

NEWSLETTER

# Hauroko

VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## **Term 3, Week 7, 2021**

### **Malo e lelei, kia ora, ni hao, bula**

Thanks for your support over the past 3 weeks as we've transitioned from Alert Level 4 to Alert Level 3. Finally here we are at Alert Level 2 back on-site at HVP - we've missed you!

Thanks to our essential workers (of which there are many) as you have worked throughout lockdown to continue to supply kiwis with essentials while working to keep us safe.

Thanks to our families for your ongoing support as well as taking the lead in the role of teacher for your child/ren during this time. We know this is an immense task given the time of year and balancing act of school learning, home and work life. Every little thing you do, makes a BIG difference!

Thanks to our staff for preparing hard pack materials, adjusting to zooms, supporting our "school bubble" and keeping in touch with our children and their families.

Please remember we require devices back for use at school, please ensure this includes all power cords for charging. Send back library books, reading books, Figure It Out Maths books, anything that has been on loan. Also remember to bring maths cards and home reading diaries for us to catch up with.

### **Ministry of Education/Ministry of Health Guidance Face Masks**

It is recommended that face masks are worn by everyone over the age of 12+ years, however they are not mandated for use when in schools. This is not a requirement for anyone in a primary school setting.

It remains an option for individuals and a decision for the individuals and whānau. Where an individual chooses to use a face covering they should supply and wear their own, and to do so safely.

### **Events and Activities**

For most day-to-day activities at school, the rules for gatherings do not apply. Under the COVID-19 Public Health Response Order, schools are exempted from physical distancing requirements when people are there to receive, provide, or support education services.

### **School Transport**

School transport returns to normal operations under Alert Level 2. Face coverings are not required on school transport because we know who is on the bus and have good systems in place to identify potential close contacts.

### **Hauroko Valley Primary Alert Level 2 Summary**

Sanitise on the way in, sanitise on the way out.

Our transport providers also have asked for students travelling on this service, to sanitise before and after entering/exiting the bus. We support this in the afternoon, so ask you to support this in the morning.

No drinking from the water fountains, so please bring a water bottle. These are to be filled by staff before school, morning tea or lunchtimes.

Heat ups are back on the menu, as we have well established protocols for this.

Anyone that is unwell is to remain at home.

Students that become unwell while at school, will need to be collected.

### **HVP School Photos**

This has been postponed until further notice.

### **HVP Weekly Takeaways**

Lunch orders will resume this week - Friday 10th September, thanks to Tui Base Camp. Please remind your child/ren to drop their orders into the office as soon as they arrive (get out of the car or off the bus).

### **HVP Pet Day**

Save the date for Friday 22nd October - Term 4, Week 1 for our Annual Pet Day. This year we ask that students bringing a pet complete the pet diary in draft form at home and return to school. This information will be transferred to a published copy with the support of classroom teachers.

**Nga mihi nui,**  
Julia Waikato  
Principal/Tumuaki



### **Kowhai lockdown update**

Kia Ora from Kowhai. The Kowhai superstars have been busy making the most of being at home during lock down. We have been keeping in touch through Seesaw. It's been great to see the children out and about in their home environments. Lots of children have made the most of the 'hard packs' that have been sent home and have shared plenty with Mrs Erskine and Mrs Mathieson on Seesaw. We've had some dinosaur themed activities going home which have been well received. Children have given us video updates about the books that they have read, as well as having Polyfest practises in the paddocks. Some children have been sharing their animals with us via photos and videos, budgies, goats, lambs, sheep, calves and even 'pretend' horses going for a ride on the farm.

We haven't had many zoom/online catch ups, as it can put a lot of pressure on the parents and technology skills. We had a catch up and played some games, the children were zooming around the house trying to find things of a certain colour - milo comes in a green package, some struggled to find pink in their house. As well as things that started with letters of the alphabet, Alex Egerton enjoyed eating his 'A for Alex' apple, after he'd shown the class.

We are very appreciative of the parents, grandparents, friends and caregivers and the work that they are doing with their children at home, the valuable skills of being out and about on the farm and the Oral Language skills that are being developed by lots of questioning and talking, as well as working and supporting children with school worksheet activities. Well done team.

Here is a story about zoom, it had a great photo and fantastic independent writing: **The zoom meeting is here. I saw Jack. I miss you. By Kaleb Berkelaar.**

Kind regards,  
Kirsty Erskine and Keri Matheson

### **Matai's round-up over Lockdown**

Mighty Matai have been busy learning and helping on their farms. The children have shared their learning on seesaw via photos, videos and messages. Some children have shared photos of their dogs, budgies, lambs, and goats - even a baby goat!

