

Term 1, Week 7 2026

*our place. our people.
our stories*



Principal Post

16th-20th March

Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

Wow - the **Blackmount Trail Ride** was a blast! As always, it is a highlight on our calendar as a major fundraiser for Hauroko Valley Primary School. I know it is a huge amount of mahi for our Home & School Team, our school families and friends who support us in the organisation and execution of such a big event. We hosted 635 riders on Saturday, 14th March. Congratulations to the David Gray Memorial Hill Climb winner - Jack

At Hauroko Valley Primary School, we pride ourselves on the opportunities we are able to provide to our children. Thanks to our amazing school community.

Good Luck to the following athletes heading into **Southland Athletics** this Saturday: Aoife, Memphis, Lauren, Della, Jack M, Griffin, Isaac, Finley, Brenna, Ilyssa, and Angus D.

We are updating information. If you have any changes to mobile numbers, emergency contacts, addresses, etc, please let Karen know via email office@haurokovalley.school.nz

Thank you for ensuring your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Socks need to be plain, not brands, stripes, or colours, as these are not part of our school uniform. Please purchase black school shoes; there are now multiple options available from several stores in NZ.

Have a great weekend!

Ngā mihi, Julia,

on behalf of the Hauroko Valley Primary team



ALWAYS
OUR BEST





MIGHTY MĀTAĪ

Term 1 - Week 7

☆ Mihi Pēpeha ☆

In Mataī class, students have been working on their Mihi's. A mihi is a formal Māori-language speech or greeting unique to the individual, that we use to introduce ourselves and make connections with others. Mataī have been working hard to create artwork using aspects of their mihis. Here is a snapshot of what they will look like - students are looking forward to hanging these on display in our classroom!




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☆ The B.F.G.'s Dream Jars - Informative Writing ☆



Mataī have been off to dream country to create the most wonderful winksquiffers and golden phizz wizards, based on Roald Dahl's "The B.F.G." They have written fact-files about these dreams and drafted topic sentences in preparation to inform an audience about them. Alongside their writing, Mataī have made physical dreams in a jar that represent their wonderful creations. Some are ready to be shared on the following page.

DREAM JARS

☆ M.I.T.E.Y - Aroha's Way ☆

As part of MITEY, Mataī are starting their learning into emotions using the story "Aroha's Way" by Craig Phillips. Through discussion, activities, and drama, ākonga (students) are learning to identify and name different feelings they experience and examine the ways they express different feelings at different times. We are learning to identify who and/or what helps us understand feelings and learn problem solving strategies to deal with difficult feelings, as well as strategies to support others with their emotions.



MIGHTY Mātai

Informative Writing



BY GOLDIE



Topic Sentence:

My Black Mountain trail ride dream is the most winksquittling dream ever.

What happens in my dream?

I went to the Black Mountain Trail Ride for the first time. I did lots of wheelies and I won! So I got a golden brick! I am going to buy a dog.

What does it sound like?

My dream makes the sound of... humming!

How can you catch it?

To catch my dream, you will need... a glass jar!

BY GRACE



Topic Sentence:

My wick squittling snowman dream is the most amazing dream ever.

What happens in my dream?

Every day, the sleeper follows a snowman on a path. He was sure my because Sarah said that he was not very lit. So he set running that is how he got to the very hot beach. Unfortunately, the the snowman melted in the hot sun!

What does it sound like?

My dream sounds like waves crashing seagulls splashing, laughing, and giggling.

How can you catch it?

They need a tree to catch my dream.

BY LIAM



Topic Sentence:

My dream is the worst trogle humping Nightmare ever to be found!

What happens in my dream?

Freddie gives a child pizza slices. He also gives the parents, lilies, chocolate chip cupcakes and 24 chocolates. Then Freddie runs away backwards. Amazing! More sounds running through the speakers.

What does it sound like?

My dream sounds like clong, dududu, ridditay...

How can you catch it?

To catch my dream, they will need a big box and a net.

These are just a few of our amazing dreams created by the talented writers in Matai.

Matai have been off to dream country to create their own dreams. They have made the most wonderful winksquiffers and golden phizz wizards, the nastiest grobswitchers, bogthumpers and troglehumpers - all based on Roald Dahl's "The B.F.6."

W.A.L.T.:

"I am learning to write a topic sentence & to write to inform an audience about my dream I have created."

