



TERM 3, WEEK 6, 2023

Newsletter Issue 24

WEEKLY UPDATES

Week: 21st-25th Aug 2023

Nau mai hoki mai e te whānau, kamusta, ni hao. 你好。

This week we have spent time each day rehearsing for our performance at Miharo Polyfest 2023. The event is more than a one-off performance, because of the significant teaching and learning involved that contributes to our final stage presentation.

The links through to Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Physical Education (Movement), Aotearoa Histories and The Arts are all involved in the teaching and learning. Staff and students learn the lyrics and the English translation to understand each waiata/song. There is time spent listening to waiata, and singing waiata and this is before learning the actions for some of our songs. Pronunciation is part of the learning, as we want to be accurate in this too.

Our school song and school haka have been gifted to us by talented facilitators in past years, and it is important for all to learn these, as part of Hauroko Valley Primary School learners identity. Our School Song talks of our pepeha or who we are and where we are from. The identification of our local maunga/mountains, awa/river and moana/sea is known by all of our learners.

Thank you to Whaea Cilla for supporting us on our journey to polyfest, we are proud of our mahi thanks to your guidance. Thank you, Sally, who has been our in-school expert supporting us to continue to grow in our learning. To each of our kaiako/teachers we thank you for learning with us and helping us prepare for polyfest.

To end the Term we are looking forward to a quieter pace in classes with poetry, speeches, science fair, netball festival, and polyfest behind us. Although that said we will still be busy with our Literacy, Numeracy, Health & Physical Education, The Arts, and Inquiry Learning.

Thanks for your support during this busy time. We know you are all incredibly busy too, given the time of year. The strength of a school is certainly the people and the support given as part of our kuras whanau. We know this makes a difference in the opportunities we can provide for our children.

Enjoy our performance today, we are proud of our Hauroko Valley Primary learners.
"Always our best/tonu to tatou pai".

Nga mihi,
Julia on behalf of the HVP Staff



MIHARO POLYFEST

Hauroko @ Polyfest

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Hauroko Valley Primary School has been preparing throughout Term 3, for the Miharo Polyfest at ILT Stadium Southland on Friday 25th August.

This year we have 88 students representing our school on stage singing a repertoire of waiata including Rona (poi) and our school song and haka.

HVP has been guided by the talented Whaea Cilla. Here is our package;

- Hauroko School Waiata
- E Toru Nga Ika
- Toia Mai
- Ka Pioioi e
- Tau Ana
- Rona
- HVP School Haka

HE AHA TE MEA NUI O TE AO? HE
TANGATA, HE TANGATA HE TANGATA.



**KO TAKITIMU TE MAUNGA
KO WAI AU TE AWA
KO TE WAE WAE TE MOANA
KO HAUROKO TE ROTO
NO CLIFDEN AHAU
KO HAUROKO VALLEY TOKU KURA**



Our students are eager to be selected for leadership roles and we have several that have taken this up for our 2023 performance at Murihiku Polyfest. We are incredibly proud of their learning of te reo Maori in order to call or sing, showing leadership in leading our waiata.

Sierra is our kaea and wears a korowai/cloak from Whaea Cilla, to identify her lead role. She is supported by Katie who adorns our school korowai. Cormac is calling the haka with Tomas in support. Riley is leading "E Toru Nga Ika". Boe leads "Ka Pioioi e" while Jonty & Jack are leading "Toia Mai". Jake has stepped up to call our technical merge. HVP in unity, in strength!

Our uniforms have been upgraded over the years. We are grateful to a team of supporters that have assisted in sewing these for our tamariki. This year we thank Dale for completing additional skirts for our boys and dresses for girls, while also completing different-sized headbands. This year the boys are wearing a plain black T-shirt as this ties our braid colours together. We are looking forward to students designing a print for our t-shirts for future performances.

There really is a whanau feel in the preparation for Polyfest. Kapahaka reinforces a sense of belonging. It focuses on health and wellbeing through movement. The values of whanaungatanga, (the importance of people being connected), and manakitunga (showing respect and care for others) are values instilled throughout. Thanks to Sally for guiding our students and staff in te reo Maori language, tikanga and culture throughout our polyfest learning.



WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT
THING? IT IS PEOPLE, IT IS PEOPLE
IT IS PEOPLE.





Name: George Greer

Year: 8

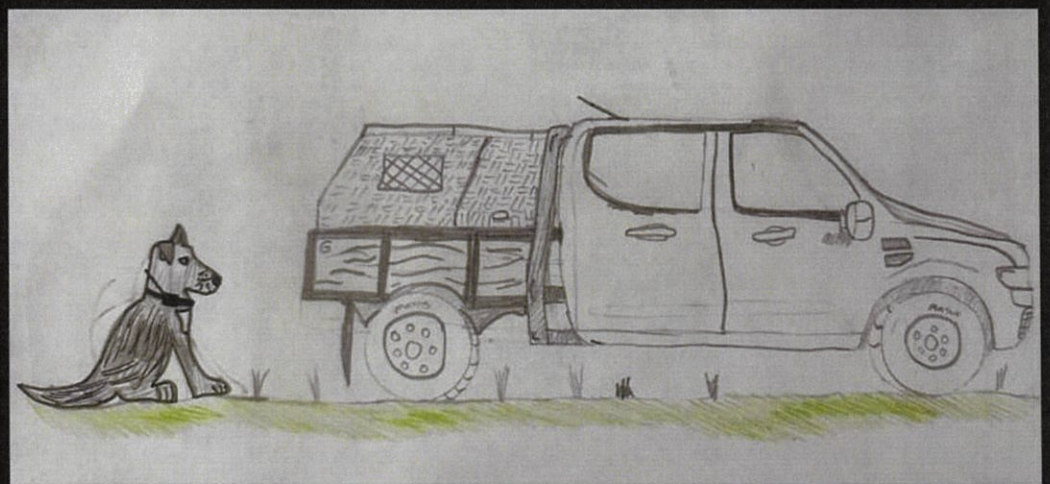
School: Rata Class Hauoko Valley Primary

