

Term 2, Week 5, 2026
our people. our place. our stories





Principal Post

18th May - 22nd May

Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

All SMART Assessments for our Year 3–8 students in reading, writing, and mathematics have now been completed. Students in these year levels either completed paper-based or online assessments. This year marks our first trial of this new assessment tool, with a second assessment window scheduled for Term 4. As both the refreshed curriculum and the assessment tools continue to evolve, our understanding of how best to use them to support our learners and meet our school's needs will grow alongside them.

What amazing weather, location, food, and achievements were on display at the Tuatapere Domain for our Interschool Cross Country! Congratulations to all students who participated with pride. Below are the results for our 5–9-year-olds who placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Congratulations also to the following students who have qualified to represent Hauroko Valley at the Western Southland Cross Country next week in Otautau:

- 10-year-olds: Memphis, Dara, Ava, and Aoife
- 11-year-olds: Angus BE, Stanley, Jack R, and Lauren
- 12-year-olds: Connor, Hadlee, Jack M, Cohen, Griffin, and Harper
- 13-year-olds: Angus D, Finley, Carter, Flynn, Alfred, Lola, and Ruby

This week, our Year 7 and 8 students attended their final Technology session at Waiiau Area School. Each year group has now completed units in Sewing/Soft Materials and Hard Materials/Woodwork. A special thank you to Nicole for leading the sewing programme, supported by Alice. We also thank Waiiau Area School for providing specialist staff for Hard Materials, including Warwick, Andrea, and Heather.

Thank you, Claire and Roger, from the Waiiau Fisheries & Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Trust, for providing a wonderful Education Outside the Classroom opportunity for our Matai Year 2 and 3 students, along with all Year 4 students. Today, they visited the Rakatu Wetlands, where they explored native birds and fish, native plants, and checked out the boardwalk while completing a scavenger hunt.

Good luck to Jackson, Ilyssa, Lola, and Angus D, who are competing in the South Island Cross Country this weekend. This is a huge opportunity and a significant achievement. We look forward to hearing all about it next week.

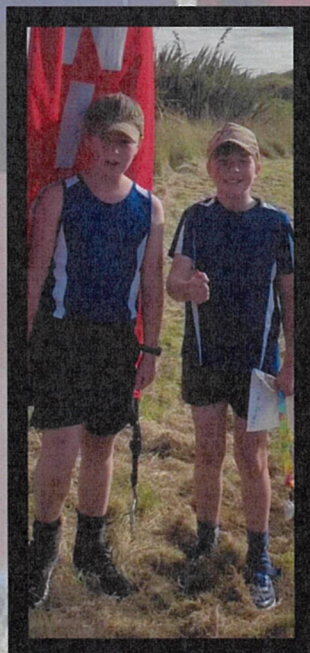
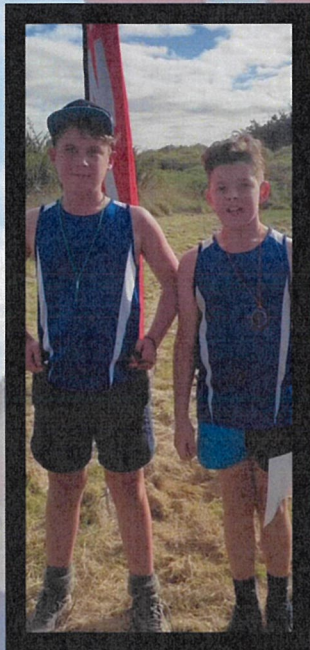
Ngā mihi, Julia,
on behalf of the Hauroko Valley Primary team



ALWAYS OUR BEST



ORIENTEERING



Orienteering

The morning air was cold as Ilyssa, and I stood at the edge of a field, a map folded tightly in our hands while the countdown echoed around the starting area. The moment the timer began, we both sprinted forward, quickly stopping to figure out the best route to the first checkpoint.

Fallen branches cracked under our shoes as we raced through winding trails, laughing whenever one of us nearly chose the wrong path, which on one occasion we did. Deep in the trees, the world felt quiet except for our breathing and the rustling leaves, but somehow Ilyssa and I worked perfectly together, spotting landmarks, correcting mistakes, and encouraging each other whenever the course became difficult.

By the time we reached the final checkpoint, muddy and exhausted, we were both smiling, knowing the adventure had been just as rewarding as the fresh sausage at the end. After our amazing day, we were soon bouncing off the walls of the car to find out we had been placed in second.

By Lola Gow

Orienteering Results

Results are:

2nd - Year 7 and 8 girls novice teams - Lola and Ilyssa

6th - Year 7 and 8 boys Individual Championship- Angus Dobson

3rd - Year 7 and 8 boys novice teams Hadlee and Corbin

7th - Year 7 and 8 boys novice teams Jack R and Stanley

8th - Year 7 and 8 boys novice teams Jack M and Griffin

In the biggest category of the event:

9th - Year 5 & 6 Girls novice teams Della and Lauren

21st - Year 5 & 6 Girls novice teams Eve and Neilina



The orienteering event was located at Pacific Avenue, Sandy Point. We got a device strapped to our finger to beep at all the checkpoints, a map, a compass, and a whistle. When the race started, we beeped the first checkpoint, and then we were off!

