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# Principal Post

## 28th April - 1st May

Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

Thank you to our whānau for joining us at the Orawia Dawn Service and/or at the Tuatapere RSA. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout of students at both services, proudly representing Hauroko Valley. Each service holds its own significance, and it is always a pleasure to see our students involved, including Hadlee and Jackson, who performed with the Waimatuku Pipe Band. A sincere thank you to Fiona for preparing a beautiful wreath and floral arrangement in tribute to honour the fallen. These were thoughtfully laid at the Orawia Cenotaph by our school leaders. We placed our school wreath at Tuatapere made by Year 7&8's and their Grans.

Our school service was held on Tuesday, with our student leaders guiding us through a traditional and respectful programme. This included the reading of In Flanders Fields, The Ode, Reveille, and the Last Post. We also lit a candle in recognition of Anne Robbie's dedication to preserving our local history. The Clifden School Honours Board sat beside the school flag. Crosses that honour the soldiers from Orawia and Tuatapere who served and sacrificed for our country were placed under a school tree.

Last week, we implemented the first of three SMART Tool assessments for our Year 3-8 students. The Mathematics assessment was completed on paper, allowing students to show their working in pencil. This week, students in Years 4-7 completed the Reading assessment online, while our Year 3 students undertook the paper version. The Year 8's will complete theirs next week. This twice-yearly assessment aligns with the new curriculum and is designed to provide teachers with clear, consistent information to guide next steps in learning, while also giving parents confidence in their child's progress. We look forward to seeing how this tool supports both our curriculum delivery and our learners' achievement.

The EPRO8 Southland Final was held at JHJC, with two Hauroko Valley teams competing. Congratulations to Valley Volts—Mason, Carter, Jake, and Cohen—and Hauroko Hydraulics—Isaac, Aydee, Angus D, and Oscar—who represented our school. Hauroko Hydraulics achieved an impressive 3rd equal placing with 210 points, while Valley Volts finished 6th with 190 points. It was a nail-biting three hours of competition, with teams shifting positions throughout—at one stage, both teams were sitting in 4th while constructing the scissor lift. These are outstanding results in a strong field of 12 teams.

American hot dogs were a big hit at lunch—thank you for supporting our Year 5-6 camp fundraiser. Please remember to place your orders on Tuesday morning, as we prepare food based on the number of orders received. A big thank you to our Tōtara Year 5-6 parents for their support in helping run this fundraiser.

On Thursday we held our annual Duck Calling Challenge, with the school field buzzing as students practised and prepared for the competition. A big thank you to Jason and Kaylene for providing this fantastic opportunity for our children to showcase their talents ahead of opening weekend. Congratulations to all who took part. Results were as follows: Memphis placed 1st, Cohen 2nd, Stanley 3rd, and Jack R 4th.

Ngā mihi, Julia,  
on behalf of the Hauroko Valley Primary team



# MIGHTY MĀTAĪ

WEEK  
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Mātaī have had a fabulous start to the term!

In Writing, students have been using the Sentence Trains to revise their sentence styles they have been working on last term.

Measurement - Perimeter:

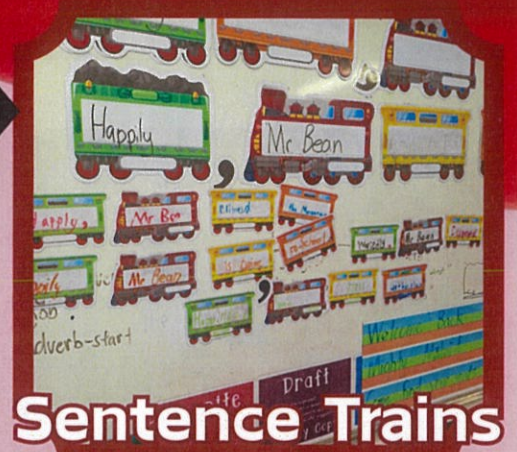
In Mātaī, we are learning about measurement. We have been using formal and informal units to estimate and measure objects around the classroom, such as hands, feet, centimetres, and metres. Students have also been exploring measuring perimeter for 2D objects and boundaries.