Teacher: Alice Harris

Hunting Poaka

Strolling through the flora, a gun in one hand and the other one pushing away pine tree branches. The pine needle covers the ground as the poaka rooting, edge closer to the tall grassy paddocks behind us. The pig dog runs up and down the gully surrounding the river below, heading downstream. We trample down ferns and bush making it to the rocky shore.

We soon find the poaka have moved on, down river from days old tracks and rootings. We walk along the river bed looking for a way up, everywhere is thick bush heading up the steep slope of a hill. Gripping hard, I tried to climb the impossible slope. The bush was low to the ground and thick, impossible to climb over but we were able to army crawl under the scrub. Seconds later, the pig dog bolted through and up the gully's steep muddy wall. The small dog suddenly started barking at a possum in the distance on top of a Punga tree.

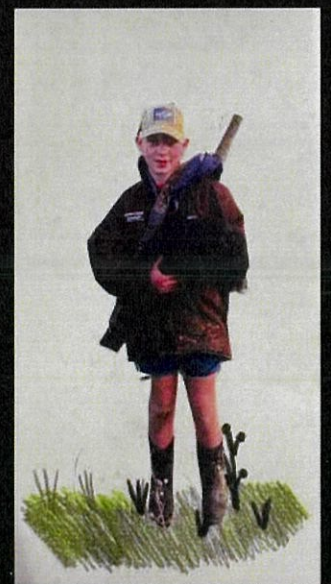


We reach the fence line stopping us from closing into the grass paddock where the flat deck Ford Ranger is parked. I open the crate door letting the small black pig dog in. We stroll up to the farm worker and he says, "We need to head out back, the poakas are getting closer to the good crop paddocks."

Dad and I arrive at the paddock that's in front of the big and ominous 'Diggers hill'- home to the mighty pigs. We walk around the edge of the bright yellow gorse, staying hidden. I gleam over Diggers hill with a pair of binoculars trying to locate the hairy pests hiding in the scrub.



We arrive at the boundary fence. I hear a grunting noise as we rush along the bush trying to get a glimpse or a shot at them. Four wee boars sit in the dead grass rooting it up for worms. I quietly drop a couple of the large, shiny, golden tipped bullets into the gun. I zoom in the gun, I pull back the trigger BANG! One drops to the ground as the others flee the crime scene.



HAUROKO HAPPENINGS

TERM 3 DATES

AUGUST

- Speech Area Finals in Dipton - 31st August 6.30pm

SEPTEMBER

- ICAS Mathematics - Sitting dates 28th August-1st September
- Southland Speech Grand Final at St John's- 14th September 6.30pm
- SMAC Maths Year 8 - Wednesday 20th September - 5.45pm

TERM 4 DATES

OCTOBER

- Saturday 14th October - Election Day, Hauroko Valley Primary
- Monday 16th October - BOT Meeting 7.00pm
- Friday 20th October - HVP Pet Day
- Monday 23rd October - Labour Day
- Tuesday 24th October - Western Southland Golf Tournament
- Tuesday 31st October - Kowhai at WAS for REAP Movement

NOVEMBER

- Friday 10th November - Southland Science Roadshow Year 4&5
- Friday 17th November - Jonty Carran Tackle 10's Tournament at Otautau
- Monday 20th November - Teachers Only Day
- Friday 24th November - Year 8 BIG Day Out
- Monday 27th November - Year 4-6 Mitre 10 Tough Kids

DECEMBER

- Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th December - Year 5&6 Borland Lodge Camp

SCHOOL NOTICES

Friday Lunch Orders

Sausage & Chips \$5
Fish Bites & Chips \$5
Chips \$3
Chicken Nuggets & Chips \$5
Ham & Salad Sandwich \$5
Bacon & Egg Sandwich \$5
Muffin \$4
Cheese Roll \$2.50
Dagwood (ham or roast beef) \$6
Sausage Roll \$5
Mince, Chicken, Venison Pie \$6



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If paying accounts by internet banking, please do so to
Hauroko Valley Primary School
Westpac:
03 1748 0030028 000



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Each year Touch Southland run a series of Sub-union development tournaments
Last year there were a number of Western Southland teams
We are looking for Year 5&6 and Year 7&8 players
The teams are organised by Touch Southland
Please take a look at this link for all the information
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/252413>

Humans in the Catlins

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



Community Gallery, Owaka Museum

2–29th September 2023

Official opening 2pm Sat 2 Sep. All welcome.

Open 8:30–5pm each day. Free admission.



Forest & Bird

TE HEO O TE TAIAO

Presented by South Otago Forest & Bird