When we were looking for number two, it was very confusing! Thankfully, we eventually found it. As we ran, we heard gunshots from the pistol club. It sounded like a war. I (Nelly) wore the device, and Eve wore the compass to help us navigate with the map. Eve had to point the map north to find the path to the next checkpoint.

It was rather tricky at times, but we really enjoyed our adventure. At first, we were very nervous and thought we might get lost, but it turns out we were a great team, and we zoomed around the tracks and didn't get really lost.

We will definitely be back next year!

Nelly and Eve

Our students have been training for cross-country throughout Term 2. We have utilized our school field, turf, and the back paddock to run over a variety of terrain. We have increased endurance by building on our ability to run for sustained periods. Congratulations to each of our runners who completed the course as part of our Interschool Cross Country with Thornbury Primary School and Waiiau Area School. Well done Team HVP!



Cross Country

Cross Country Results

5-year-olds

1st - Charlie, 2nd - Harrison, 3rd - Liam

1st = Maddison 1st = Annie

6-year-olds

2nd - Frank, 3rd - Oakley

7-year-olds

1st - Tanner, 2nd - Dex, 3rd - Louie

9-year-olds

1st - Bear, 3rd - George,

3rd - Abby

Western Southland Qualifiers

10-year-olds

4th - Memphis, 6th - Dara

1st - Ava, 4th - Aoife

11-year-olds

4th - Angus, 5th - Stanley, 6th - Jack R

1st - Lauren

12-year-olds

1st - Connor, 2nd - Hadlee, 3rd - Jack M, 4th - Cohen, 5th - Griffin

6th - Harper

13-year-olds

1st - Angus, 2nd - Finley, 3rd - Carter, 4th - Flynn, 5th - Alfred

1st - Lola, 2nd - Ruby



Happily, Greedy cat got all of the sausages. He got bigger and bigger, he got fat! He went to sleep on the bed. He went to bed for the whole day.

BRAYDEN

Kōwhai have been learning about Adverb sentence starters. Here are some about... Greedy Cat

Hungrily, Greedy cat sneaked into the fridge. He got everything in the fridge. There was ice-cream and lots of sausages.

FRANK

Hungrily, the cat got the sausages.

CHARLIE

Happily, Greedy cat got the sausages but then he was arrested.

ANNIE

Sadly, Greedy cat missed out on the food.

LUCAS

Happily, Greedy cat was honking! He climbed into Katie's truck. HONK! And then... Katie got mad at Greedy cat. Greedy cat got time out but... BOOM! Bang there was music playing in the time out room. Bang! Boom! Greedy cat was playing music, he had a disco party. .

MAEVE



Hungrily,
Greedy cat ate
up the cake.

LIAM

Hungrily, Katie fed
Greedy cat. Greedy
cat was happy.
Greedy cat ate the
whole world!

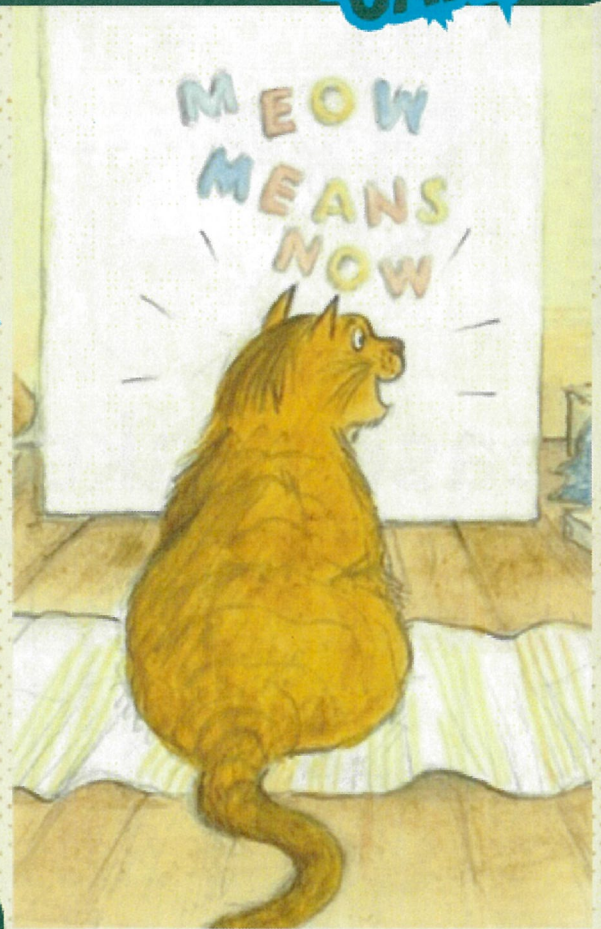
OAKLEY

Sadly, Greedy cat
didn't get to eat
the sausages.