BY HANNAH



Topic Sentence:

My Summer beach dream is the most amazing golden phizz wizard.

What happens in my dream?

Anyone can come to the beach and ride the dolphins and seahorses and they also get to meet the easter bunny. The easter bunny also has chocolate eggs. They also get to drink Pava.

What does it sound like?

Waves splashing against the sand.

How can you catch it?

With a ginormous net to catch my dream.

BY TANNER



Topic Sentence:

My really bad storm is the worst for a trogle humping a child could think of.

What happens in my dream?

In my dream, the wizzed splashed his paint everywhere. I froze for a record and then a huge storm came. I thought it was like a dream. I was walking through the storm and then I screamed. A rocket launched too. I was so scared.

What does it sound like?

My dream sounds like trees falling thunder booming, lightning crackles and wind growling.

How can you catch it?

To catch my dream, they will need a huge net and the biggest net ever made.

BY CHANUK



Topic Sentence:

My snow man dream is the best Golden phizz wizard.

What happens in my dream?

My dream is about a snowman who comes to life. His magic is Mr. Cold. Mr. Cold has those magic powers he can snap his twig fingers and make it snow whenever he wants to.

What does it sound like?

My dream makes snow crunching sounds.

How can you catch it?

With a really big jar.

The Blackmount Trail Ride



“Start your engines!”

Jack Symon 21.30

Jonty Richards 25.24

Kane Marsh 26.05

Ben Roy 26.27

Bradley Sharp 26.50

Angus Manson 27.88

Russell Murdoch 28.50

Hec Johnstone 29.10

Jason Duff Dna

Paul Ward Dna



King of the Hill
Climb

2026

The Blackmount Trail Ride

Tales from the H.V.P. Crew

Kōwhai

I went to the trail ride. There was food and drinks. I played with Frank.
by Liam G

I raced on the trail ride sometimes. I had lots of breaks. I did ride to the top of the mountain. We stayed the night in a caravan. By Frank N

Quickly, I brushed past Dad on my motorbike and then I was flying on bumps then after I had lunch. I had a burger. I had a pattie and I had some bacon in my burger. After I finished my burger, I got 4 scoops of icecream and I had it in the car. By Louie K.



Mātai

Blackmount Trail Ride Facts

- The Blackmount Trail Ride is the major fundraiser for Hauroko Valley Primary.
- This year, there were 635 riders.
- Held at Lillburn Valley Station
- There are 4 loops and the peewee loop.
- There is a big hill climb.
By Hannah N.

On the 14th of March it was the Lillburn trail ride. This year there was 635 people. I did the north loop and the junior loop. I rode with Jackson, Griffin, Lola, and Ruby. A lot of people helped me. Jackson was on a big bike so he kept falling off. I helped him lift his bike up each time. It was an awesome day!

By Lachy K.

Tōtara

The day of the Blackmount Trail Ride

6:00 am ding ding ding! Finally, it was the big day at the Blackmount Trail Ride. I dragged my body out of my lush, warm bed into my freezing cold motorbike gear. Blowing the hair dryer on my gear to make it warm, I say to myself, if Lola gets up the hill climb, hopefully I don't have to give her \$100 if she makes it up.

We finally got all of us kids in the van, ready to head off.

Finally we hit the road and pining it so Cooper could go biking with his friends. Vroom vroom! All I could hear were motorbikes everywhere. We got our bikes out and started to ride. I only went on the junior track and the peewee track with Dara and Xidhre. Then I just changed my clothes, and we went swimming in the creek.

By Aoife G.

Trail Ride:

I went to the trail ride in the weekend. I arrived at 7:00 am. It was just getting set up, but the hot chocolate truck was ready, so I got one. It was delish! Yum! At 9:00 am the track was open and I got to go on the peewee track - it was too easy... so I went on the junior track. It was a bit challenging, but I managed. After I went to get an ice cream and a fizzy, yum! Then we went to play on the hill, and then we went home with Dad at 8:30 pm.

By Abby R.

Rātā

The Lillburn Trail Ride

The truck is started, we are on our way to Lillburn. This is a school fundraiser for Hauroko Valley Primary School. The date is the 14th of March, 2026. Obviously, it is a trail ride. I am finally there with my family. I am now waiting. I go to the registration, and my paper is handed in - they tell me to put the sticker on the right side of my helmet. I go back to the truck and start to gear up. I put my boots on, then my helmet. I am ready! Roarrrrrr! Everyone's engines are started up. I feel a surge of power! I go to find Oscar and Jack R. They are ready, and we are good to go!