Hand-printed poppies & ANZAC Learning:

In Social Sciences and Visual Arts, Mighty Mātaī have been learning about ANZAC Day - our day of remembrance for the fallen heroes of The Great War. We have learned about the significance of the poppy as a symbol of ANZAC Day, and have created wonderful hand-printed poppies.

Discovery Time Learning:

Students also got the opportunity to make fallen soldier artwork during Discovery Time that was displayed at the RSA Hall during the ANZAC Service for 2026.



Sentence Trains



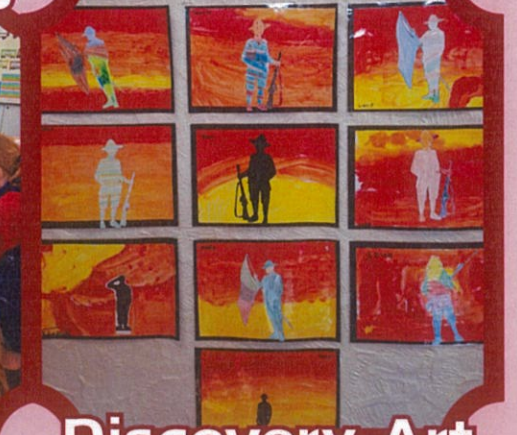
Measurement



Perimeter

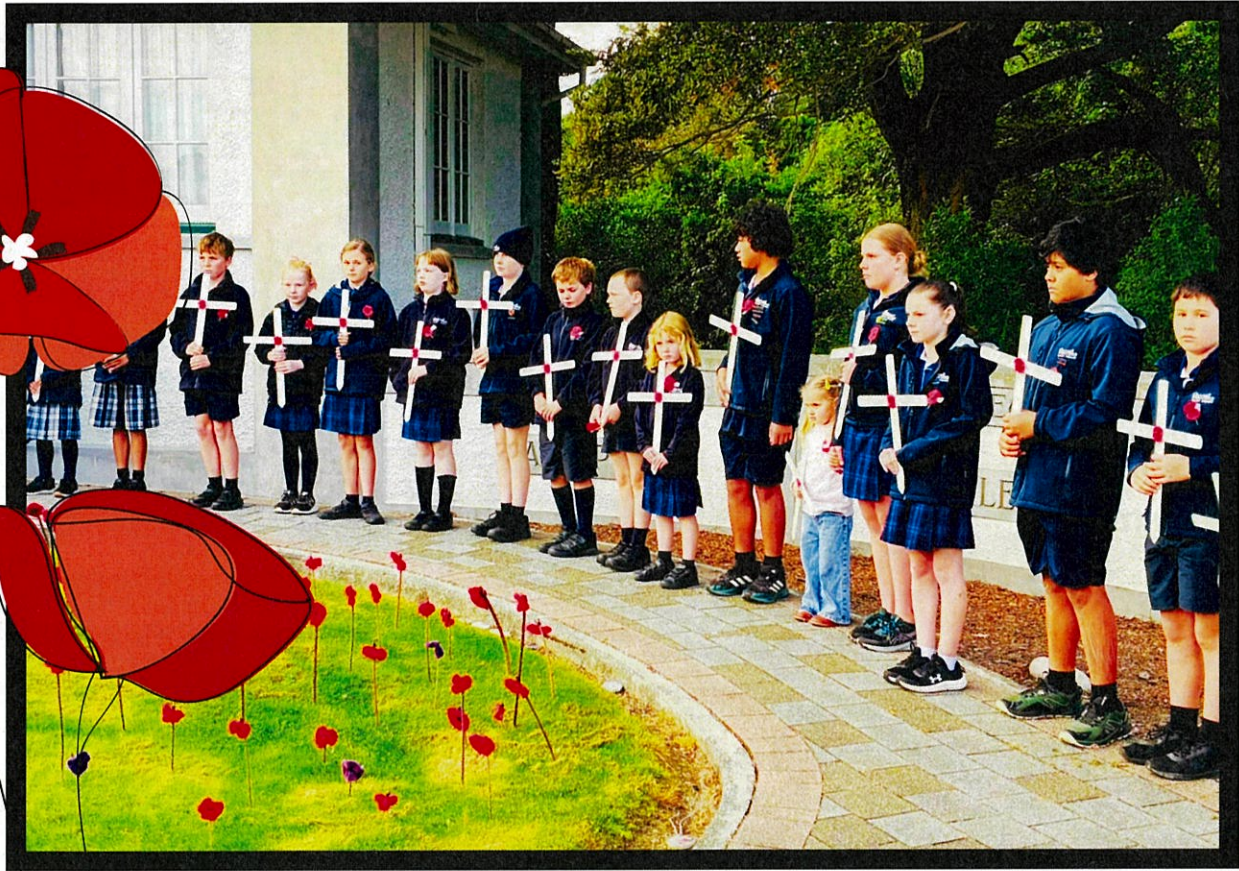
Poppy Field

Hand painting

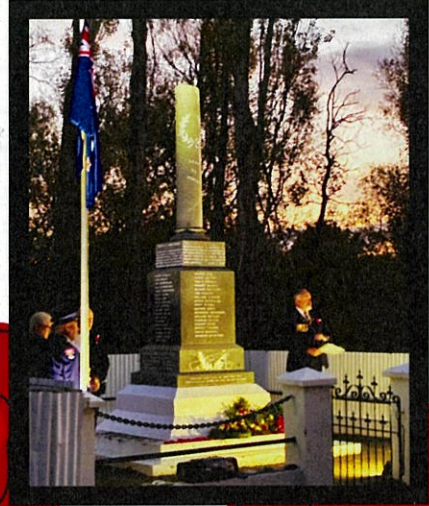


Discovery Art





# ANZAC 2026





**REVEILLE**  
*New Zealand*  
*God Save The King*  
 NATIONAL ANTHEM  
**GOD OF NATIONS**



**CROSSES**  
**WREATH**  
*poppy*  
*Australian, New Zealand Army Corps*  
**animals**



*"Lest we forget."*  
 Returned Services Association  
 R.S.A  
**BUGLE**  
*memorial*  
**FALLEN**  
**flag**  
**THE LAST POST**



*remembrance*  
**The Ode**  
*Ka maumahara tonu  
 tātou ki a rātou - we will  
 remember them.*  
