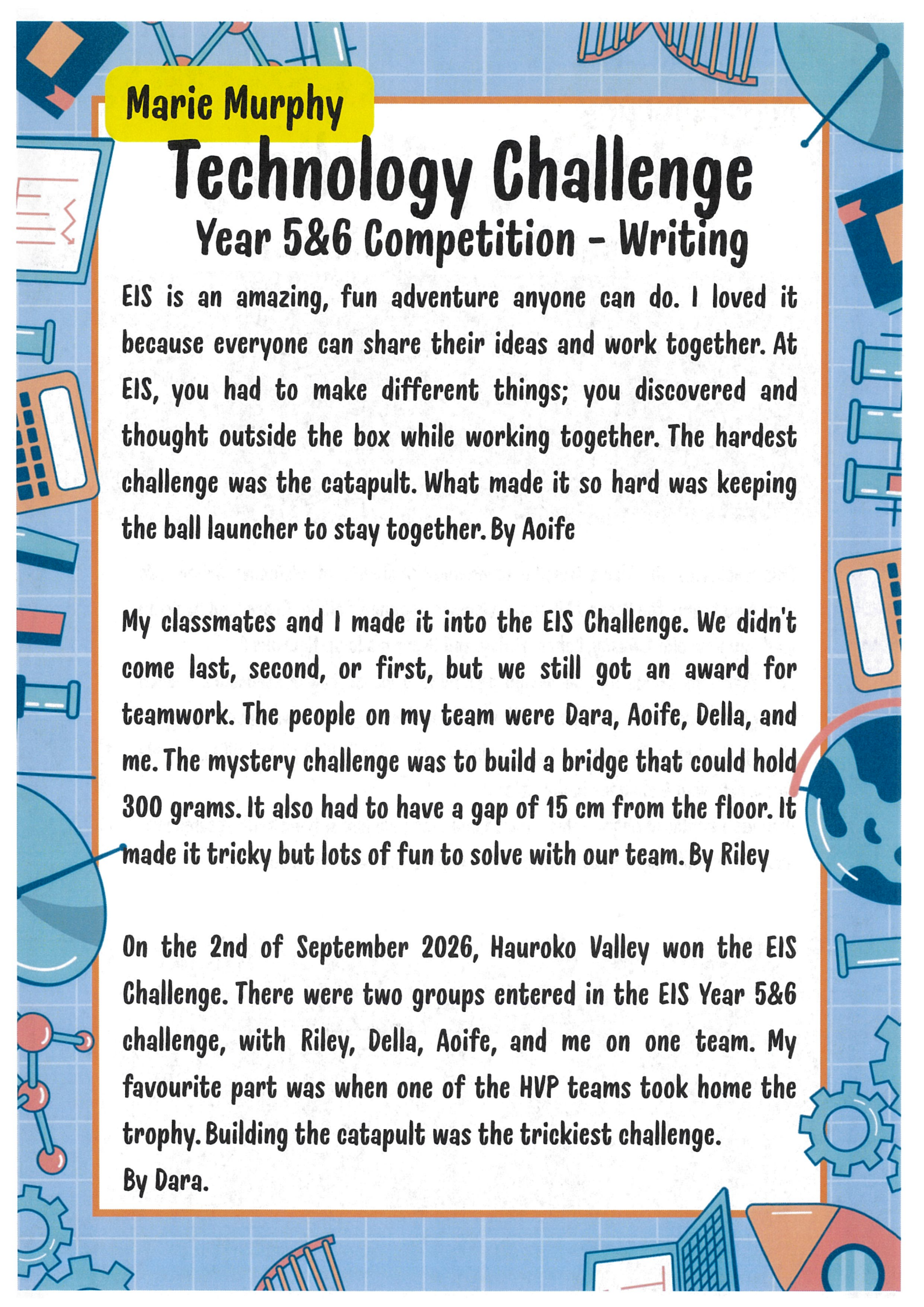
Our 5&6 students had to construct a launcher to fire a ping pong ball using paper, rubber bands, and popsicle sticks. Unfortunately, no Hauroko balls took flight on the day - but we made up the points by showing the best teamwork.

The Year 5&6 mystery challenge involved constructing a bridge with a clearance height of 15cm. Both teams showed brilliant problem solving skills, teamwork, and our school values in action. Ka pai te mahi to our amazing students. Well done on taking the trophy this year Year 5&6!