By Hadlee B.

The Blackmount Trail Ride

The grass was glistening with dew as I stepped out of the car. Before I knew it, a hi-vis was shoved into my hands, and I was told I was on parking duty. For close to three hours, I stood in the grass handing out registrations.

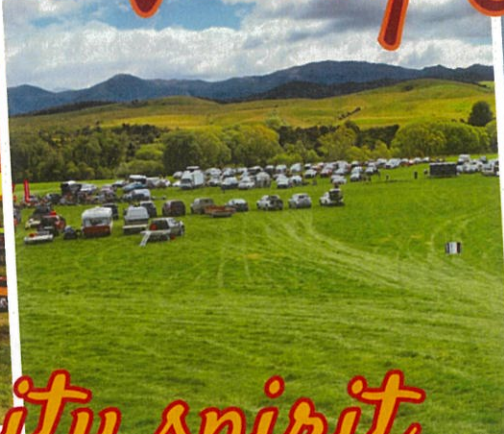
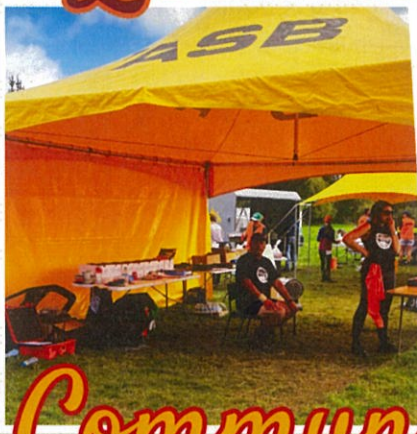
My day hadn't gotten off to a good start.

It was a happy moment when I was finally released from my job and was free.

Straight away, I made my way towards the canteen. The Blackmount Trail Ride was a blast, even though I didn't ride. There were easily 600+ people there, and hopefully it raised a lot of money for Hauroko Valley Primary School.

By Angus D.

Lillburn Valley Chapter



Community spirit



"Best day ever!"



ENERGY REFUELING STATION

Price List	
Chocolate Bar	- \$2
Licorice	- \$2
Fizz	- \$2
Chips	- \$2

2026

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Chocolate Bar	- \$2
Fizz	- \$2

HAUROKO ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Principal Awards - named as below, not photographed

- Kōwhai - Dex for superb leadership in Kōwhai class. You know what to do and do it!
- Mataī - Thehan for knowing his daily learning timetable and working to complete tasks.
- Mataī - Tanner for being diligent in all areas of learning.
- Tōtara - Aoife for grit and determination when representing in 800m and discus at Western.
- Tōtara - George for giving his best when competing in athletics at the interschool and Western.
- Rātā - Corbin for support of/for others - an advocate.
- Rātā - Dusty for making valuable decisions and contributions to our school, as a Year 8 leader.
- Rātā - Ruby for making thoughtful adaptations, leading by example.
- Rātā - Lola for thinking BIG picture as a leader and working to solve problems.

HVP Students of the Week



Classroom Teachers Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following learners for demonstrating a range of skills, knowledge, and understanding of HVP School Values, NZ Key Capabilities, or Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry, The Arts (Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Art), Technology, Science, Aotearoa Historics, or Health and Physical Education learning. Well done on your progress and achievements!





READING NIGHT TARGETS



<u>Kōwhai</u>	<u>Matai</u>	<u>Tōtara</u>
Monty	Lucy	Frank
Lucas	John	Sadie
Thiven	Zara	Abby
Maeve	Tanner	Alex Eg
Louie	Grace	Aoife
Oakley	Lachy	Memphis
	Ada	Eve
	Hannah	Dara
	Beau	Bill
	Thehan	Ava
	Bear	Riley
	Hazel	Della
	Liam	Fletcher
		Lauren
		Neilina

WE HAVE REACHED

READING

25

TERM DATES



Term 1

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



DIARY DATES

Week 8

- Wednesday 25th March - Kōwhai & Mataī Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 26th March - KSOM
- Thursday 26th March - Weaving Wellbeing Workshop Year 7&8 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm
- Friday 27th March - Year 7&8 Technology at Waiau Area School

Week 9

- Tuesday 31st March - Year 7&8 Have A Go Walk
- Wednesday 1st April - Kōwhai & Mataī Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Wednesday 1st April - Western Southland Swimming
- Wednesday 1st April - Rippa Rugby Year 5&6 Tournament
- Thursday, 2nd April- KSOM
- Thursday 2nd April - HVP House Day (more information to follow)
- Thursday 2nd April - Weaving Wellbeing Workshop Year 7&8 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm
- Thursday 2nd April - Last Day of Term 1

POLICIES/PROCEDURES

Our School's Policies and Procedures are managed online by SchoolDocs. They are maintained and updated regularly to make sure they comply with the Ministry of Education requirements and follow the Ministry's best-practice guidelines.