**WREATH**  
**SERVICE**  
*Dawn Parade*



*"They shall not grow old, as  
 we are left to grow old.  
 Age shall not weary them  
 or the years condemn. At  
 the going down of the sun,  
 and in the morning, we will  
 remember them."*



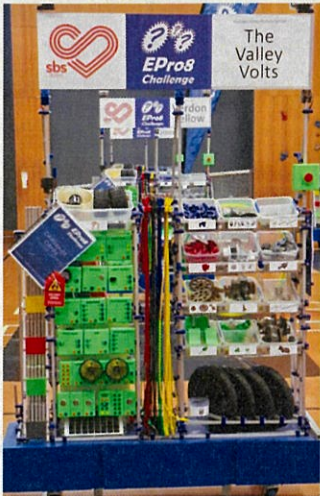
**ANZAC**

Hauroko Valley students attended the Orawia Dawn Service and also the Tuatapere RSA Service on 25<sup>th</sup> March as part of ANZAC Day. We joined together to remember those who served. Our leaders lay a wreath at the cenotaph and library while our younger students laid poppies in remembrance. We include teaching and learning of the history of Anzac in our programmes ensuring our students know the significance of those who served and their sacrifice.

# EPRO8

# Interschool Technology Challenge

Science Technology Engineering Mathematics



## INCREDIBLE WORKSTATIONS!

This Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of April was the Interschool EPRO8 Technology Challenge for 2026. The competition was held at James Hargest Junior Campus Hall. Our teams got their own dedicated work station with all the gear available to complete one of four challenges!