We have played games on zoom - a scavenger hunt, guess the object, and a lockdown quiz. We have seen some very creative finds during the scavenger hunts, showing Matai can think outside the box! The children have enjoyed seeing their classmates, having wee chats with each other. It has been cool to see children joining the meets from the paddocks.

Some of the older students enjoyed solving a reading mystery - 'A Stolen Time. "Solving the problem was the best part" and "doing the clues and matching the numbers up to the letters" was also a highlight of the activity. While many have also been solving problems based on pictures and code cracking.

The children have been learning about the weather. They have learnt about the different types of clouds, what makes a rainbow, what is rain, what is wind, and about the water cycle. Some of the children have tracked the weather documenting the types of clouds they see, does it rain, and how much sun do we get.

Tino pai to all!  
Paula Ross

### **Totara**

Talofa from Totara!

On our Google Meet this morning, we heard just how useful everyone is being at home, and that parents are loving having the extra help around! The award for 'most responsible' might need to go to Lucy, who sets alarms for feeding the lambs while mum is at work. She sometimes has to disappear from our Meet early, and is also making sure Angus (wee brother in Kowhai), gets some schoolwork done too!

It's great seeing everyone keeping up with the news, as we've been keeping up with our weekly current affairs quiz on our Meet. The Paralympics, trouble in Afghanistan, flags of the world, we're up to speed with it all!

I have loved seeing the girls teach themselves the Poi at home, so much practising has happened. Sienna and Libby even made their own poi to use - quite creative! Some of the boys have been working on their Haka skills too!

We are making good use of Write that Essay online and everyone is just doing what they can, when they can, in among all the farm jobs. Times tables are coming on, reading nights are going up, and the baking cupboards are stocked! Technology skills are ever developing too - myself included!!

Well done everyone! Hope to see you all soon!  
Jen Templeton

## **Rata**

Kia Ora from Rata class.

This second lockdown appears to be nearing its end and we will be coming back together for the remainder of term 3. I have had several attendees online for our Google Meet catchups, where the students have been able to talk and see each other several times a week. The students seem to handle this situation with ease and maturity as we would expect from them all.

We have been fortunate with the fabulous spell of warm weather at this time. Students have appeared happy to mix up their day with learning and helping out their family in many different ways, during this lockdown period.

This means they should all come back to school refreshed, with a renewed vigour! We have focused more on hard/paper copies this time around and less online learning, which students have enjoyed. The main focus has been maintaining knowledge and practicing to help progress forwards in learning journeys.

I have seen so many excellent seesaw shares, emails and online discussions of extraordinary examples of learning whilst in lockdown. The fact that students can confidently self manage and be self directed is impressive to say the least.

I've seen the Sasa practiced in a paddock, fantastic lego creations, multiplication tables learned in many different ways, complex baking, poi has been rehearsed and French spoken in phrases.

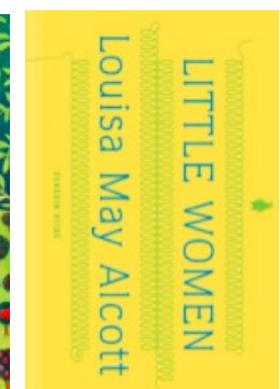
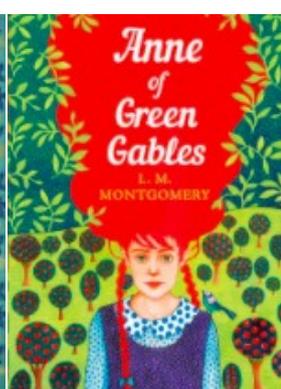
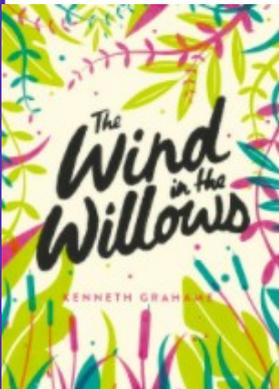
We've been late, early, on the wrong day or feeling under the weather, most importantly together we've all had a few laughs, just like in class.

See you back very soon.  
Terrence Waikato

## **Reading Feature**

This week we feature a few classics written by a variety of authors.

This collection of Puffin Classics has been beautifully created in collaboration with the Victoria and Albert Museum, inspired by the distinct designs of an English textile designer, artist and writer William Morris.



