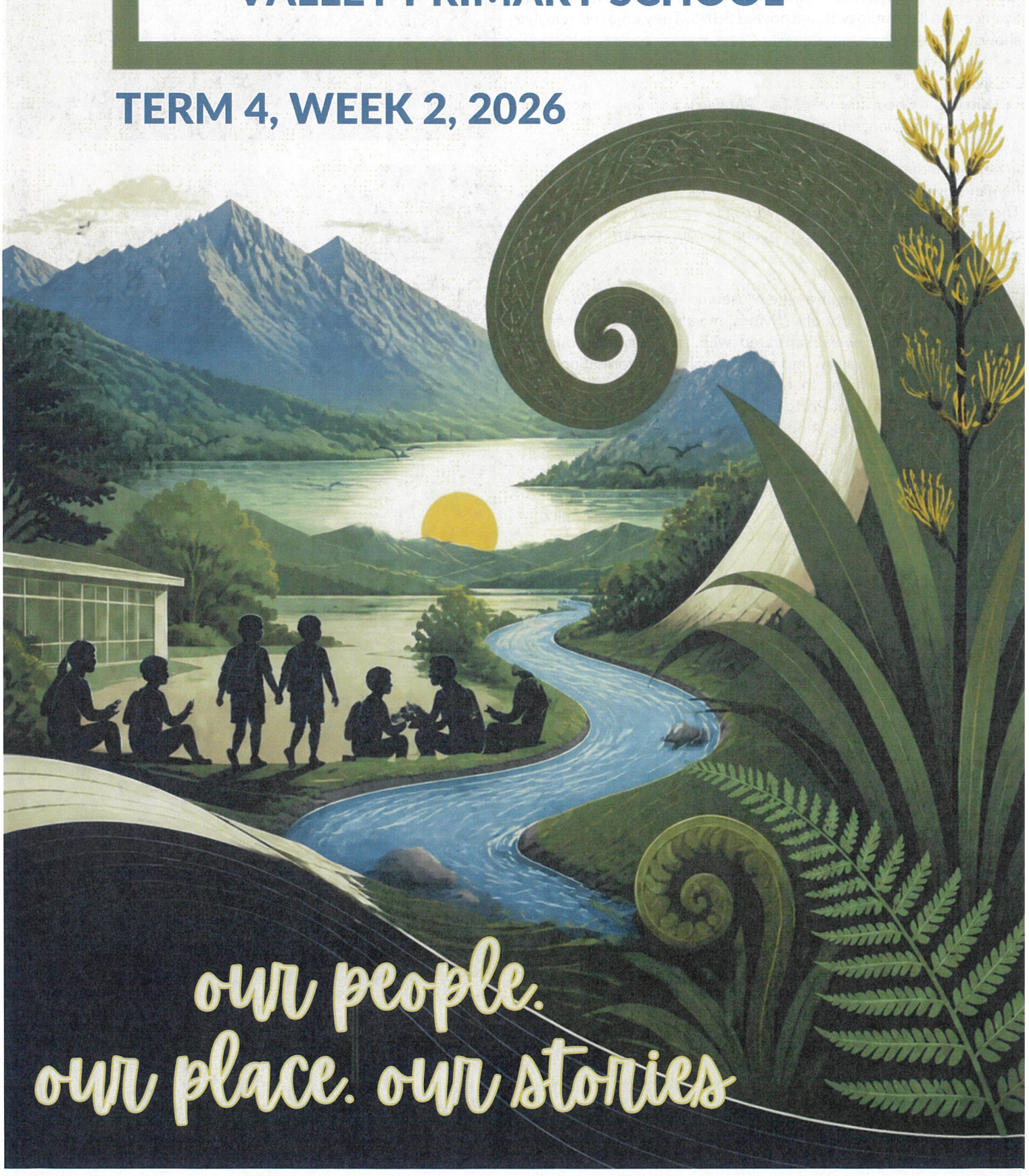
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VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 4, WEEK 2, 2026