THIVEN

Hungrily, Greedy
cat ate the ice
cream.

CHAVIRU



Angrily, Greedy cat
pushed the button
that made the
rocket ship blast
off!

MONTRY

Madly, Greedy
cat ate a
potato.

MADISON



Internet
Speed & Connectivity



Security
Provided during breaks



Learning
Digital learning activities



Network
Wireless Access



Filtering
User Protection



Citizenship
Education

Please make sure you know...



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 27th May - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Friday 29th May - Western Cross Country at Otautau
- **Monday 1st June - King's Birthday/Public Holiday/No School**
- Wednesday 3rd June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- 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
FUNDRAISING**

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;

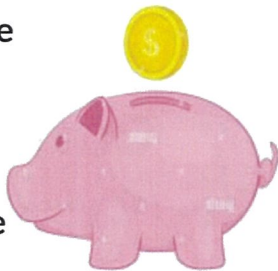
1. Use our school student management system via the HERO Linc-Ed App.
2. Ring and speak with Karen, or leave a message on the school phone at 032266753.
3. Email Karen at office@haurokovalley.school.nz - she will enter the absence, and this advises classroom teachers.
4. Text Karen 0277777520.

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

SOUTHLAND SAFE ZONE Magazine

ka tango i tetahi kainga ki te whakatipu tamaiti



Dear Parents, whanau & caregivers

We're excited to share our FREE online SAFETY magazine with you.

The publication is aimed at primary aged tamariki and their parents.

We thank Safekids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for the editorial.

Our shared vision is that every very child in Southland and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic, unintentional injury.

For FREE ACCESS just scan the below QR CODE (This is for mobile devices)



To access magazine on your PC go to
<https://communitysafety.co.nz/magazine.php?m=288>

NIGHT-O



Start any time between
6PM – 7:30PM

SATURDAY
23 MAY
 2026

NIGHT ORIENTEERING

Registration: Pacific Avenue
 Equestrian Centre, Oreti Beach

It's orienteering - but in the dark! Bring along a torch (and a spare!), extra batteries, and a whistle as you navigate under the stars. Courses will be used from the Southland Schools Champs and are all on tracks.

Signposted from Dunns Road. Normal event fees apply.

www.southlandorienteeringclub.co.nz
 Suitable for all ages, beginners always welcome.



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



Active Bodies, Curious Minds

For Preschoolers & Junior Class

Join us for this session designed to spark curiosity and joyful learning through intentional invitations to play tākaro.

Tamariki are encouraged to follow their interests and choose the play space that matches their energy, supporting resilience, self regulation, confidence, and emotional awareness.

Our movement-based area, based on Moving Smart's 'Smart Step's programme, invites children to climb, balance, jump, roll and swing, building strength, co-ordination and the physical and neurological foundations for thriving in learning environments.

A second, calmer space offers open ended, heuristic and loose parts play, where children can explore, experiment, create, and problem solve using sensory rich materials at their own pace.

This gathering also celebrates **whakawhānau** - bringing our community together to connect, support one another, sharing in the wonder of our tamariki's learning.

Western Southland
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DATE:

Wednesday 27th May

TIME:

Preschoolers 10.30am – 12pm

Junior Class 12.30am – 1.30pm

COST:

Free of charge

Venue:

Hauroko Valley Primary School Hall
 956 Clifden Highway
 Clifden

For more details, please contact Southern REAP
 email: maree@reap.co.nz or 027 732 7323



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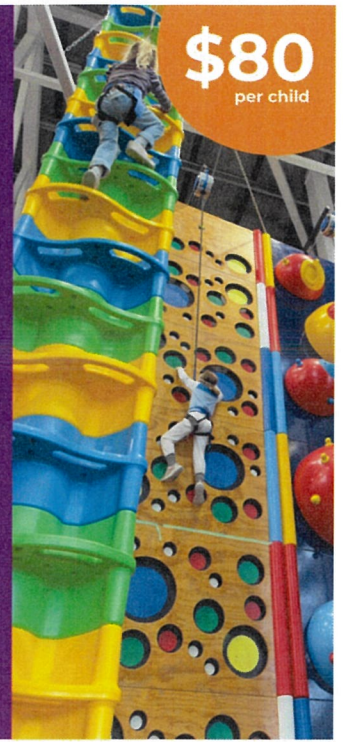
26 MAY

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AGES 7 - 17

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Intermediate | 5:00pm - 6:00pm

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TUATAPERE COMMUNITY THEATRE BRINGS TO YOU

A NIGHT IN FRONT OF THE TELEVISION

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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