

NEWS LETTER

Hauroko

VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Term 4, Week 8, 2021

Kia ora, bula, ni hao whanau

Farewell

On Friday 3rd December we farewelled Jen. Staff held a breakfast gathering to wish Jen well, while Totara class was full of surprises! Jen was overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity of thought in a shared morning tea by students with speeches, slide shows, balloons, confetti and best wishes. Thanks whanau, we know you wanted to be here too but our children did a superb job! We look forward to meeting Jen and Luke's Christmas baby in the New Year.

Covid-19 Update

Due to current Alert Level 2 restrictions and recent advice from the Ministry of Education, our End of Year Prize Giving and Carols in the Caves will unfortunately not be able to run, as it has in the past.

Even though the Covid-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system) has come into effect as of Friday 3rd December, schools have been instructed to retain their existing Covid-19 settings until the end of the year. (The Covid-19 Protection Framework will come into effect for all schools from 1st January 2022).

We've considered our limitations while also wanting to provide our unique Carol in the Caves / Prize Giving celebrations for our learners and families. However, now there is also the added factor that we can only allow those with a vaccine pass to attend.

Given recent developments we have decided to hold an end of year prize giving assembly as a school - students and staff. This year unfortunately no parents will be able to attend. We will record this and our carols to share with you all. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Year 8 BIG Day Out

The boys had a blast with highlights being the Xtreme Karts and Super Bowl as the levels of competition proved to be popular! Leavers hoodies were presented to the Class of 2021!

Graduation Dinner

Families joined us for our first graduation dinner for our Year 8 leavers. Each proudly shared speeches recalling fond memories of camps, rippa rugby tournaments from Nationals in Wellington, being published as writers and illustrators in Toitōi and being part of Hauroko Valley Primary School. We are incredibly proud of each of our boys. We hope they feel that their efforts on their HVP learner journey through work, sport, culture and citizenship have been rewarded and they are proud of their achievements. All the best for future endeavours and adventures Nick, Baxter, Jack, Tyler and Hunter.

Year 5&6 Borland Lodge Camp

The countdown is on for the Year 5&6 camp to Borland Lodge, Monowai. All students have received their gear lists, and the camp programme. Students have been asking lots of valuable questions! A final camp notice has been provided to students to take home today.

Have A Go Programme

On Friday 10th December our Year 7&8 students head to Te Anau for their final "Have A Go Programme" activities. Firstly they have the Fiordland Climbing Wall, followed by a swim at the Blackmount Pool on the way home. Please remember to bring masks and vaccine passes for entry.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will be given to students on Friday 10th December. This report outlines how

your child is tracking towards their end of year expectations in key subject areas including Literacy - Reading, Writing and Mathematics - Numeracy.

In the end of year reports we include what classroom your child will be in for 2022. This can be found on the top of the Stationery Lists.

2022 HVP School Organisation

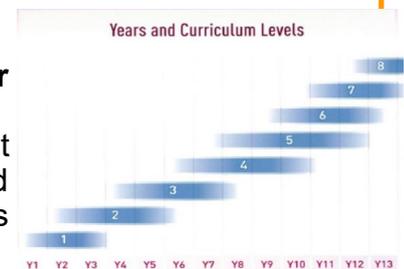
Here is the structure of classes for next year. Please note that there is a change of year level groupings as we provide flexibility within classes.

Classes	Year Level	Teacher/s
Kowhai	1&2	Mrs Kirsty Erkin & TBC
Matai	2-4	Miss Paula Ross
Totara	4-6	Mr Terrence Waikato
Rata	7&8	Mrs Alice Harris & Mrs Keri

Frequently Asked Questions

How do teachers cater for the range of abilities across two year levels?

The New Zealand Curriculum Levels range across 2 – 3 years. It is not a 1 year level for 1 age group, instead all curriculum levels are spread across 2 – 3 year levels. This diagram shows how curriculum levels typically relate to years at school.



Why change from the current age level classes?

There are currently variances between year levels which does not allow any flexibility of staffing. Multi level classes allow equitable class numbers and a greater spread of student needs throughout combined year levels.

Won't it be much harder for teachers to have a greater range of ages in their classes?

