

**Term 3, Week 6, 2025**

*our people*



*our stories*

## Week: 18th – 22nd August

Kia ora e te whaanau, kumusta, ayubowan,

### THANK YOU

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*On behalf of Hauroko Valley Primary School, we would like to sincerely thank Richard, Sheryl, and Kirsty for their many years of service on our Board of Trustees. Their commitment, wisdom, and dedication have made a significant contribution to the governance of our kura.*

*Through their leadership and support, Sheryl, Kirsty, and Richard have helped guide our school towards growth and success, always keeping the well-being and achievement of our tamariki at the heart of every decision. We are deeply grateful for the time, energy, and expertise they have so generously given.*

*As Kirsty, Richard, and Sheryl step down, we acknowledge the legacy they leave behind – one of service, vision, and care for Hauroko Valley Primary School and its community. Ngā mihi nui for all you have done.*

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**Miharo Murihiku Polyfest** - By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have completed our performance on the stage at Miharo Murihiku Polyfest at Stadium Southland. To our students - we are extremely proud of you all! You were amazing on stage! To HVP staff, thank you for your dedication and organisation. These efforts make all the difference! Thank you to our families and friends for supporting our showcase of waiata, poi, and haka. Our kapa haka performance reflected the mana of our kura and our people.

**NZC Mathematics - Numicon** - As part of the NZ Mathematics Curriculum Refresh, our school has eagerly accepted the Numicon resources to support teaching and learning programmes. Numicon is a structured mathematics programme and manipulative, designed to help children develop a strong understanding of number and mathematical concepts. It uses a system of colorful, shaped plates with holes that represent numbers, allowing children to visualize and manipulate numbers in a concrete way. This multi-sensory approach helps children build a solid foundation for mathematical learning, particularly in areas like number recognition, relationships, and problem-solving.

Our team is excited to have this resource within our classrooms for use. Kowhai and Matai are further developing their knowledge of the pedagogy to support their professional learning for use in teaching and learning programmes.

**Carpet** - Next week we have new carpet being installed throughout our classrooms as part of the upgrades the Government are completing. This will involve each class relocating for approximately 1&1/2 days while the installation is taking place. Fortunately, we can utilise the multi-purpose building and administration block. At this stage, it looks like Kowhai from Monday pm and all of Tuesday, followed by Matai from Wednesday and ½ of Thursday, then onto Totara Thursday pm and all of Friday. Rata class are likely to need to relocate the following week on Monday and Tuesday.

**Daffodil Day** - Next Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> August, we are joining Aotearoa by wearing yellow or green to represent Daffodil Day. No uniform needed! Bring some cash/coins to support NZ's Cancer Society.

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

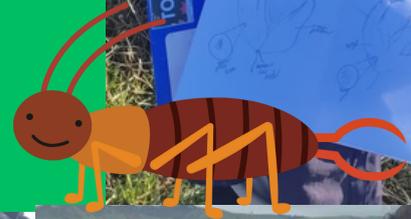
# Wild Zone!

Every Wednesday, Rātā Class heads outdoors to explore the Wild Zone (also known as the back paddock). Equipped with our outdoor gear and scientific curiosity, we have been closely observing the ecology of the area through activities like creating detailed scientific drawings, building food webs, searching for wildlife, and listening to experts.

Each session finishes on a high note, with epic games of hide and seek. The gorse and broom make perfect hiding spots and tunnels to explore.

Using the Wild Zone as inspiration, we have also been exploring the exciting world of documentary filmmaking by creating our own documentaries to showcase Hide and Seek in the Wild Zone. Inspired by short clips from David Attenborough, we've been learning how to write engaging voice overs using interesting sentence styles and rich vocabulary. Using storyboards, we plan our shots, sound effects, and narration before experimenting with editing clips in Canva.

