

Term 4, Week 8 2025



our people. our stories



Newsletter – Issue #35

Week: 24th–28th November

Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

Gosh, it's great to be back in our classes, with everyone on site. The weather has enabled lots of outdoor play, which is always a treat!

Southland Adventure Race Results

Hauroko Trail Blazers - 4th - Angus, Dusty, Carter, Jake

Hauroko Velocity - 49th - Caitlin, Tori, Aydee, Maddi

Hauroko Zoomers - 51st - Lola, Ruby, Ilyssa

Hauroko Hounds - 58th - Louie, Flynn, Fergal, Boe

Hauroko Hunters - 81st - Issac, Griffin, Finley, Jack

Hauroko Raptors - 103rd - Mason, Daniel, Alfred, Jonty

/126 teams

Clifden Rural Womens

To Clifden Rural Women's - thank you for presenting our Year 8 leavers with the tried and true Edmonds Cook Book. It is filled with good old Kiwi favourites with sweet treats, mains, and speciality sections. Your generosity in providing a cookbook for our leavers is greatly appreciated, and we know it will be well used in years to come.

End of Year Reports

To end the year, our teachers have completed final reading, writing, and mathematics assessments. These form our reporting to parents, and are also part of reporting to the board for data collection. A final reminder that our school reports will be sent home (via your child's school bag) today. This will be followed up with a parent-teacher conference the week following (2nd and 3rd December). Please make bookings through our school management system HERO.

In with reports is the stationery list for next year. This indicates which classroom your child will be in for 2026. If there is a change of class for your child, the current classroom teachers have been contacted. All stationery can be purchased at Hauroko Valley, we just add what is needed to your account. However, if you wish to purchase this yourself, the information for requirements for each class is provided.

2026 Classroom Structure and Teachers

Classroom	Kōwhai	Mataī	Tōtara	Rātā
Year/s	0-2	2-4	4-6	7&8
Teacher	Mrs Kirsty Erskine	Mr Matt Pierson	Miss Holly Hammond	Ms Regina Dzemwa

We look forward to welcoming Regina to New Zealand from Zimbabwe, currently teaching in South Africa. She is an experienced teacher who has taught across all levels, most recently in Year 7 and 8. Regina is a passionate educator with strengths in Literacy, Mathematics and Science. She has coached volleyball, netball and athletics. We are looking forward to welcoming Regina to Hauroko Valley.

Sally and Alice will remain on as our Classroom Release Team, continuing to support classes and staff.

Have a great weekend. Be sure to keep up with our Week 9 activities by checking the newsletter for dates.

Hauroko Valley Primary School team,

Julia Waikato - Principal/Tumuaki



What's on in Mighty Matai?

Firewise Learning:

Students in Matai have been learning to be Firewise. So far, students have learned about the different uses for fire, including cooking, heating, as a light source, or used for celebration. Students have learnt how to keep themselves safe by keeping a 'metre from the heater', to avoid playing near a heat source, and to tell an adult if a fire is unattended. Matai have also been learning about matches, lighters, and candles – the difference between toys and tools when it comes to being Firewise.

Physical Education & Health:

Orienteering and map making has been the topic to support our focus of teamwork and co-operation this term. Students in Matai have been working collaboratively to make maps using easy to follow instructions to find treasures. We have applied this knowledge to complete the 'Amazing Race' in Tuatapere.

Carols in the Cave:

Matai have been hard at work rehearsing for HVP's Carols in the Cave coming up in just a few weeks. They will be performing I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas – Rend Co. Kids version.

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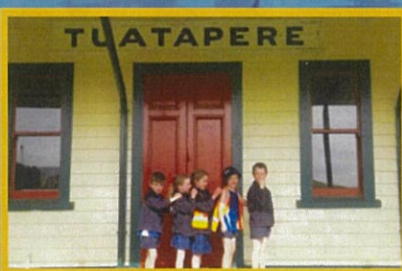
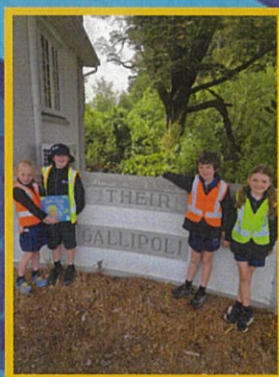
This week, Mighty Matai completed the Amazing Race - Tuatapere edition! Students were organised into teams and tasked with 13 scavenger hunt clues with a challenge waiting for them at each destination. These clues took them to see historic gems, and places of importance to their local area. Some of these included the Fire Station, Community Garden, Historic Railway Station, the RSA Hall, and even the giant sausage! Team members had a blast completing challenges at each location. Wrapping up the day was a play or wheel at Jack & Mattie Bennett Park, and a swim at Tuatapere Community Pool. Thank you to our wonderful Teacher Aides and Parents for making this trip possible!