To familiarise yourself with SchoolDocs, go to the Parents and Whānau section on the SchoolDocs site – it has a brief description of SchoolDocs, and important information about parent involvement, communication and reporting, community conduct expectations, and social media guidelines. There is also a Quick Links for Parents and Whānau topic with links to the most relevant policies and procedures.

Policies are reviewed at regular intervals. Reviews are open to the board, staff, parents/caregivers/whānau. Reviewers can rate policy content as well as its implementation, and they can offer comments on both.

In Term 1, we are reviewing the following policies;

Term 1 policies	Review opens 26 January
• Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Harmful Substances Policy	Board review
• Sun Protection	Board review
• Digital Technology and Online Safety	Board review
• Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices	

Use Username: haurokovalley and Password: 6753



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ABOUT THE REVIEW PROCESS

The SchoolDocs review process allows the school community to provide feedback on policies and procedures, and ensures information stays up to date. See the **Current Review** tab at the top of your site for more information about what's under review each term.

Policies under review have a **Start your review** button. Reviews open at the start of each term, and anyone in the school community can submit a review.

Currently under review

Start your review

Select your role at the school and follow the instructions to provide feedback on policies under review.

Staff member
Board member
Whānau
Student

The review schedule indicates policies that are particularly important for the board to review, but all reviewers are welcome to submit feedback.

Reviewers can provide feedback on the **content** and **implementation** of policies that are under review.

Content feedback is for suggesting how policy information could be improved for schools.

Implementation feedback is for letting your school know how well the policy is being implemented.

When you've entered any comments and ratings, you can submit your review. You can also choose to be emailed a copy of your feedback.

Submit review

WHAT HAPPENS TO REVIEW FEEDBACK?

Your feedback is sent to the SchoolDocs team, and to designated staff and board members at your school. The SchoolDocs team uses content feedback to make changes to policy information for all schools.

What?

Hauroko Valley Primary School is committed to providing a safe, and healthy environment, for students, staff, and visitors.

Why?

Our Code of Conduct serves as a reminder to all parents, caregivers, and school visitors, that their conduct must support everyone's emotional and physical wellbeing, and not harm it in any way.

When? Where?

The Code of Conduct applies:

- to all conduct, speech, and action, and includes emails, texts, phone calls, social media, or other communication.
- while on school grounds or at another venue where students or staff are assembled for school purposes (such as EOTC Activities, School Camps, Ski Trip, Sports Events - netball, Hockey, Ripa Rugby, Touch, Polyfest, Productions, Have A Go, Social Science or Science & Technology Fair, HVP Speeches, Cluster Speeches)

Standards of Conduct

Hauroko Valley Primary School expects parents, caregivers, and visitors to;

- treat everyone with respect
- work together in partnership with staff for the benefit of all students
- respect and adhere to the Hauroko Valley Primary School values
- set a good example for students at all times
- follow school procedures to handle any concerns or complaints
- adhere to school policies and procedures and any legal requirements - school docs.

Hauora/Well-being

- Speak positively about children, staff, and wider whānau.
- All members of the school community are expected to treat each other with respect, courtesy, and dignity at all times, both in-person and in digital interactions.
- Keep information in the appropriate place; have an awareness of keeping everyone safe and their privacy.
- Follow Hauroko Valley Primary School procedures to handle any concerns or complaints.
- Adhere to school policies and procedures.

Village/Kainga

- Students, staff, parents, and visitors are responsible for their actions and behaviour while on school premises or attending school-related events.
- Honesty, integrity, and ethical behaviour are expected from all members of the school community.
- Actively seek opportunities to collaborate with others, demonstrating openness, flexibility, and a willingness to listen and consider different perspectives.
- TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More

Perseverance/ Te manawanui

- Work together in partnership with staff for the benefit of your child/ren (at times groups of students).
- Remain optimistic and resilient in the face of challenges, setbacks, or changes, contributing to a supportive environment.
- If you have a concern or complaint follow our procedure.
- Listen and negotiate; be willing to reach a shared understanding.
- Have a solutions-based approach that contributes to a solution-oriented environment.

