



our people



Newsletter - Issue #25

Week: 25th - 29th August

Kia ora e te whaanau, kumusta, ayubowan,

Board - We warmly welcome new members - Rebecca, Pete, and Sally. We have held our first board meeting with the following team on board in these roles; Presiding Member - Tim N, Property - Jamie, Finance - Kaylene, Policies - Rebecca, Home and School - Pete J, Staff - Sally.

Miharo Murihiku Polyfest - Our 2025 performance at Mīharo Murihiku Polyfest was a proud moment. I was proud of our teaching staff for their contributions to each waiata as we rehearsed to learn actions, pronunciation, and timing. It was a pleasure to showcase our guitarists - Fergal, Jack, Boe, and Mason as they accompanied several of our waiata. Well done to the following students who stepped up to lead - Jonty for starting our school song and calling "neke neke", Louie who called te reo throughout transitions of our roopu/group. Della and Lauren were strong kaea in Te Taukaea e te Aroha, while Lola and Tori led as kaea for our poi waiata. Boe was a standout with the guitar and leading our waiata throughout. To conclude our performance, Jack demonstrated power in the haka. Although our school song was pitchy, we managed to get back on track to finish strong! A special mention to Devin from KSOM, who supported our guitarists and enhanced our performance! Check out Team Tōtara, who have shared a few polyfest reflections for our newsletter.

Northern/Western Speeches - Well done to Della, Tori, and Angus, who represented Hauroko Valley at Aparima College. We are proud of your well-rehearsed deliveries, presenting well-written speeches. In the Year 5 & 6 Della was placed 3rd and Angus achieved 1st place, which means he continues to the Southland Speech Grand Final in September.

Carpet - This week, we've had a team from the Logic Group on-site to install carpet throughout our classrooms. Our classes have had to be flexible to accommodate the work being completed during class time. Each class has relocated to the MPB or administration block to enable this installation. You can check out Kōwhai, Mataī, and Tōtara as they have been completed this week. Next week it's Rātā class's turn.

Caretaker - This Term, we have welcomed Denis, who has been supporting Hauroko Valley Primary by carrying out a range of groundskeeping and caretaking jobs. The gardens have been wood chipped to tidy up and keep down weeds, which looks superb. Thanks, Denis, for your contributions to our place and people.

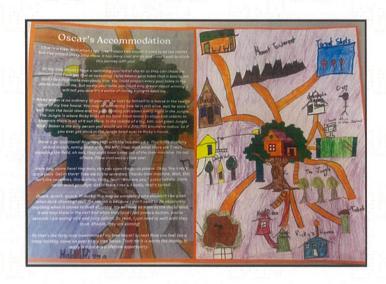
ICAS - we have had a few students take up the challenge of completing the International Assessments in Spelling Bee, English, and Mathematics. This involves sitting an external 50-minute online assessment. Well done to Hadlee, Caitlin, Mason, and Isaac. We look forward to receiving results over the next few months.

Daffodil Day - Thank you for wearing yellow or green to represent Daffodil Day and making contributions to support NZ's Cancer Society. Our tamariki enjoy a chance to show some colour or wear more comfy clothes while donating to an organisation that will likely support every one of our families, at some time, given 1/3. We fundraised a total of \$174.50, thank you whānau.

On behalf of the Hauroko Valley Primary School team, Julia Waikato, Principal/Tumuaki

AN UPDATE ON TŌTARA

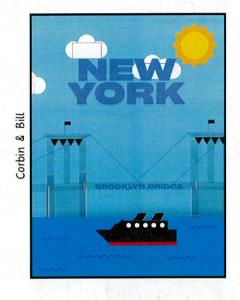


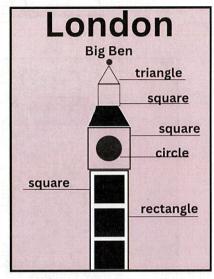




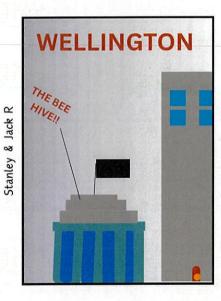
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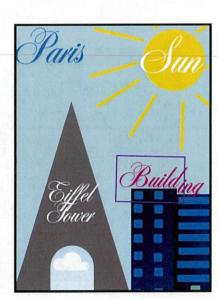
'SHAPE CITY' - USING 2D SHAPES TO CREATE CITIES IN THE WORLD





