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Principal Post

7th-11th September

Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

It's great to see most of our learners and staff back on deck. What an unpleasant bout of influenza, with many finding it takes considerable time to regain their energy and fully recover.

Thank you to the Naylor family for providing our Year 5&6 students with the opportunity to plant pittosporum as a fundraiser for their Term 4 Bannockburn Camp. We really appreciate opportunities that enable our students to be actively involved and contribute to their own fundraising efforts.

The MPB is being well utilised at lunchtimes for pickleball, and it's fantastic to see! Students of all ages are supporting one another to develop racquet skills, and even learn a few of the rules along the way.

The KSOM concert was a wonderful opportunity for those learning an instrument or vocals to perform for friends, family and our school whānau. Performing adds another string to the bow for our singers and musicians, and we were incredibly impressed by the talent on show!

Next Tuesday, 15th September, we're celebrating International Dot Day and combining it with our Wacky Hair Day! It's a non-uniform day, so come along in your wildest, wackiest, spotty or dotty clothing and hair!

Please return Touch notices by the end of the week as we organise teams for the Western Southland Touch Module in Term 4. As always, we need coaches and managers for each team. Coaches support students on the field and may referee games, while managers support from the sidelines, helping ensure our children demonstrate our school values both on and off the field.

Next week is our biennial visit to Beach Valley Dairies, the Bennett family farm. All Year 0-6 students will need warm, wet-weather gear, (not school uniform) including gumboots, on Friday 18th September. Transport is provided, departing HVP by 8.45 am.

Thanks to Kaylene, Jason and their team, students will rotate through a range of hands-on modules, similar to Ag Kids, learning about agriculture from local organizations and businesses.

Afterward, we'll head into Tuatapere to connect with our local community and give back. Children will be involved in visits and activities with community groups and organisations throughout the township, as we hope to leave a mark!

On behalf of the Hauroko Valley team,
Julia



ALWAYS OUR BEST/
TONU TO TATOU PAI



MAKING OUR CREATIVE MARK...

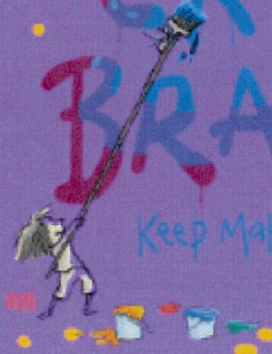
BEING CREATIVE ISN'T ABOUT MAKING A PERFECT PICTURE...IT'S ABOUT HAVING A GO, EXPERIMENTING AND SHARING OUR IDEAS!
WE EXPLORED THE AMAZING ARTWORK OF WASSILY KANDINSKY AND DISCOVERED HOW ARTISTS CAN USE MARKS, SHAPES AND COLOURS TO EXPRESS DIFFERENT FEELINGS AND IDEAS. WE EXPERIMENTED WITH COLOURS, SHAPES AND LINES TO CREATE ARTWORK INSPIRED BY FEELINGS.

CAN YOU GUESS WHICH FEELINGS WE HAVE REPRESENTED IN OUR ART?



CREATE
BRAVELY.

Keep Making Your Mark!



PETER H. REYNOLDS
www.peterhreyolds.com

IN OTHER RĀTĀ NEWS



Writing

We have been learning about the basics needed to write essays. So far, we have mastered the multipurpose introduction and are now exploring how to write a basic body paragraph.

This week, we are focusing on writing a strong topic sentence for our paragraphs. We first practise this skill as a class, then work on it in small groups before having a go independently.

Learning how to write a strong, well-structured paragraph is an essential skill for our Year 8 students to develop before they head off to high school.



This term, our class has been using Banqer, a financial education platform designed for New Zealand students. Banqer helps students develop an understanding of money and financial decision-making through practical, interactive activities.

So far, students have applied for classroom jobs and earn virtual money for their work. They have created automatic payments to pay their weekly bills and learnt about interest (both the interest they earn on their savings and the interest charged on overdrafts.)

Students have also explored term deposits and considered how putting money away for a set period can affect their savings. This week, we have been looking at different transport options and considering the costs and financial decisions involved.

Banqer gives students the opportunity to apply financial concepts in a practical classroom setting and develop an understanding of how everyday financial choices can impact their money.