Principal Post

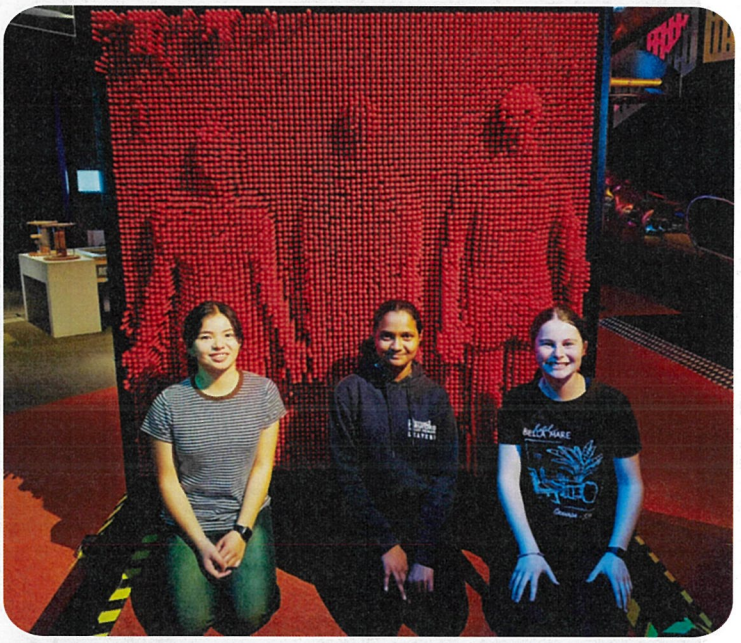
19th-23rd October

Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

Two Year 7 & 8 teams competed in the Western Southland Festival of Golf! Both teams made it through to the Southland Championships! Hauroko Hunters were 2nd - awesome work to Finley, Connor, Lola and Carter! The Hauroko Ricochets were 3rd - super work to Mason, Layla, Isaac and Angus D.

Our Year 4–6 students headed to Invercargill for the National Science and Technology Roadshow at SBHS. They enjoyed two live shows:

- Am I Living? — Kei te Ora Ahau, exploring the characteristics of living things.
- Kitchen Chemistry — Te Pūtaiao ā-Kihini, discovering fascinating science from the pantry!

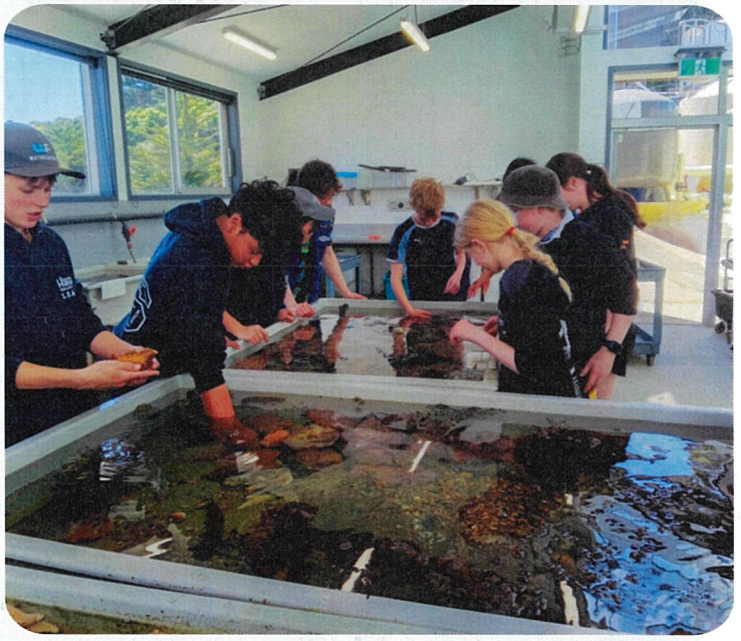


In between, they explored exhibits covering astronomy, fair testing, human performance, movement, sight and illusion, and numbers. They also enjoyed a swim and hydroslide at Splash Palace. Thanks to Matt for organising the trip and to our parent helpers for supporting transport.



The Year 8s spent a Night at the Museum - Tuhura/Otago, where they engaged in a variety of activities, mostly science-focused. In the Planetarium we were saturated with information about our Solar System and it was an impressive wealth of information likely providing more questions than answers. We also headed to NZ Marine Studies Centre at Portobello. Here we dove into the Secret Life of Sharks with education information including a dissection demonstration. In addition the Year 8's explored the touch tanks. They also completed the Tunnel Beach Walk and Baldwin Street so lots of steps! A final stop at Moana Pool to hydroslide and swim on the way home. Thanks to Kylie, Kate P and the Gow family for supporting Sally and I with transport. It was a beaut EOTC!