Working in small groups, we are building our filmmaking skills step by step in preparation for the next big project: documentaries for the upcoming **Wild Zone Creature or Plant of the Year 2025 showcase.**



# MIHARO MURIHIKU POLYFEST 2025

**Hauroko**  
VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



This year at Polyfest, our staff came together to support one another and our tamariki in learning waiata for performance. True learning often comes through challenge, and this was certainly the case for us. By drawing on each other's strengths and talents, we were able to lead with confidence and role-model the process for our learners.

We began by choosing waiata that reflect our people and our place, starting with our school song and haka. From there, we added waiata we knew our students would enjoy singing together, creating a programme that celebrates both identity and joy in performance.

What makes our performance extra special is that every one of us has contributed to the journey.

Kirsty and Holly quickly mastered the action waiata, teaching E Toru Nga Ika and Te Taukaea o te Aroha with confidence, which in turn inspired their classes to become quick learners and leaders.

Sally was our go-to expert for te reo pronunciation and for guiding our wahine toa through the poi waiata.

Matt supported the learning of our school song and took the lead when rehearsing with Kowhai and Matai classes.

Alice worked alongside our boys in the haka, helping them develop strength and presence. And, of course, none of this would have come together without the behind-the-scenes support of our team – thank you to Kate G, Kate P, Dale, and Nicole for supporting our preparation today, so we were ready for the stage.

# HVP @ POLYFEST



Engaging our learners in kapa haka has been a truly valuable cultural experience. Throughout this journey, we've seen leaders emerge from every year group, each stepping forward with confidence and pride. For some, it has revealed hidden strengths and talents they didn't know they had; for others, it has provided an opportunity to showcase their passion for performing arts and te reo Māori.

We are proud to acknowledge those who demonstrated such powerful mana in leading our kura whānau: Jonty with our school song, Jack leading our school haka, Lauren and Della calling in Te Taukaea o te Aroha, and Lola leading the poi waiata.

For the first time, we also had guitarists supporting us on stage – Mason, Jack, Fergal, and Boe – who quickly picked up the chords and rhythms to accompany several of our waiata.

A special mention goes to Boe, who not only filled the role of guitarist when Devin was unavailable, but also has led our singing during rehearsals.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Kennedy School of Music for supporting our kura at Miharo Murihiku Polyfest by providing Devin as our lead guitarist. His expertise, patience, and musical skill have greatly enriched our performance and inspired our tamariki.



# Daffodil Day

Te Rā Daffodil



Kia ora parents & guardians,

Our school is proud to be supporting the Cancer Society this Daffodil Day.

1 in 3 New Zealanders will receive a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime. With free access to important resources including specialist advice and information, transport to treatment, and accommodation when undergoing treatment far from home, the Cancer Society ensures that none of them have to go through cancer alone.

Your support of our Daffodil Day fundraising will help to fund cancer prevention policy and life-saving cancer research, and to provide support and hope to cancer patients and their whānau from diagnosis through to post-treatment.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, and thank you for supporting our Daffodil Day fundraiser!



## How we're celebrating Daffodil Day

We're celebrating Daffodil Day by...

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

**Date:** All Day

**Time:**

**Location:** Hauroko Valley Primary School

Your fundraising support is an important part of Daffodil Day and your help gives hope to many.

Ngā mihi,



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donate today, visit  
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# DATES & EVENTS

**Term 3 - Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September**

**Term 4 - Monday 6 October - Friday 19 December**

**Teachers Only Day - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**Public Holiday: Labour Day - Monday 27 October**

**HVP Pet Day - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

## AUGUST

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Carpet Installation throughout classes, (so some movement of classes during this time)
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August - ICAS Maths
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August - Paid Union Meeting (school as per usual for students)
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August - Discovery Learning 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August - Northern/Western Speech Finals at Aparima College from 6.30 pm
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August - KSOM
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Daffodil Day - wear yellow or green and bring some coins to add to our collection for the Cancer Society
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Matai Assembly 2.30 pm

## SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September - KSOM
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September - EIS Challenge (Year 5&6 team and Year 7&8 team)

# 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

Hauko Valley Primary School

Westpac:

03 1748 0030028 000

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



# 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 [Kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz](mailto:Kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz) 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz)



## 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](mailto:kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz).

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

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