Ava & Grace

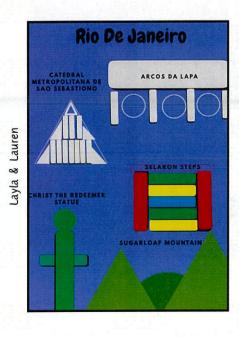


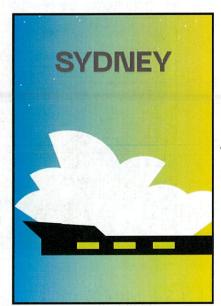


Della & Harper

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM - MATH &

GEOGRAPHY





Alex Eg & Hadlee

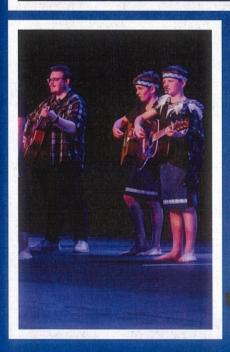


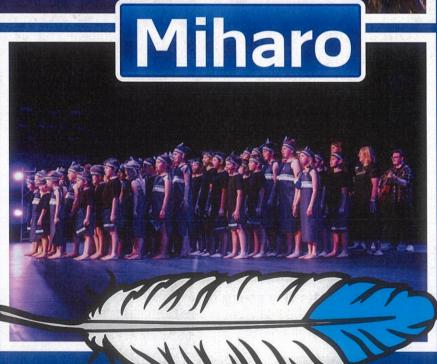


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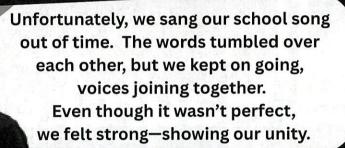








Our kapa haka uniforms, are woven in our school's colours. They flowed in patterns of pride. Jittery feelings race around inside me, my hands wouldn't stay still, my knees wobbled like jelly, and my heart was thumping like a big drum in my chest.





Nervously, we waited quietly in the wings.
Our hands were fidgety, our feet wanted to move, but we held still, excited for the moment the stage would be ours.

Silently, we emerged onto the stage, like shadows slipping into the light. Our footsteps whispered across the floor, and the bright glow of the lights wrapped around us, telling the audience we were ready.

Our school gave it everything we had as we performed our polyfest package.
Our talented guitarists and leaders supported our action waiata, spinning poi, and powerful haka.

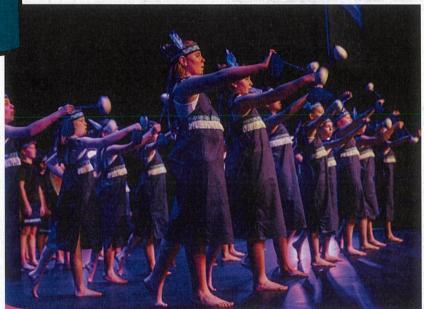
Through it all,
we showed bravery, energy,
and pride in
our movements and notes.
We gave our all,
standing together,
as Hauroko Valley.

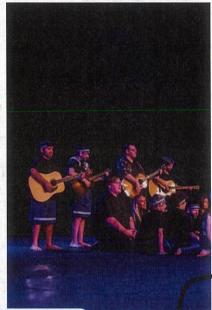
Our tā moko tells the story of Māori culture and identity.



Murihiku









Polyfest



Assembly Awards

Classroom Teachers Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following learners for demonstrating a range of skills, knowledge, and understanding of Hauroko Valley Primary School Values, NZ Key Competencies, or Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry, The Arts, Technology, or Health and Physical Education learning. Well done on your progress and achievements!







Kōwhai - Dex for superb accuracy of actions and focus of waiata at Miharo Polyfest.

Kōwhai - Beau for fabulous leadership shown at rehearsals and our polyfest performance.

Mataī - Zara for excellent leadership shown when preparing our package for polyfest.

Mataī - Abby for diligent focus in preparation for polyfest.

Tōtara - Lauren for amazing leadership as a kaea for Te Taukaea e te Aroha. at Miharo Polyfest.

Tōtara - Della for amazing leadership as a kaea for Te Taukaea e te Aroha at Miharo Polyfest.

Totara - Corbin for excellent focus and presentation of waiata at Miharo Polyfest.

Rātā - Jack for musicianship as guitarist and haka leader at Miharo Polyfest.

Rātā - Mason & Fergal for superb musicianship as guitarists for our polyfest performance.