WOW! Our Year 7 & 8 Golf Fundraiser at Tuatapere Golf Course was our best one yet! We are incredibly grateful for the generosity, enthusiasm and support of our families and wider school community. Your willingness to get behind our students and their fundraising efforts makes such a difference and helps create valuable opportunities for our tamariki. Thank you for your continued support!



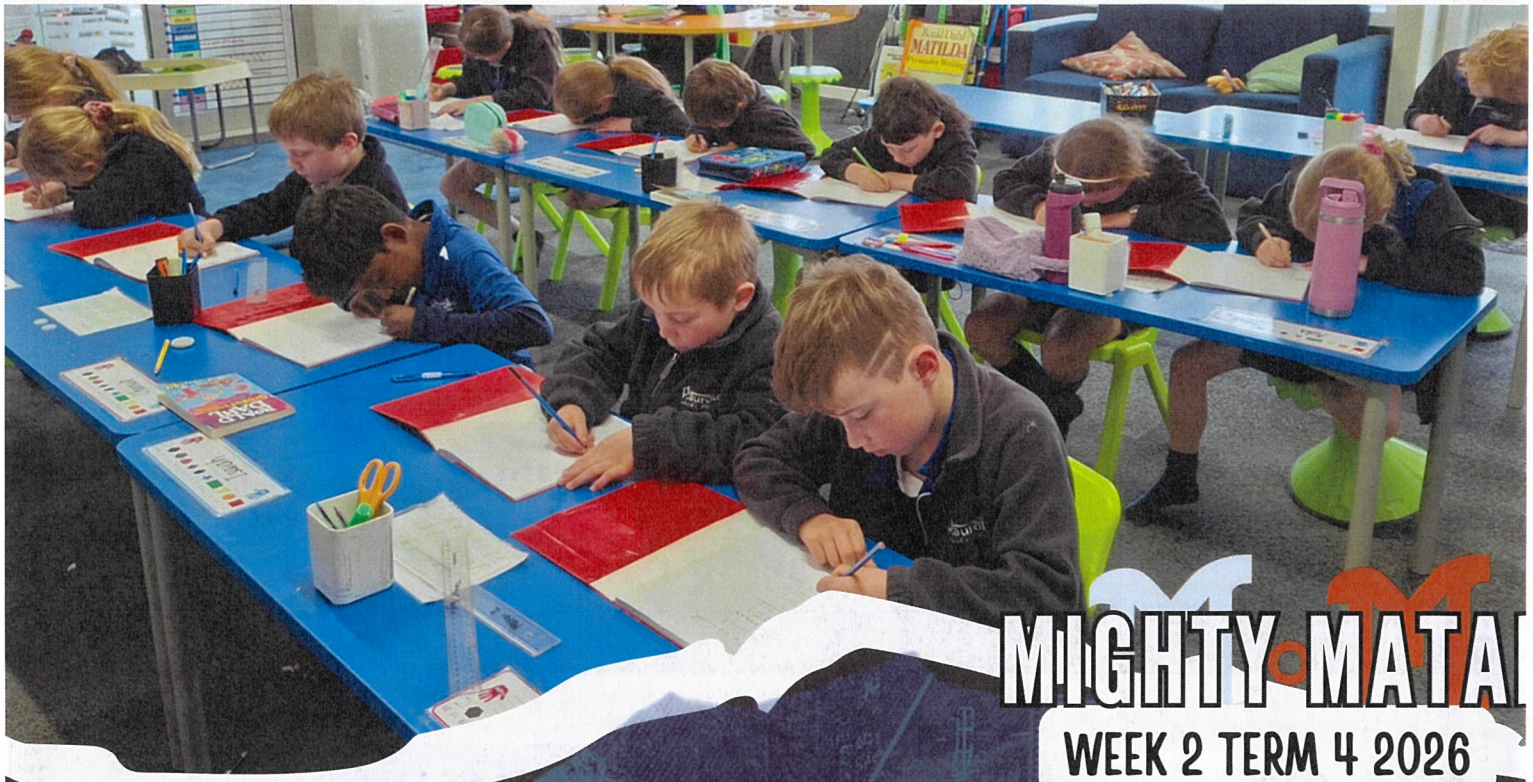
Our annual Pet Day is just around the corner! We can't wait to see our tamariki proudly showing off their pets on Tuesday 27 October. A big thank you for ensuring Pet Diaries were handed in to class teachers before hand. These provide a wonderful opportunity for us to learn about the knowledge our children have of their pets, including their care, condition, and handling. We look forward to celebrating our children's learning, responsibility and love for their animals!