Due to staggered enrolments on a child's 5th birthday there has always been a range of at least 12 – 14 months in any classroom. New Zealand teacher's often ability group for maths and literacy; they also "flexi group" for specific needs.

Are children "held back" if they are one of the older students in the multi level class?

Teachers assess individual students, groups are then based on need or ability "stage not age" e.g. Year 6 student may be at the end of Level 2 for writing but a Year 5 student may be Level 3.

Will you cross group across the multi level?

Current research (and our own staff experiences) show that teacher / pupil relationships and knowledge of individual learner needs are fostered by having the consistency of the same class teacher (i.e. not moving class for maths).

Why don't you "stream" classes?

Unlike some high schools where some subjects are streamed, New Zealand Primary teachers are expected (and trained) to teach multi level classrooms. At primary level teaching and learning programmes are developed through a wide range of experiences across all the learning areas of the curriculum with a focus on literacy and numeracy along with the development of school values and key competencies.

What about the difference in maturity between two year levels?

Regardless of their age, students who have well developed social skills are role models for others. These students are not necessarily the oldest in a class but may even be the year level

younger. Some teachers specifically group students to teach or model our key competencies or to reinforce social / cooperative skills. The culture of high expectation is set by the teacher (regardless of year level). The analogy of a sports team, which may have several age levels - but huge variance in skill, resilience or player attitudes, will perform as a team depending on the coach's expectations

Term 4, Week 9

Next week we finish the year with the Ride Well Programme. This aims to equip students with the skills they need to enjoy riding their bikes, whether for recreation or transport. Funding for the programme is provided by the Southland District Council, and Waka Kotahi - New Zealand Transport Agency; and is presented by Cycling Southland.

Students develop balance and bike control skills for:

- starting/stopping and turning
- riding with one hand to signal
- looking all around (including behind)

They also learn how to check that their bikes and helmets are roadworthy and ready to ride, and learn how their choice of clothing can affect their experience on the bike.

Our sessions are for Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th December with each class completing a 45-60 minute session daily as a class.

Students with bikes are asked to bring their own bikes and helmets for sessions. Cycle Southland will provide bikes and helmets for students that don't have their own.

Bikes can be dropped to Hauroko Valley Primary School on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday morning before sessions. The Year 7&8 students will have their second session on Tuesday 15th December 9.00am-10.00am before heading down to Waiau Area School for their final Technology session.

We have either the tennis court and the swimming pool to house bikes and the ability to lock both of these places.

Last Day

Our official last day for 2021 is Wednesday 15th December with buses running as per usual. Have a great week.

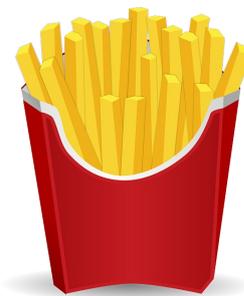
Nga mihi nui,

Julia Waikato
Principal/Tumuaki



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



School Accounts :

If paying accounts by internet banking,
the school details are:
Westpac 03 1748 0030028 000



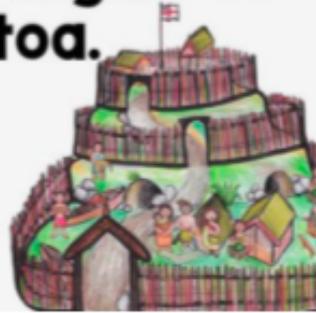
Te Reo Maori

Whakataukī (proverbs) are commonly used as inspirations in speeches and also as gentle reminders spoken to each other in everyday life. They are poetic expressions of wise sayings.