Rātā - Boe for miharo leadership demonstrating mana in guitar and vocals at Miharo Polyfest 2025.

DATES & EVENTS

Term 3 - Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September **Term 4** - Monday 6 October - Friday 19 December

Week 8

SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 3rd September Discovery 1.30 pm 3.00 pm
- Thursday 4th September KSOM

Week 9

- Tuesday 9th September EIS Challenge (Year 5&6 team and Year 7&8 team)
- Wednesday 10th September Discovery 1.30 pm 3.00 pm
- Thursday 11th September KSOM
- Thursday 11th September Y7 & 8's to Otautau in afternoon
- Friday 12th September Kowhai Assembly 2.30 pm

Week 10

- Wednesday 17th September Discovery 1.30 pm 3.00 pm
- Thursday 18th September KSOM
- Friday 19th September Totara Assembly 2.30 pm
- Firday 19th September End of Term 3

Week 1

OCTOBER

- Wednesday 8th October Discovery 1.30 pm 3.00 pm
- Thursday 9th October KSOM

Week 2

- Wednesday 15th October Discovery 1.30 pm 3.00 pm
- Thursday 16th October KSOM
- Thursday 16th October Western Shield Year 5&6

Week 3

- Monday 20th October Board Meeting 7.30 pm
- Wednesday 22nd October Discovery 1.30 pm 3.00 pm
- Thursday 23rd October KSOM
- Friday 24th October Teachers Only Day

Week 4

- Monday 27^h October Labour Day
- Tuesday 28th Otober Hauroko Valley Primary Pet Day
- Wednesday 29th October Discovery 1.30 pm 3.00 pm
- Thursday 30th October KSOM

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



School Account

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

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



Remember to Brush...



Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Community Oral Health Service



Talkteeth Southern

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Adopt a Calf

THE ADOPT A CALF SCHEME IS BACK FOR 2025

What

- Student gets allocated a calf in the middle of September. First afternoon Wednesday 24th September 2025.
- Student can name the calf
- Every Wednesday afternoon at 3:30pm until 5pm student can visit the farm feed, brush and lead the calf.
- . Learn the care and attention of calves on a dairy farm, some stockmanship skills and have fun.
- · We will take calves to your local school pet day

How

 Please email your interest to <u>Kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz</u> with name and contact details incl address and phone number, if you are interested in being a part of this opportunity. Entries are limited and will close on Friday 19th September.

Conditions

- Students and parent/caregivers will be required to abide by our farm a health & safety policies.
- Biosecurity of our farm is very important to us so disinfecting of footwear and gear will be required every visit.
- · Failure to turn up to weekly visits may result in loss of opportunity
- · There is no limit of student age but we will limit numbers.

We can be contacted on the below details if you have any queries:

Jason & Kaylene Bennett Ph 032266904 Kaylene 0274327156 Jason 0272326482 Email: kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz



ST JOHN LEVEL 1 FIRST AID RIVERTON

This one day course is ideal for first aiders in workplaces and anyone wanting to learn the basics of first aid.

- Gain confidence to recognise and treat everything from common injuries to life-threatening medical emergencies
- Learn skills to offer vital assistance and CPR before more experienced help arrives
- Course runs from 8.30 5pm. \$125 per person
- Venue: Riverton Rugby Club, 45 Leader Street

Friday 31 OCTOBER



RURAL FOLICATION

enrol online: www.reap.co.nz/westernsouthland or contact Southern REAP to register email: info@reap.co.nz or phone: 0800 111 117



Looking for Hosts

NZ Adventures has been a long-time supporter of Hauroko Valley Primary School.

On the 21st February 2026 their four wheel drive tour comes through Western Southland. They have asked if we could provide bed, breakfast and dinner for the night as a fundraiser for the school.

We are asking for bed and breakfast for approx.

17 couples in the Blackmount/Otahu area going into Eastern Bush if needed from our school families, grandparents and supporters.

These hosts and their families along with the NZ adventures clients will meet at the Blackmount Community Centre for a meal on the evening of the 21st February 2026 where we will ask our Tuatapere, Orawia, Lillburn and Clifden families to help provide, cook and serve a meal. Details on catering will come later.

I understand that we are a wee way out from February but if you can mark it in your diary in the meantime and let me know if you can host any of the adventurers and how many. Please call/text Kaylene 0274327156 or email kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you very much in advance for your support.