All Rata students have a production script, and will have the weekend to prepare for auditions on Thursday 29th October. They are welcome to bring their character to life through props, costume, voice and certainly facial and voice expression! Alice and I are looking forward to seeing what individuals bring to this!

Enjoy the longer weekend with a Public Holiday/Labour Day on Monday 26th October.

On behalf of the Hauroko Valley team,
Julia

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MIGHTY MATAI

WEEK 2 TERM 4 2026

What's on in MIGHTY Mātai?

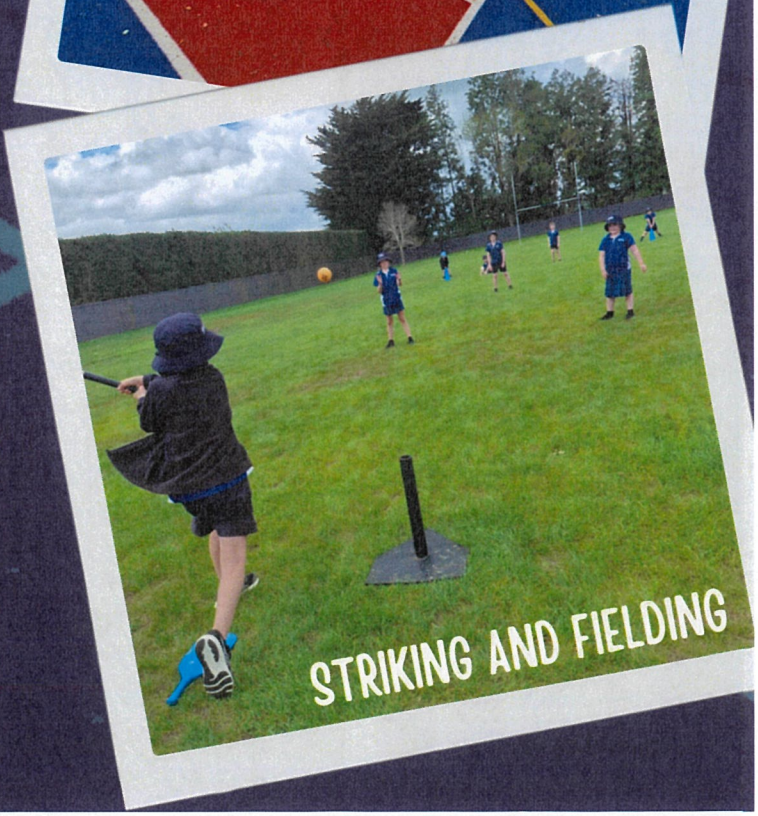
WRITING - HOLIDAY LETTERS

In Mātai, students have been writing about their holiday adventures! They have been writing letters to Mr Pierson, using a correct letter structure, as well as a variety of sentence styles that we have been learning in class. Mātai have worked to include a range of styles, such as the Preposition Starts, W-Starts, and Red, White, & Blue sentence styles in their letters.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Challenge games and Striking & Fielding are our focus this term in Mātai. Students have been learning to strike a ball with a variety of equipment during Ultimate Ball! Teacher Regina has been in Mātai to teach Bucket Ball - where students had to secure survival items safely, over a distance. Focused on hand-eye co-ordiantion.





Visual Arts

MIGHTY MATAI

WEEK 2 TERM 4 2026

VISUAL ART - MEMORY ART

In Mātai, Teacher Regina has been teaching Visual Arts. Students were learning to recreate a precious memory represented by an image. The tamariki chose what memory they were going to draw using oil pastels. Then, they coloured their drawing using paint.















Year 4-6 EOTC
SCIENCE ROADSHOW
2026

Tōtara's Year 4–6 trip to the Science Roadshow was packed with fun and engaging learning. The excitement began with a quick bite to eat and some fun running around at Queen's Park before the group made their way to Southland Boys High School for the main event! Centred on the captivating question "Am I Alive?", the Roadshow introduced students to the seven essential life processes shared by all living organisms—remembered through the clever acronym MRS GREEN (Movement, Respiration, Sensitivity, Growth, Reproduction, Excretion, and Nutrition).