THE AMAZING R A C E

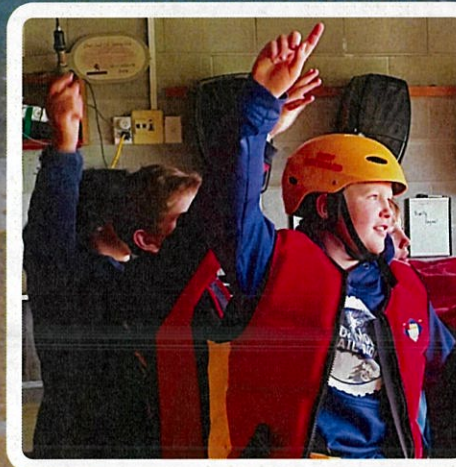
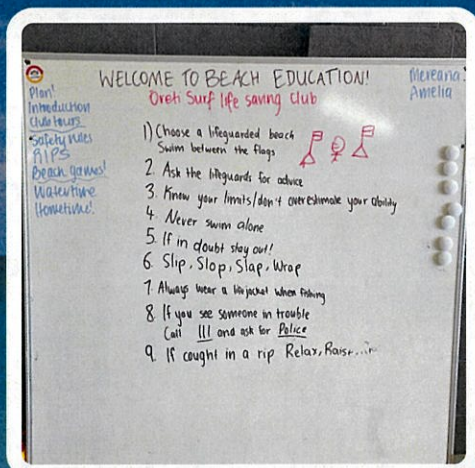
Mighty Matai

MORE FABULOUS PHOTOS!



MIGHTY MATAI
E O T C

Our Year 7&8s headed to Otatara for a - Have A Go - at Oreti Beach Surf Life Saving Club with instructors Mereana and Amelia from Otago Surf Life Saving. This provided our students with theory in the morning, covering beach safety. Although warm, it was very windy at Oreti Beach.



Students used critical thinking and practised safe, fun ocean activities. They learned how to save a life, including how to identify and escape from rips. Our Water Safety Programme, coming up, reinforces these safety skills. It was a perfect opportunity to rehearse these important safety skills in a real-life setting. Please check in with your child/children about their learning.

Jonty Carran



Jonty Carran was a talented sportsman, with rugby being one of his passions. In his memory the Jonty Carran Memorial Rugby 10's Tournament is now run annually with teams from all over Southland. It gets played in his hometown of Otautau to play in his honour. Jonty Carran had been at Southland Boys' High School for six weeks when he passed away in his sleep on 28 February 2016, aged 13. We are proud to play in the Tackle 10's tournament in memory of Jonty. By Connor

Tackle 10's

On the 21st of November 2025, Ruby, Lola, Illysa, Aydee, Cassie, Maddi, Fergal, Jonty, Jack, Boe, Louie, and Daniel are all playing in the Jonty Carran rugby tournament. In the Jonty Carran tournament, there are 5 teams playing in each pool. All the teams are from different schools in Southland. Our players represent HVP with pride under the Otautau colours.



**Thanks to the boys and girls Coaches and Managers.
Thanks to Rob for supporting our students with training.**

Assembly Awards

Classroom Teachers Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following learners for demonstrating a range of skills, knowledge and understanding of HVP 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!



HVP
STUDENTS
of the week

Principal Awards - named as below, not photographed as above.

Kōwhai - Brayden for going the extra mile to tidy up after discovery learning.

Mataī - Zara for being a kind and responsible friend taking care of others.

Tōtara - Memphis for working collaboratively with a variety of class members and being self reflective of the task.

Tōtara - Jack M for switched on learning, asking just the right questions.

Rātā - Maddi for superb telephone etiquette and organisational skills for the BIG Day Out 2025.

Rātā - Carter for being a valuable team member at golf, supporting others while also achieving

Rātā - Isaac for supporting others by being organised and negotiating in a positive way.

Rātā - Ruby for being self reflective and analytical of groupwork supporting next steps.