## OUR HVP TEAMS!



The Hauroko Hydraulics:

Aydee. Angus  
Isaac. Oscar

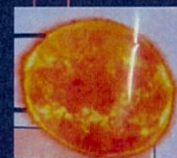
The Valley Volts:

Jake Mason  
Carter Cohen



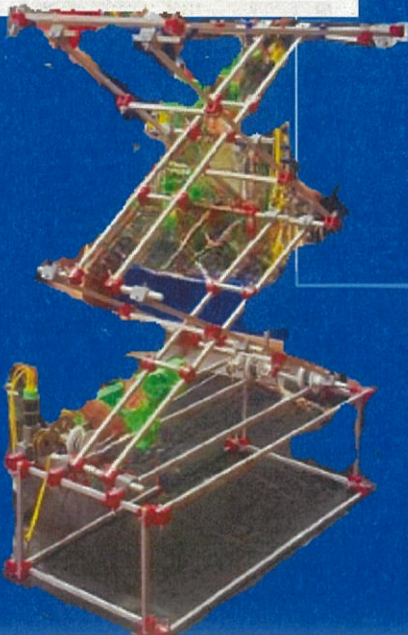
## CHALLENGE BREAKDOWN

There were 4 challenges available for our teams to attempt. The Scissor Lift, Mario Kart, Ballon Obstacle Course, and the Solar Power Station. The challenges were very elaborate - involving building complex frames with materials and incorporating power/circuits to provide functionality



Our teams both decided on the Scissor Lift challenge. This involved building two scissor arms that could be fixed to a sturdy frame. Then they have to design a pulley system that would lower or raise the scissor arms, which had to be battery powered and activated with a push button. The complex maths involved using a laser measurer to find the distance between the scissor arms and the lights on the ceiling of the hall. Then they had to calculate how many segments of scissors they would need to build to reach the lights.

Hauroko Valley Primary's teams achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places out of 12 teams present on the day - finishing in the top 50% overall. The teams demonstrated fabulous ingenuity and teamwork throughout the event. We are very proud of their amazing performance!



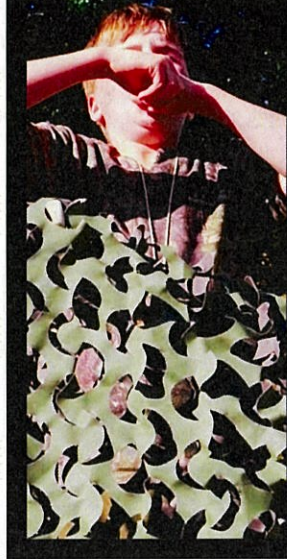
MEMPHIS



COHEN



STANLEY



JACK R



# CAMO DAY

We sincerely thank the Bennett family for their generous support of our annual Duck Calling Competition. Their contribution of prizes helped recognise and celebrate those participants who demonstrated outstanding skill, effort, and enthusiasm in their duck calling. So many amazing photos of students and sounds of their duck calls. Congratulations to Memphis = 1<sup>st</sup>, Cohen = 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stanley = 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jack R = 4<sup>th</sup>. All the best to those engaging in opening weekend.



# DUCK CALLING

MONTY



FLETCHER



CHAVIRU



LOLA



### Principal Awards

- Kōwhai - Brayden for amazing writing ideas and recording of writing in wow sentences.
- Kōwhai - Monty for following the roles required for a wonderful show n tell.
- Matai - Grace for super mathematical answers given to a range of questions.
- Matai - Ada for wonderful contributions to Matai during Cybersafety learning about Hector.
- Tōtara - Eve for being thorough in reading to answer mathematical and reading questions.
- Tōtara - Neilina for reading with beautiful fluency demonstrating accuracy, pace & expression.
- Rātā - Connor for stepping up and demonstrating leadership to support the Anzac Service.
- Rātā - Jack M for demonstrating skill in Technology at woodwork with a range of machines.
- Rātā - Carter for impressive organisation, problem solving and collaboration shown at EPRO8.

# HAUROKO ASSEMBLY AWARDS

## Hawroko Valley Students of the Week

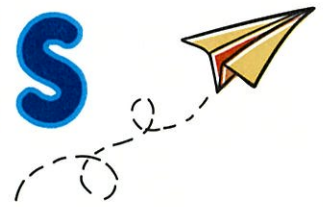


### Classroom Teachers Assembly Awards

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!