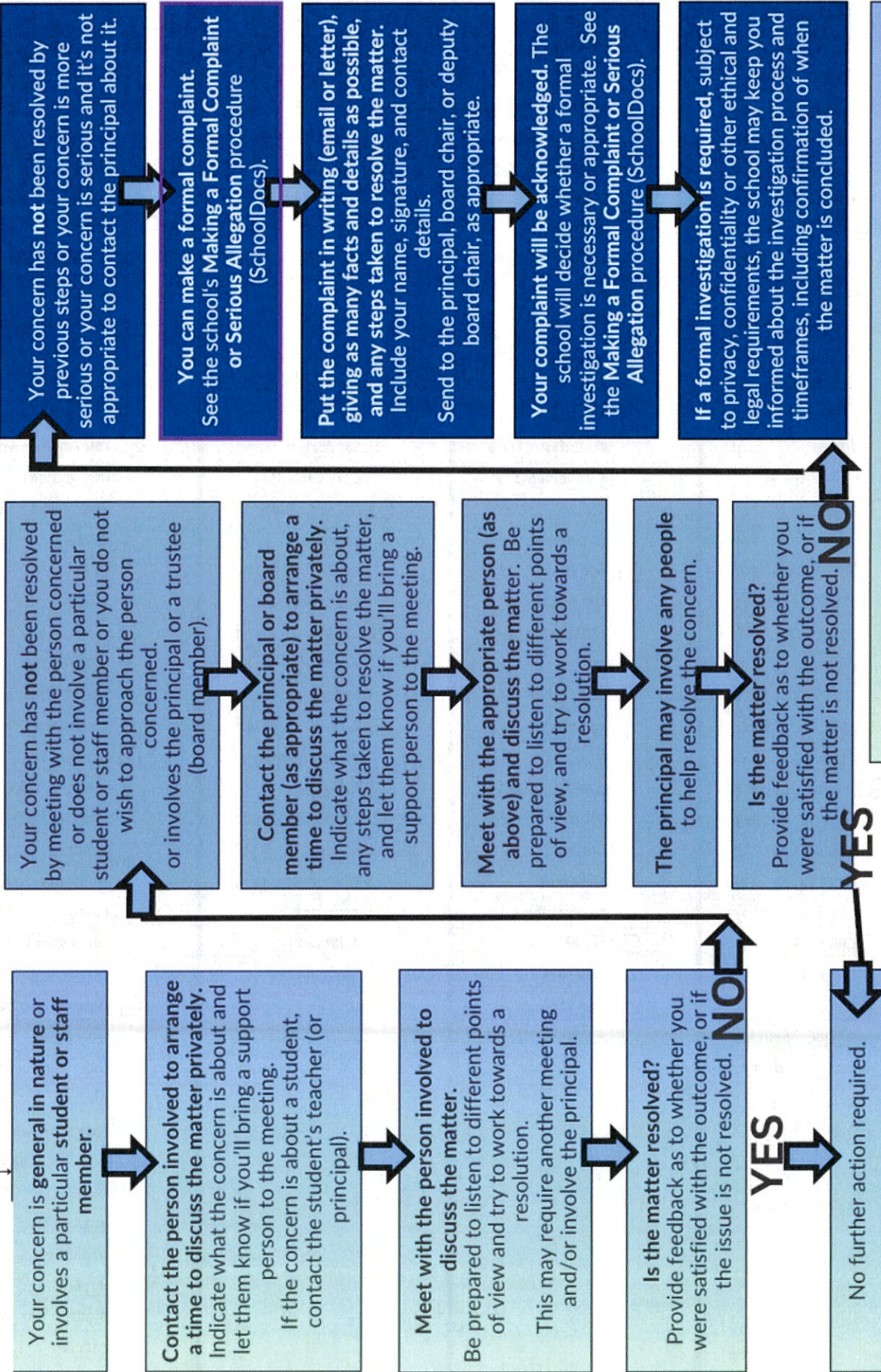
Success/

- All members of the school community must follow the Health and Safety guidelines, follow emergency procedures, and report any safety concerns or incidents promptly.
- Be a positive role model with interactions in and out of school.
- Actively participate in community activities, initiatives, and discussions.
- Contribute ideas, skills, and effort to enhance the collective well-being and success of the community.
- Have an awareness of the time and place of conversations, and the impact these can positively or negatively impact on others or the school