The students eagerly immersed themselves in dozens of brand-new, hands-on interactive exhibits covering a wide range of scientific principles. The session culminated in a dynamic series of live chemistry experiments, where vibrant color changes and reactions challenged the students to observe closely, ask deep questions, and discuss their theories with peers. To top off an already fantastic day out, the Tōtara group headed to Splash Palace, where they cooled off, zipped down the hydro-slides, and splashed around in the wave pool.













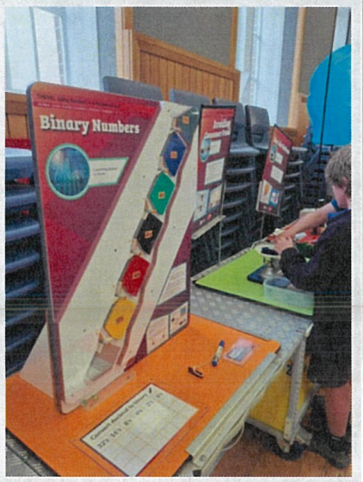












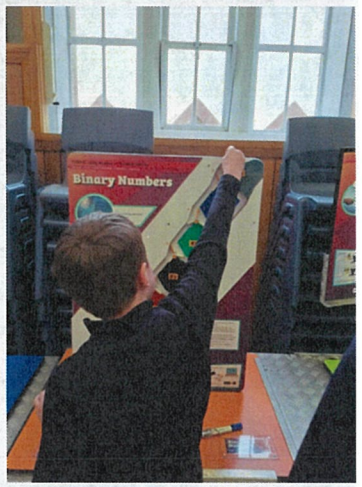












Year 4-6 EOTC

SCIENCE ROADSHOW

2026



LAKE HAUROKO LOOKOUT TRACK





The Lake Hauroko Lookout Track is a 3.9km tramp that takes 3 hours, given its steep, rough terrain. The track climbs from the edge of Lake Hauroko to a lookout. On a clear day, you get stunning views of Lake Hauroko, Foveaux Strait to the south, the Takitimu Mountains to the east, and the Princess and Kaherekoau Mountains to the northwest.



WESTERN SOUTHLAND FESTIVAL OF GOLF

Congratulations to our two golf teams who competed in the Western Southland Festival of Golf at Riverton Golf Course on Monday 19 October. Both teams represented Hauroko Valley Primary School with pride, demonstrating excellent golfing skills, determination and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

The Hauroko Hunters, comprising Lola, Carter, Connor and Finley, played superbly to secure 2nd place, while the Hauroko Ricochets, featuring Angus D, Isaac, Mason and Layla, also delivered an outstanding performance to finish in 3rd place.

An especially exciting result is that both teams have qualified to represent Hauroko Valley Primary School and Western Southland at the Southland Championships, to be held at Drummond Golf Course later in the term.

This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the effort, commitment and talent shown by our golfers. We are incredibly proud and wish them all the very best as they prepare to take on the next challenge.



HAUROKO ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Principal Awards

Kōwhai - Koda for being well organised and ready to meet the bus, and showing responsibility by sitting down sensibly.

Kōwhai - Thiven for noticing when someone needs helping hands and making our school a better place.

Matai - Beau for showing perseverance and determination. You didn't give up until you reached the sandpit toy.

Matai - John for sharing a wealth of information about his pet cat "Gazza" for Pet Day.

Tōtara - Alex Ed for neatly presented Structured Literacy Spelling Concept work.

Tōtara - Fletcher for making us proud as you find your voice and make sure you are understood.

Rata - Layla for superb organization, encouragement and support at the Golf Festival.

Rātā - Lola for encouraging and supporting the golf team, representing Hauroko Valley Primary with pride.

Rātā - Connor for showing initiative and leadership, taking responsibility and supporting the team at the Western Southland Festival of Golf.

Hauroko Valley Students of the Week



Classroom Teachers Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following learners for demonstrating a range of skills, knowledge, and understanding of HVP School Values, NZ Key Capabilities, or Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry, The Arts (Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Art), Technology, Science, Aotearoa Historics, or Health and Physical Education learning. Well done on your progress and achievements!