DATES & EVENTS

DECEMBER

Week 9

- Tuesday 2nd December - Year 8's BIG Day Out
- Tuesday 2nd December - Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Wednesday 3rd December - non-uniform for play in the back paddock
- Wednesday 3rd December - Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Wednesday 3rd December - Thursday 4th December and Friday 5th December - Year 5&6 Borland Lodge Camp
- Wednesday 3rd December - Ki O Rahi Tournament Year 7 & 8
- Wednesday 3rd December - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 4th December - KSOM
- Friday 5th December - Year 7 & 8 Food Technology at Waiau Area School

Week 10

- Monday 8th December, Tuesday 9th December, Wednesday 10th December, Thursday 11th December, and Friday 12th December - Hauroko Valley Primary School Water Safety Skills at Tuatapere Community Pool
- Monday 8th December - Final Board Meeting 7.30 pm
- Wednesday 10th December - Kōwhai Hovercraft experience onsite
- Wednesday 10th December - Final Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 11th December - KSOM
- Friday 12th December - Leavers Assembly 2.15 pm - Year 8's delivering speeches and receiving lei's
- Friday 12th December - HVP Carols in the Caves & Prize Giving - at the caves,

Week 11

- Monday 15th December - Year 8 Visual Art at Gallery 65 in Tuatapere
- Tuesday 16th December - HVP Swimming Sports & Final Day of 2025
- Wednesday 17th December - Teachers Only Day
- Thursday 18th December - KSOM - final lessons for students.

2026 DATES

Term 1

HVP Teachers Only Days

Thursday 29th & Friday 30th January

Monday 2nd February - Thursday 2nd April

Public Holiday - Waitangi Day - Friday 6th February

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

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



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If paying accounts by
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

GLENHAM TRAINWRECK TRAIL



SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2026
RACES START FROM 10am

10km - Walk, Run or Mountain Bike
15km - Run or Mountain Bike
21km - Run or Mountain Bike
43km - Mountain Bike
43km - E-Bike
Other distances for E-bike recreational only

Register online at:
www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz
or on the day from 8.30am at
Glenham Hall
Cash only (No EFTPOS available)

COMPETE IN ANY OF THE MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS AND GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN A
MOUNTAIN BIKE VALUED AT \$2000
thanks to MLT and CrossRoad Cycles

Fundraiser for Glenham Community Centre

Sponsors: vetco, BRUCE DICKENS TREE TOPPING LTD, Cultural, VetSouth, JGG Wrightson Seeds, 4, MALLOCH McCLEAN, CROSSROAD CYCLES, THREE RIVERS, Mātaura Licensing Trust, WYNDHAM, ENDSIGN



Travelling overseas in the school holidays?

You must do a New Zealand Traveller Declaration when you come back

TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

New Zealand Traveller Declaration

Whakapuakanga
Tangata Haere ki
Aotearoa



BUSHCRAFT & SURVIVAL SKILLS Holiday Experiences

CHILD VS WILD [5 Days]
7 to 13 year olds
Invercargill
9am to 3pm
15th December to 19th December 2025
19th January to 23rd January 2026
An Adventure quest in different locations. Children spend four days learning and acquiring bushcraft and survival skills ready to be tested on the final day in a teamwork survival challenge.

BUSH KIDS [1 Day]
7 to 16 year olds
Invercargill & Gore
9am to 3pm
Monday 26th January GORE
Wednesday 28th January Invercargill
Thursday 29th January Invercargill
Friday 30th January Invercargill

NATURAL CREATORS [1 Day]
5 to 16 year olds
Invercargill
9am to 3pm
22nd December 2025
27th January 2026
A one day creative cooking experience preparing nourishing meals in the kitchen from scratch. Children will come home enthused, feeling capable and independent after a day with Geraldine from the Ferment Kitchen.

A one day bushcraft and survival day experience:
Advanced fire starting skills
Knife work, whittling, carving
Bush exploration, navigating, orienteering
Shelter building
Cooking on gas stoves/ fires
Survival first aid
Plant medicine
Foraging

*Every day brings a different adventure. Activities are weather, location and seasonally dependent

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Winton Football Club Inc

We are planning to run a three-week series of 5 aside games for girls only in February 2026. We can take individual player entries, or a team can be entered of girls in a similar age group. It is likely to be on a Thursday afternoon. This is to support Southland Football's endeavour to develop their female only competitions. Any queries can be sent to 5aside.wintonfootball@gmail.com