Often a whakatauki is used in speech to start the day, to start a course or workshop and there are many themes often covered including; leadership, community, bravery, teamwork, family,

**Me mahi tahi tātou
mō te oranga o te
katoa.**

We should
work together
for the
wellbeing of
everyone



Reading Feature

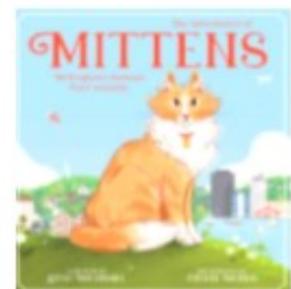
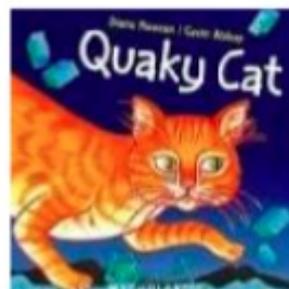
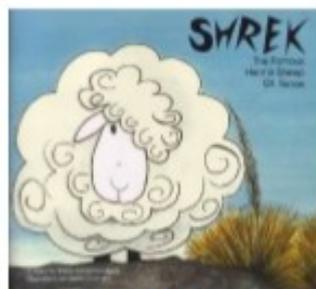
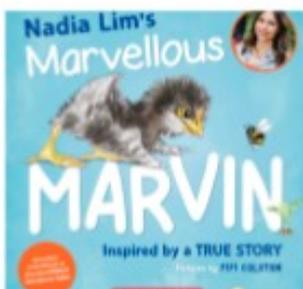
This week we feature stories of animals from around New Zealand.

First up we have Marvin (Nadia Lim's chicken). Marvin lives in Arrowtown and goes on adventures as he is a very mischievous chicken!

Then we head to Tarras for Shrek - a famous merino sheep who lived alone for 6 years, before being found and shorn with a fleece weighing 27 kg. This was enough fleece to make suits for 20 large men.

Next we meet Quaky Cat which has been written in response to the Canterbury Earthquakes. Quaky Cat is a picture book for children throughout New Zealand - to bring comfort to those who experienced the earthquake, and understanding to the children who didn't.

Finally we meet Mittens, Wellington's world-famous cat-about-town. He has thousands of followers, a hit song, an exhibition of fan art, and with his exploring paws he brings joy to everyone he meets!



Save The Date



Blackmount Trail Ride
Saturday 12th March 2022

Major fundraiser for Hauroko Valley Primary School, benefitting all HVP children.

Please come join in this fun, family day out in a stunning landscape - supporting our little school to make a BIG difference for our children.

We need support with setting up the course/marketing the track before the event. On the trail ride day we need help with people on the track, marshalls and registration. If you are available to help please contact any of the following HVP Home and School Team;

Lindsay	0211313834
Brendon	0274409933
Jaimee	0273782336
Suzanne	0274221521

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*Transport only available on the 19th & 26th

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TE ANAU Registrations close on the January 13th

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WINTON Registrations close on the January 20th

Bus transport is available from selected locations on the 19th & 26th. Check out registration for more details.
*Minimum numbers are required for bus routes to occur.

Uniform NZ Our uniform provider

December 21st will be the final date for customers to come into our current location at the Airport. We say goodbye to the Hangar (20 odd years we've been here!) and hello to our shiny new showroom in Otepunu Avenue.

So from the 10th of January 2022, uniformNZ will be at 142 Otepunu Avenue (near the Racecourse Road end). People are encouraged to use the driveway carpark and enter the showroom at the back.

Nothing else about how we operate has changed we just won't be the Uniform Shop at the Airport anymore.

Everything will be updated on the school ordering sites and across Google etc. Hopefully people won't have issues finding us. If you could also please put a notice out to your school in your own media, that would be much appreciated.

On another note, and one we knew was coming, unfortunately, from January/February 2022 a small number of items will increase in price. This is due to our manufacturers rising costs across the board. Staple items like polos and fleece aren't affected for now, mainly just the accessories, hoodies, sweats, hats, trackpants.

As part of the fallout of this pandemic across the world we are having disrupted supply chains also. We have been fortunate in that we can use multiple suppliers to provide our school uniforms and have managed to weather through this well. However, delays may come, and we do encourage schools, teams and anyone with events/deadlines, to get in early to avoid disappoint-

TUATAPERE COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE 2021

17TH December at 6.30pm, we will be traveling around the Tuatapere Township collecting non-perishable food items for our Community Worker to distribute to families over the Christmas period.

If you could please have these items clearly visible by your letter box or bring out when you hear the bells of our local Emergency services for us to collect.

We will have a space at our local Four Square Supermarket to place items in if you find you may not be home, also a drop off point at Hauko Valley Primary School before the 15th December.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