TERM 4 DATES

Week 3

- Monday 26th October - Labour Day - Public Holiday - No School
- Tuesday 27th October - Hauroko Valley Primary School Pet Day
- Wednesday 28th October - Discovery Time 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 29th October - KSOM
- Friday 30th October - Year 7&8 Walk

Week 4

- Wednesday 4th November - Discovery Time 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 5th November - KSOM
- Thursday 5th November - Technology at Waiau Area School
- Friday 6th November - Mataī Assembly 2.30 pm in MPB

Week 5

- Wednesday 11th November - Discovery Time 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November Hump Ridge Track Year 7&8
- Thursday 12th November - KSOM

Week 6

- Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th/Thursday 19th Massey University in for Healthy Active Learning
- Wednesday 18th November - Discovery Time 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 19th November - KSOM
- Thursday 19th November - Adventure Race Year 7&8
- Friday 20th November - Jonty Carrans Tackle 10's in Otautau - Girls - Year 7&8 - Boys TBC
- Friday 20th November - Rātā Assembly 2.30 pm in Kōwhai/Mataī
- Friday 20th November - Year 8 Leavers Dinner.

Week 7

- Teachers Only Days x2 - Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November - No School
- Bannockburn Camp Year 5&6 Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th, and Friday 27th Nov

Week 8

- Wednesday 2nd December - Discovery Learning 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 3rd December - KSOM
- Thursday 3rd December - Technology Year 7&8
- Friday 4th December - Year 8 BIG Day Out
- Friday 4th December - Tōtara Assembly 2.30 pm in MPB

Week 9

- Tuesday 8th December - Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Wednesday 9th December - Discovery Learning 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Wednesday 9th December - Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Thursday 10th December - KSOM
- Thursday 10th December - Technology

Week 10

- Monday 14th December - Board Meeting 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 15th December - Year 8 Leavers Farewell Assembly 2.00 pm
- Wednesday 16th December - HVP Production & Prize Giving at Tuatapere RSA Hall 6.00 pm
- Wednesday 16th December - Last Day of Term 4. No Discovery.
- Thursday 17th December - Year 8's Wayne Egerton Art (half of the group TBC)
- Friday 18th December - Year 8's Wayne Egerton Art (half of the group TBC)

2027

Term 1: Wednesday, 3 February to Friday, 9 April 2027
Term 2: Tuesday, 27 April to Friday, 2 July 2027
Term 3: Monday, 19 July to Friday, 24 September 2027
Term 4: Monday, 11 October to no later than Friday 17 December 2027

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!

Hero

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

TUI BASE CAMP
TUATAPERE SOUTHLAND

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Active Bodies, Curious Minds

For Preschoolers

Tuatapere

DATE: Thursday 22 October

TIME: Preschoolers
10.30am – 12pm

COST: Free of charge

Venue: The Gym,
Waiau Area School
47 Orawia Road,
Tuatapere

Morning tea will be supplied.

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

Our movement-based area, based on **Moving Smart's 'Smart Steps' 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.

Representatives from **Active Southland** and **Southland Kindergarten Association** will also be there to meet with local whānau, listen to the community, and better understand local early childhood education needs.



For more details please contact Southern REAP:
Email naomi@reap.co.nz or 027 732 7323

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TUATAPERE COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKERS TRUST CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE CELEBRATION!

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Celebrate the joy of the season with great food, wonderful company, and holiday cheer!

DATE: Friday, 25th December 2026
TIME: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: Tui Base Camp Restaurant

Tui Base Camp RESTAURANT

TICKET PRICE:
$20 per person
Includes a festive meal, dessert, and holiday refreshments.

MENU FEATURES:
Traditional Roast Meats & Trimmings
Seasonal Sides, Salads & Desserts

RESERVE YOUR SEAT:
Bookings are essential & limited!

RSVP BY: 20th December 2026
CONTACT: Tina Colyer
PHONE: 027 757 5983
EMAIL: tcworker@xtra.co.nz

We look forward to celebrating with you!

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 whānau.

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: 29 OCT & 19 NOV & 3 DEC at 10am - 12pm
Venue: Tuatapere Playcentre,
23B Orawia Road, Tuatapere
Gold Coin Donation.

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

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GORE 2026



GORE MULTISPORTS COMPLEX
29TH OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER

29th OCT	THURSDAY	12:30PM – 5:40PM
30th OCT	FRIDAY	12:30PM – 5:20PM
31st OCT	SATURDAY	12:10PM – 5:10PM
1st NOV	SUNDAY	10:50AM – 1:35PM

Door entry- $5 per adult
Under 16's FREE

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