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Marie Murphy

Technology Challenge

Year 5&6 Competition - Writing

EIS is an amazing, fun adventure anyone can do. I loved it because everyone can share their ideas and work together. At EIS, you had to make different things; you discovered and thought outside the box while working together. The hardest challenge was the catapult. What made it so hard was keeping the ball launcher to stay together. By Aoife

My classmates and I made it into the EIS Challenge. We didn't come last, second, or first, but we still got an award for teamwork. The people on my team were Dara, Aoife, Della, and me. The mystery challenge was to build a bridge that could hold 300 grams. It also had to have a gap of 15 cm from the floor. It made it tricky but lots of fun to solve with our team. By Riley

On the 2nd of September 2026, Hauroko Valley won the EIS Challenge. There were two groups entered in the EIS Year 5&6 challenge, with Riley, Della, Aoife, and me on one team. My favourite part was when one of the HVP teams took home the trophy. Building the catapult was the trickiest challenge.

By Dara.

Marie Murphy

Technology Challenge

Year 7&8 Competition



This week was the Marie Murphy Technology Challenge at Waianiwa School. We sent two teams for Years 7&8 to participate. Connor, Caitlin, Grace, and Jackson made up Hauroko 1. Dusty, Cohen, Finley, and Oscar made up Hauroko 2.

The Year 7&8 teams had to design and build a water tower structure - with enough strength to hold up a 1.5l water bottle - using newspaper, tape, and string. Challenge 2 was a mystery challenge. The Year 7&8's had to build a marble run track with 4 changes in direction.

Although unplaced both teams showed brilliant problem solving skills, teamwork, and our school values in action. Ka pai te mahi to our amazing students.



TERM DATES

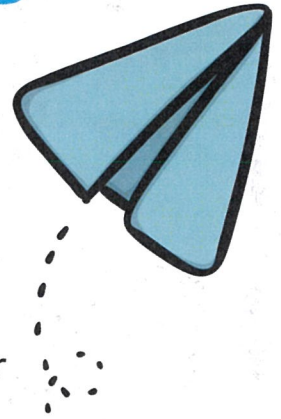
Term 3

Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Term 4

Monday 12th October - Wednesday 16th December

Public Holiday - Labour Day - Monday 26th October



DIARY DATES

Week 8

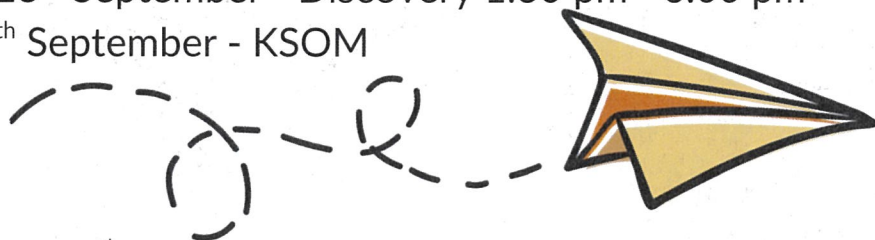
- Monday 7th September - Year 7&8 Girls Rugby 4.30 pm - Invercargill
- Wednesday 9th September - Discovery Time 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 10th September - KSOM Concert by Students for Hauroko Valley students and families - starts at 10.30 am

Week 9

- Wednesday 16th September - Crazy Hair Day (wear uniform)
- Wednesday 16th September - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 17th September - KSOM
- Friday 18th September - Bennett Farm Visit - Years 0-6

Week 10

- Wednesday 23rd September - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 24th September - KSOM



Term 4

- Tuesday 20th & 21st October for Year 8s EOTC to Dunedin.
- Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November Hump Ridge Track Year 7&8
- Friday 20th November - Year 8 Leavers Dinner.
- Teachers Only Days x2 - Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th November
- Bannockburn Camp Year 5&6 Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th, and Friday 27th November.
- HVP Production & Prize Giving - Wednesday 16th December at Tuatapere RSA

WACKY HAIR DAY

WEAR UNIFORM



Date: 16 of September



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;

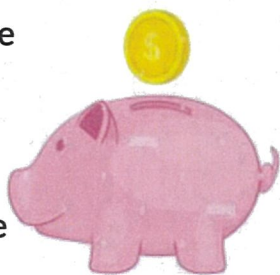
1. Use our school student management system via the HERO Linc-Ed App.
2. Ring and speak with Karen, or leave a message on the school phone at 032266753.
3. Email Karen at office@haurokovalley.school.nz - she will enter the absence, and this advises classroom teachers.
4. Text Karen 0277777520.

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



SCHOOL NOTICES



CONCERT

Hauroko Valley Primary

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 10 | 10:30 AM

COME AND CELEBRATE
YOUR CHILD'S HARD WORK
AND MUSICAL PROGRESS!