HVP CONCERNS & COMPLAINTS PROCESS

CONCERNS & COMPLAINTS

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



NB: Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a **complaint will not be considered unless the correct process has been followed.** You may be directed back to the staff member or principal to follow the process.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Attendance

If your child is sick and staying home or you have something on, e.g. a medical appointment, wedding, funeral, or other, then please let us know. You can contact us through the following ways;

1. Use our school student management system via the HERO Linc-Ed App.
2. Ring and speak with Karen, or leave a message on the school phone at 032266753.
3. Email Karen at office@haurokovalley.school.nz - she will enter the absence, and this advises classroom teachers.
4. Text Karen 0277777520.

Please do so by 9.30 am, as we are legally required to accurately record attendance, and this requires a follow-up with a phone call, email, or text to check in. Thanks!



To see your child's account, download the Hero App.

Register with your email address that we have for you in our records.



School Account

If paying accounts by internet banking, please do so to

Hauroko Valley Primary School

Westpac:

03 1748 0030028 000

Tui Base Camp

Friday Lunch Orders

Sausage & Chips \$6

Fish Bites & Chips \$5

Pies \$7

Chicken Nuggets & Chips \$5

Chips \$3

Bacon & Egg Sandwich \$7

Dagwood \$7

Muffin \$5

Cheese Roll \$3

Scone \$5

Sausage Roll \$6



COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE GREAT TUATAPERE Rubber Duck Race!

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2026





Join us down at Boundary Creek, King Street Bridge for the Tuatapere Community Pool Fundraiser!

10 Races + the Grand Finale Bridge to Bridge Chase!

Bet on your favourite rubber ducks in each race!

Betting Booth opens at 10:30am. Bets close 5 minutes before each race.

<p>RACE 1 11:00am Sponsored by </p>	<p>RACE 2 11:20am In Memory of Marjorie McDowell </p>	<p>RACE 3 11:40am Sponsored by </p>	<p>RACE 4 12:00pm Sponsored by </p>
<p>RACE 5 12:20pm Sponsored by </p>	<p>RACE 6 12:40pm Sponsored by </p>	<p>RACE 7 1:00pm Sponsored by </p>	<p>RACE 8 1:20pm Sponsored by </p>
<p>RACE 9 1:40pm Sponsored by </p>	<p>RACE 10 2:00pm Sponsored by </p>	<p>FINAL RACE : GRAND FINALE BRIDGE TO BRIDGE CHASE 2:20pm Sponsored by </p>	

Bouncy Castle! Remember your sunscreen!
Bring chairs, gazebos, a picnic - make a day of it!

RIVERTON HERITAGE HARVEST FESTIVAL

28th & 29th March 2026 - Aparima College Hall

Competitions for Adults & Children
\$3,000 of fruit trees to be won!



The best bunch



A beautiful bloom



Your harvest basket



Prized vegetables and fruits



Famous fruit pies

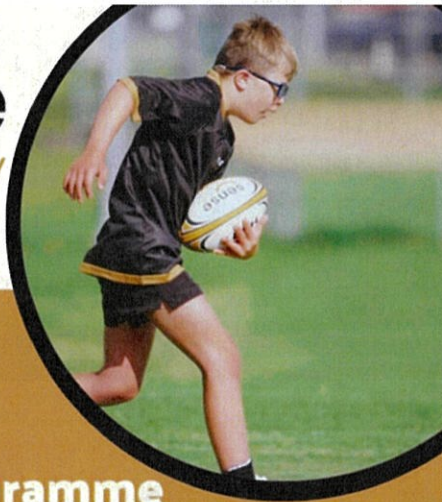
Bring your entries down to the festival hall between
10am and 3pm on Saturday 28th March

www.sces.org.nz/harvest-festival

Workshops, stalls, displays, food!

Gold Coin Entry

sense
rugby



**Invercargill
'Have a go'
holiday programme**

Monday 13th April - Wednesday 15th April

9.00am - 11.00am

Drop in once or join us for all 3 days at
Newfield Park School

To register email info@senserugby.co.nz



www.senserugby.co.nz

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