# TERM DATES



## Term 2

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**Public Holiday** - Anzac Day - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April  
**Public Holiday** - King's Birthday - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

## Term 3

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

## Term 4

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Public Holiday** - Labour Day - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October



# DIARY DATES

Term 2

**NB: KSOM every Thursday apart from Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May as Interschool Cross Country at WAS**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - HVP School Photos at Clifden Historic Suspension Bridge (refer to info included). We transport students down and back for class photos.
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Technology Year 7&8 at WAS
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May - SBHS Meeting 7.00 pm-8.00 pm at HVP
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Technology Year 7&8 at WAS
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Board Meeting 7.00 pm
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Technology Year 7&8 at WAS
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Western Cross Country at Otautau
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - King's Birthday/Public Holiday/No School**
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Southland Cross Country at Waimumu
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Board Meeting 7.00 pm
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Mid-Year Reports Go Home
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June & Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Conversations
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm

**YEAR 5&6 CAMP  
FUNDRAISING**

# **AMERICAN HOT DOG**



**\$4**

## **PRE-ORDER TUESDAYS**

For lunch on  
Wednesdays  
Term 2, 2026  
(unless otherwise  
advised)

*A fresh roll with  
a frankfurter.*

**Optional;**

- cheese
- mustard
- tomato sauce

# HAUROKO VALLEY

## School Photos



School photos will be taken on May 4th at the Historic Bridge site. Class and individual photographs will be taken from 9am with Family photos from **11:30 am.**

Please arrive promptly at 11:30am if you require family photos.

Contact Megan for enquiries via email [megan@mgphoto.co.nz](mailto:megan@mgphoto.co.nz)

# SCHOOL PHOTOS

# 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 2, we are reviewing the following policies;

Term 2 policies	Review opens 20 April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Daily School Bus*</b></li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>School Swimming Pool*/ Swimming Off Site*</b></li></ul>	Board review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)</b></li></ul>	Board review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>EOTC Governance Roles and Responsibilities</b></li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>EOTC Risk Assessment and Management</b></li></ul>	

Use Username: haurokovalley and Password: 6753

## 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

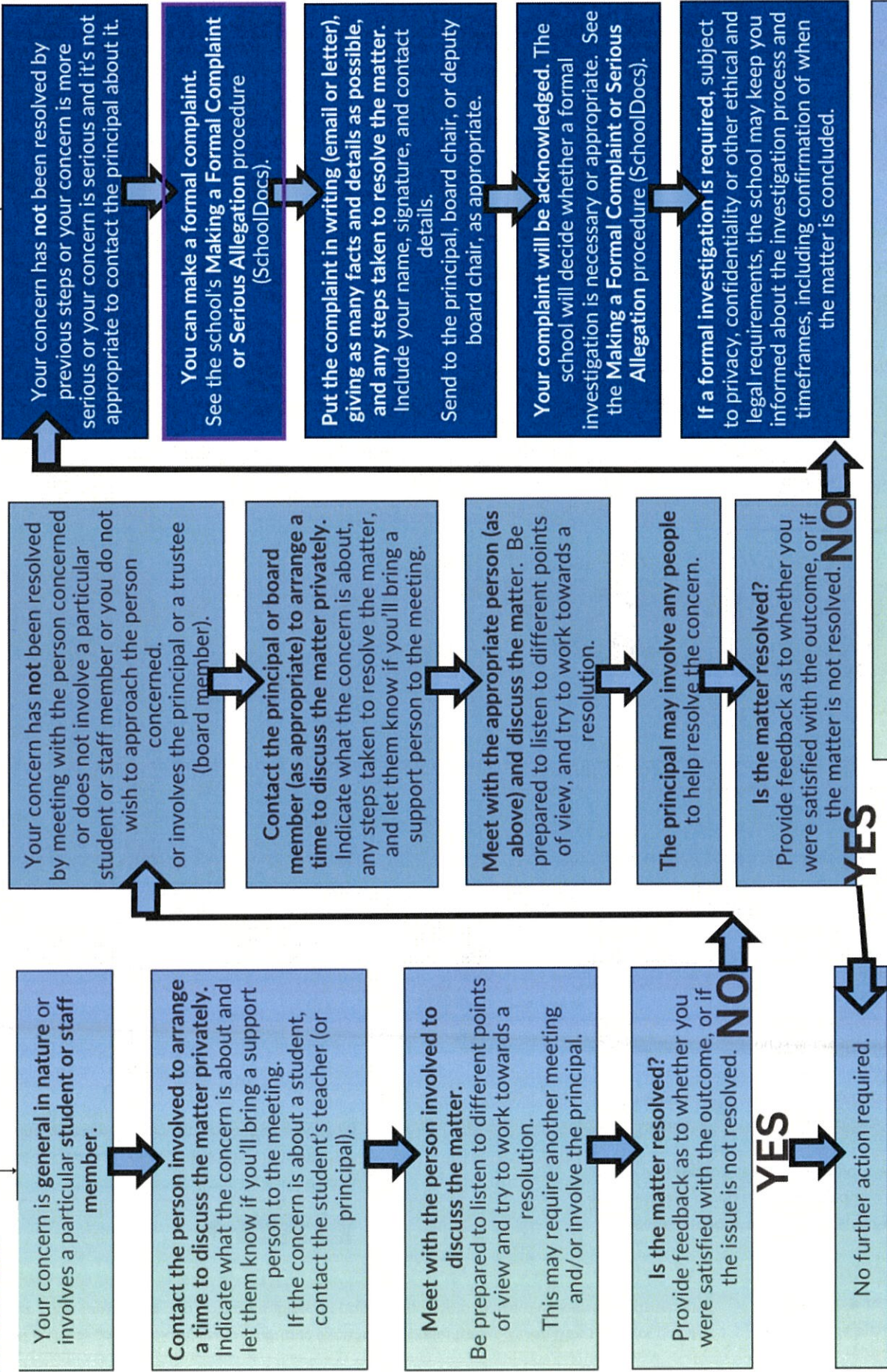
### WHAT HAPPENS TO REVIEW FEEDBACK?