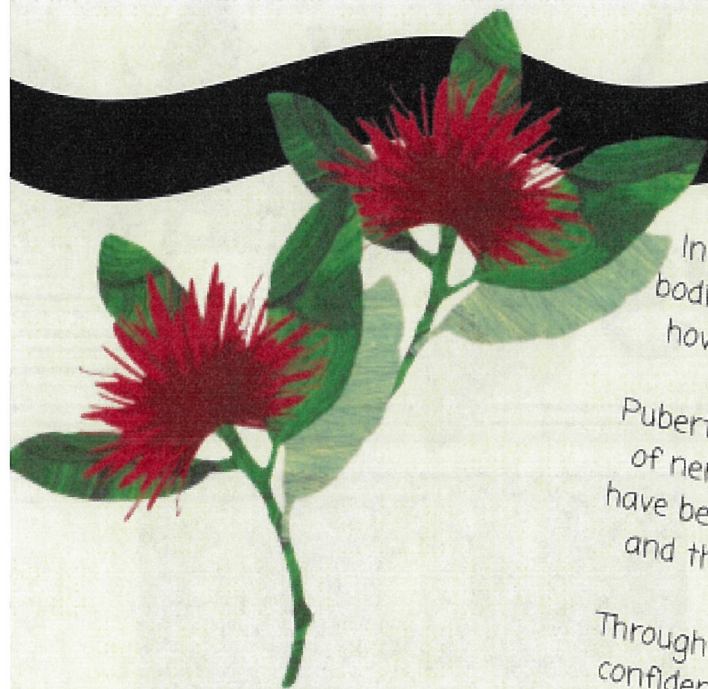


P.E.

PE this term has focused on the games Tapu Ae and Ki-o-Rahi. We are now moving on to net and wall games.

This week, we have been using the game Round the World to practise getting our bodies into position and returning a hit to keep a rally going. This is a team game that encourages students to think carefully about the placement of their return shot so that their team can build and maintain a high-scoring rally.

The next step is to introduce rackets, adding another level of challenge as students work on their hand-eye coordination, positioning and control.



Navigating the Journey

In Rātā, we have been exploring the different changes our bodies can go through during puberty. We have talked about how these changes can affect us in many different ways.

Puberty can be an exciting time, but it can also bring feelings of nervousness, uncertainty and even embarrassment. We have been learning that these feelings are completely normal and that everyone's journey through puberty is different.

Through our learning, we are developing the knowledge and confidence to navigate these changes with understanding, kindness and respect for ourselves and others.



WILD ZONE!

Every Wednesday, four of our senior boys eagerly step up to open and run the Wild Zone during playtime. They monitor the space, encourage safe and inclusive play, and show genuine manaakitanga towards our younger students.

These boys are enthusiastic and driven in their role. They show Mana Whānau by building positive relationships and helping younger students feel safe and valued. They demonstrate Mana Tū by taking responsibility, making good choices and showing kindness and patience. They also show Mana Tangatarua by connecting with students of different ages, listening to their ideas and joining in with their play.

We are incredibly proud of the way they have embraced this opportunity and the positive impact they are having on our school community.

Ka pai, boys! You are making your mark!

What is DOT DAY?

Dot Day is a celebration of creativity and art. A celebration of innovation, of community - locally and globally - a celebration of "dot connecting."
Dot Day is a celebration of great teaching and inspired learning. Self-discovery and self-expression. It is a celebration of bravery - of vision - seeing the possible - seeing the solution before it even exists. Dot Day is a celebration of impact - a time to think of how we all can make our mark.

It is a day to use our energy, talents and time to make this world a better place.

It is a day to make the world a more colorful place. Dot Day invites you to create bravely. It is a gallery of inspiration. A global festival of humans being amazing human beings. A celebration of human potential. A reminder to think of each day as a NEW day... a blank page... a chance to make it the best day yet.

A chance to splash, shine, share and inspire.

Dot Day can be today, tomorrow, next week...

it can be EVERY day!

— PETER H. REYNOLDS

www.InternationalDotDay.org

All classes at our school have enjoyed reading The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds. Much of our learning this term has been centred around the themes explored in the book, including creativity, bravery, encouragement, perseverance, and ultimately, how we can each make our mark.

Making your mark is not about being the best or most talented. It is about having a go, encouraging others and making a positive difference. To celebrate this idea we are excited to take part in International Dot Day on Tuesday the 15th of September.

Students will spend the afternoon moving around the school in their House groups, taking part in a series of fun and creative activities inspired by the themes of The Dot.

To help us celebrate, students are encouraged to wear dotty, spotty or creatively inspired clothing. Think bold, colourful and brave. The more creative, the better! We also encourage you to be as creative as you can with your hair styles!