**Term 3, Calendar of Events**  
**Week 7-10 will depend on Alert Levels**  
**Some events are TBC - to be confirmed**

Weeks	Events	Who Is Involved?	Dates
7	Discovery Time ONLY for Kowhai & Matai NO Assembly	Years 1-3 All	Thursday 9th September Friday 10th September
8	Maori Language Week Technology Discovery Time Assembly TBC	Whole School Year 7&8 Years 1-3 Whole School	Monday 13th September - Tuesday 14th September Thursday 16th September Friday 17th September
9	Technology Technology Challenge Team Discovery Time Tautaki o Te Titi Marae Visit Years 4-8 No Assembly	Year 7&8 Year 5-8 TBC Years 1-3 Years 4-8 Whole School	Tuesday 21st September Wednesday 22nd September Thursday 23rd September Friday 24th September " " " "
10	Technology Discovery Time Miharo Polyfest HVP School Disco	Year 7&8 Years 1-3 Whole School Years 1-8	Tuesday 28th September Thursday 30th September Friday 1st October " " " "

Term	Dates / 2021	Weeks
3	Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October	10
4	Monday 18 October - 15 December (TBC)	9

**Winton Football's 5 aside Summer League**

This is intended to be held if Covid 19 restrictions allow us to run it. We are now calling for those interested in registration to contact the club on [5aside.wintonfootball@gmail.com](mailto:5aside.wintonfootball@gmail.com) to be sent an entry form and the rules. Fees are \$100 per adult team and \$10 per player in the junior grades (Yr1-5 and Yr6-8). The intended start date is Thursday 21 October 2021 for 8 weeks. Last day for registration is 1 October 2021.

## Te Reo Feature

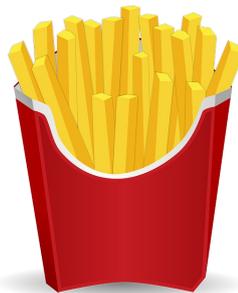
The theme for the 2021 Maori Language Week is “Kia Kaha te Reo Māori - Let's make the Māori language strong”. Join us on our journey to acknowledge and learn Māori language and culture by using and speaking the language.

Check out the Map of New Zealand with place names in Te Reo and English. You often hear the place names in both languages for the weather and parts of the news reporting.



### 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 Timetable

- 9am Admin/Session 1
- 10.10am Morning tea
- 10.30am Session 2
- 11.30am Fruit/Vege Break
- 11.40am Session 3
- 12.40pm Lunch
- 1.30pm Session 4
- 3.00pm End of the day.

## Procedure Planning for Alert Level 2



### Information for Parents and Caregivers and students What Hauroko Valley Primary School looks like at Alert Level 2.

Please note that these procedures have been developed with the safety of staff and students in mind. Under Alert Level 2 we will continue to follow the guidelines set out in the Hauroko Valley Primary School Pandemic Plan but will continue to **manage the areas identified below**. We have chosen to control the controllable rather than return all aspects of school back to normal. For this reason we have chosen to continue to limit all non-essential curriculum activity both in and outside of school, at this time.

We have remained prepared for movement between Alert Levels and are ready to implement our Alert Level 2 planning and procedures. We will ensure that school is the safest possible place for your children to be outside of your family home. At all times we will be following the most up to date advice from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

This Alert Level 2 Guideline will be in place for [\(include dates here\)](#) and reviewed accordingly.

Please read through the following guidelines and take time to explain these to your child/ren. This will assist in preparing them for our return to Alert Level 2 at Hauroko Valley Primary School.

**Any student or staff member that feels unwell is to stay away from school. If your child feels unwell in the morning, please keep them at home. Should your child feel unwell or develop symptoms while at school they will be required to go home immediately.**