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.

# 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](mailto: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

## Hockey/Rugby

The hockey/rugby season is just around the corner so getting gear sorted is important. Previously, we had hockey socks available for purchase at school, thanks to Waiiau Star Rugby Club.

Jenna is the new Junior Convenor for WSRC. Please reach out to her to organise purchasing and collection of socks for HVP hockey. Payment also to Waiiau Star.

Mouth guards will remain available to purchase through Julia. Payment can be made to Hauroko Valley Primary School in the amount of \$4, either in cash or by charging it to your school account. Please let Julia know. Two sizes available - under 11 and 11+.



**Central Southland  
Netball  
Centre**

## FutureFERNs Programme

**30th April - 18th June (Term 2)**  
8 Weeks - Thursdays



Year 1&2:  
3:45 - 4:45pm



Year 3&4:  
5:00 - 6:00pm

\$35 per player

Register now at:  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/497069>

## Active Bodies, Curious Minds For Preschoolers & Junior Class

Join us for this session designed to spark curiosity and joyful learning through intentional invitations to play tākaro.

Tamariki are encouraged to follow their interests and choose the play space that matches their energy, supporting resilience, self regulation, confidence, and emotional awareness.

Our movement-based area, based on Moving Smart's 'Smart Step's programme, invites children to climb, balance, jump, roll and swing, building strength, co-ordination and the physical and neurological foundations for thriving in learning environments.

A second, calmer space offers open ended, heuristic and loose parts play, where children can explore, experiment, create, and problem solve using sensory rich materials at their own pace.

This gathering also celebrates **whakawhānaungatanga** - bringing our community together to connect, support one another, sharing in the wonder of our tamariki's learning.

**Western Southland  
Clifden**

**DATE:**

Wednesday 27th May

**TIME:**

**Preschoolers** 10.30am - 12pm

**Junior Class** 12.30am - 1.30pm

**COST:**

Free of charge

**Venue:**

Hauroko Valley Primary School Hall  
956 Clifden Highway  
Clifden



For more details, please contact Southern REAP  
email: [maree@reap.co.nz](mailto:maree@reap.co.nz) or 027 732 7323