We are looking forward to a wonderfully spotty, dotty day where we can unleash our creativity, celebrate our individuality and, most importantly, make our mark!

Let's go dotty!



WACKY HAIR DAY = AND = DOT DAY



Date: Tuesday 15th
of September

= NO UNIFORM =



HAUROKO ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Principal Awards

Kōwhai - Maeve for writing longer stories to extend ideas and using varied sentence styles.

Matarā - Goldie for being a focused learner who listens to learn and asks questions to grow.

Matarā - Tanner for using a curious mind to ask the "why" questions to grow skills and knowledge.

Tōtara - Hazel for being a valuable team member who knows people can help each other and share strengths.

Tōtara - Lauren for showing confidence to try new things that may be challenging, and persevering to achieve.

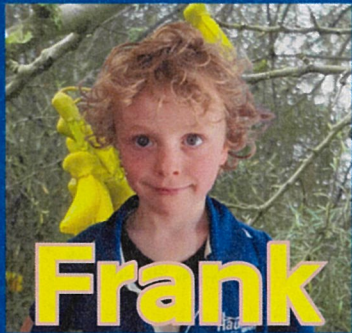
Tōtara - Della for having perspective that enables you to get on with it with confidence and strength.

Rata - Jack M for showing care and respect while supporting others in the MPB for pickleball.

Rātā - Stanley for being brave to do your speech when unwell, and then being hilariously entertaining with your topic BOOKS - why you should read!!

Rātā - Angus D for showing leadership as a role model in speech, as our school motto "Always Our Best/Tonu to tatou pai."

Hawroko Valley Students of the Week



Frank



CHARLIE



Chanuk



DEX



MAEVE



MADISON



John



GOLDIE

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 Histories, or Health and Physical Education learning. Well done on your progress and achievements!



LAUREN



DARA



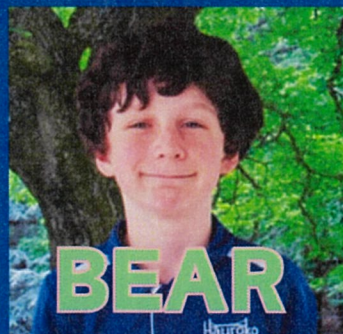
Jake



Grace



George



BEAR



OSCAR



Jack

AMBROSE GOLF TOURNAMENT

23rd October 10:30 am

Cost - \$200 per team of 4

**Includes green fees, BBQ
lunch, home baking,
complimentary caddy for
holes 1 & 2, entry into all
novelty hole competitions, and
a free raffle ticket for the
hamper draw.**

**to enter visit the Hauroko Valley
facebook page or email
s.dobson@haurokovalley.school.nz**

Entries close Thursday the 15th of October

TERM DATES

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 9

- Tuesday 15th September - Dot Day & Wacky Hair Day (no uniform)
- Wednesday 16th September - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 17th September - KSOM
- Friday 18th September - Bennett Farm Visit - Years 0-6

Week 10

- Tuesday 22nd September Rātā golf coaching 1:00- 3:00 pm
- Wednesday 23rd September - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 24th September - KSOM
- Thursday 24th September - Movie & Disco

Term 4

Week 1

Week 2

- Tuesday 20th & 21st October for Year 8s EOTC to Dunedin.
- Friday the 23rd October- Rātā Golf Fundraiser
- Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November Hump Ridge Track Year 7&8
- Friday 20th November - Year 8 Leavers Dinner.
- Teachers Only Days x2 - Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th November
- Bannockburn Camp Year 5&6 Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th, and Friday 27th November.
- HVP Production & Prize Giving - Wednesday 16th December at Tuatapere RSA



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

Rural life doesn't stop — but sometimes it's important to.

This September, the [Southland Rural Support Trust](#) is inviting farmers, growers, contractors, rural workers and rural communities to take a well-earned break and join us for a FREE brunch, a yarn and good company with people who understand rural life.

No speeches. No sales pitches. No pressure. Just good food, a warm welcome and a chance to pause, reconnect and check in with each other.

11:00am – 1:30pm

Locations & dates below

No registration required — just turn up!

Bring your partner, neighbour, farm team or that mate who keeps saying “Yeah, I’m good” — but might appreciate getting off the job for a couple of hours. Because sometimes, a good feed and a good yarn can make all the difference.

Everyone is welcome. Come along, grab some kai and stay for a yarn.

Clifden Brunch on Us

Wednesday 16 Sep 2026 | 11:00am–1:30pm

Tuatapere Golf Course

4 Domain Road, Clifden

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