Classrooms	Pick Up & Drop Off	Staying Classes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under Alert Level 2 hand sanitiser will be provided in every classroom. Hand sanitiser stations will be set up at the designated entry and exit points of each classroom and students and staff will use this as they enter or exit a room.</li> <li>Many students have their own stationary, supplies and devices and will be encouraged not to share. Please ensure students have all of the stationary they require - pencils, pens etc....</li> <li>Students will be provided with their own table space with approximately 1m distance (between others) and their own chair. This is to have a safe distance for breathing and moisture between students and staff.</li> <li>Additional disinfectant/cloths will be available in classrooms for children and teachers to sanitise spaces (particularly table surfaces and door handles) throughout the school day as required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under Alert Level 2 we ask that our parents and caregivers are not on site. We wish to encourage a drop off and pick up only approach to restrict the number of <b>adults on-site</b>. Where possible there should be one person designated for pick up and drop off. Please be respectful of this as it is the <b>'most likely'</b> chance of Covid-19 entering the school grounds.</li> <li>Students will not be allowed to enter before 8:30am and need to exit before 3:30pm.</li> <li>If you do need to come on site please email or phone our office via Karen Reid or Julia Waikato. If this can not be done due to unforeseen circumstances please come to the school office to register and register as a visitor on our contact register.</li> <li>Please avoid congregating while dropping or picking off children.</li> <li>School buses will run as per usual with normal routines. Physical distancing isn't practicable on school buses, however, it's a controlled environment where contact tracing can take place if required. Our bus transport providers ask that students sanitize before entering the bus (at school we will support this). Hand sanitizer is provided on all bus routes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no bubble concept at Alert Level 2 so there are no restrictions on groups of students mixing with others on site. However there is physical distancing of 1m inside and outside 2m being recommended as much as possible.</li> <li>Physical distancing is a good precaution to prevent the spread of disease.</li> <li>Children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, along with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.</li> <li>There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable 1 metre should be used as a guide, particularly between adults inside.</li> </ul>

Administration Block	Sports Equipment & Playground	Managing Attendance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adults are expected to maintain a minimum of 1m physical distance at all times including in the staffroom.</li> <li>Cups, spoons and any other utensils used by individual staff members or appropriate visitors need to be personally handled into the dishwasher by the person that used them.</li> <li>Hand sanitiser will be provided in the staffroom. Soap is available in the administration block washroom.</li> <li>Disinfectant/wipes available to be used on shared keypads (e.g. photocopier and school alarm).</li> <li>Adults are required to use hand sanitiser when they enter/exit the administration block.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical education classes and break time activities include access to sports equipment including playgrounds but hygiene practice should be observed before and after playing with equipment.</li> <li>No contact sport during this time e.g. touch.</li> <li>There will also be regular cleaning of shared equipment.</li> <li>Drinking fountains will remain accessible but only for refilling by staff. Students will need a named drink bottle at school. These can be refilled via our teachers, teacher aides before school, playtime or lunchtimes.</li> <li>Heat ups are available with adult collection and distribution.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your children are expected to attend school at Alert Level 2 unless they have Covid-19 symptoms. This is extremely important for our planning and also to understand what support you may require.</li> <li>Students and staff will not attend if they are unwell. Students and staff who become unwell during the school day will be sent home.</li> <li>In school our contact tracing is a QR code at the gate, our entry point along with a combination of timetable, attendance register and visitor register. These provide information to health authorities if they need to contact people that might be considered a close contact of a confirmed case, and determine whether they will need to self-isolate.</li> <li>This includes recording who the adults on-site are in close contact with as well as recording any visitors to the site, including parents and caregivers. (Although we are opting to minimise visitors onsite).</li> </ul>
Cleaning & Hygiene	Movement In & Out of School	Contact & Communication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A roster has been set up for the toilet block and these will be cleaned twice daily.</li> <li>Students and staff will use hand sanitiser when opening and closing all doors.</li> <li>Cleaners will complete daily cleans in line with the Ministry of Health guidelines.</li> <li>In an Alert Level 2 we will continue to model good hygiene practices (coughing into your elbow, handwashing and drying) and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.</li> <li>Please ensure children know to not touch each other or get too close. Avoid hi-fives, hand shakes, fist pumps, hugs and touching faces.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers will establish entries and exits of students to ensure there is no congestion when going to play or lunch and returning to class from play or lunch.</li> <li>We will continue as planned to limit all non-essential curriculum activity both in and outside of school.</li> <li>No school assemblies at this time. Instead we will have class assembly visits with our sharing of learning and with certificate presentations. We will share this with you via Facebook.</li> <li>We will review sports, cultural and other events as guided by our Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health providers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please continue to contact teachers through email rather than face to face, during this time. Alternatively contact our school office to arrange an appointment.</li> <li>As always our children's wellbeing will be our number one priority.</li> <li>Teachers will use this time to gather up to date information and evidence to help them make informed decisions of their students and classes' next steps and identify individual learning goals.</li> </ul>

As we have been within Alert Level 2 before, it won't take long for us to return to these as guided. These are in place to keep everyone at school safe. Please talk to your child/children daily about the guidelines and how they can help to keep everyone safe.

Contact tracing needs to be followed by all, please check the notice at the front gate. Should you need to enter the school grounds please sanitize upon entry and exit and complete the register - we do ask that you minimise your time and also visit onsite during Alert Level 2.

Please make contact with Julia Waikato - [principal@haurokevalley.school.nz](mailto:principal@haurokevalley.school.nz) if your children are unable to attend school.