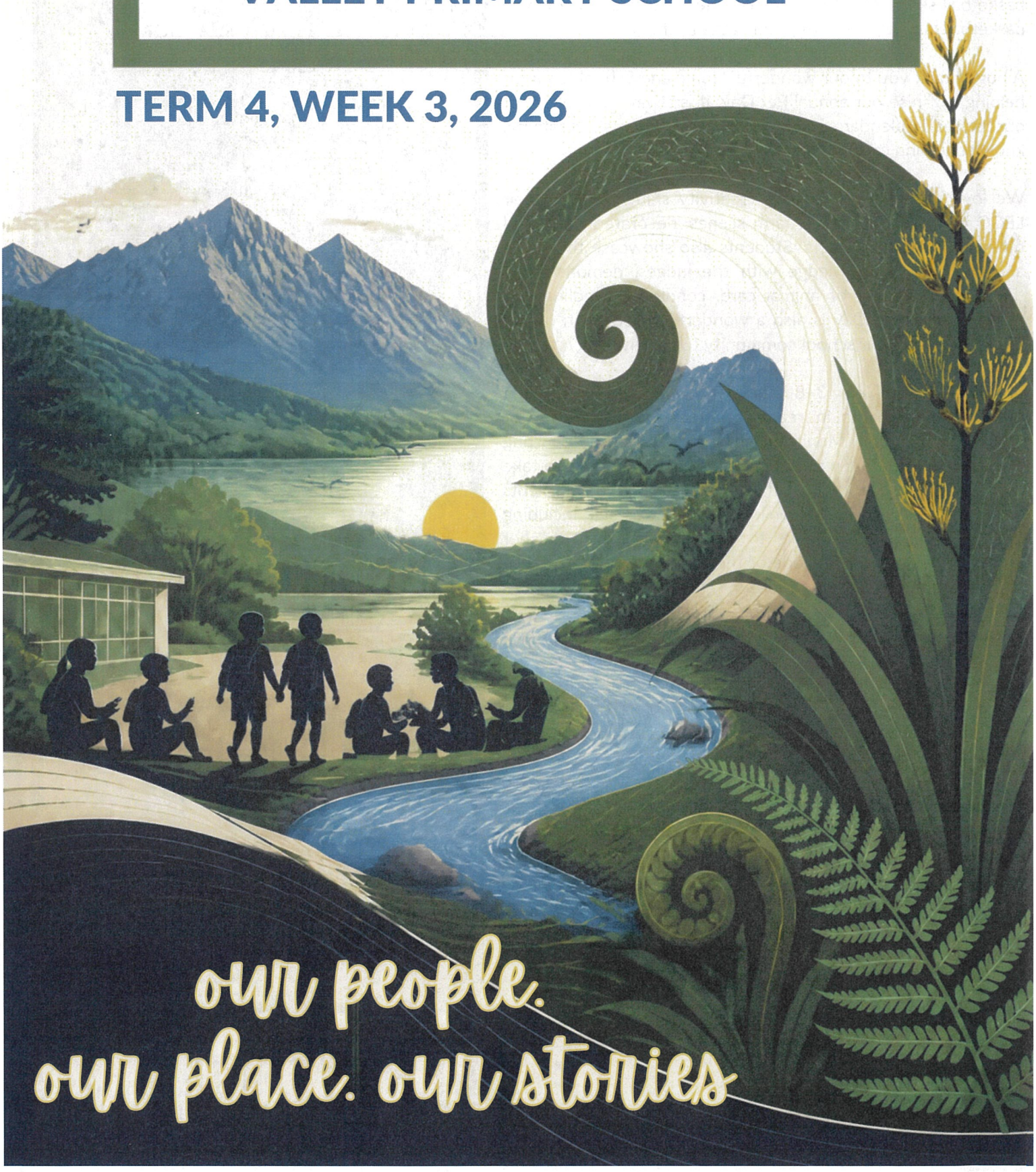
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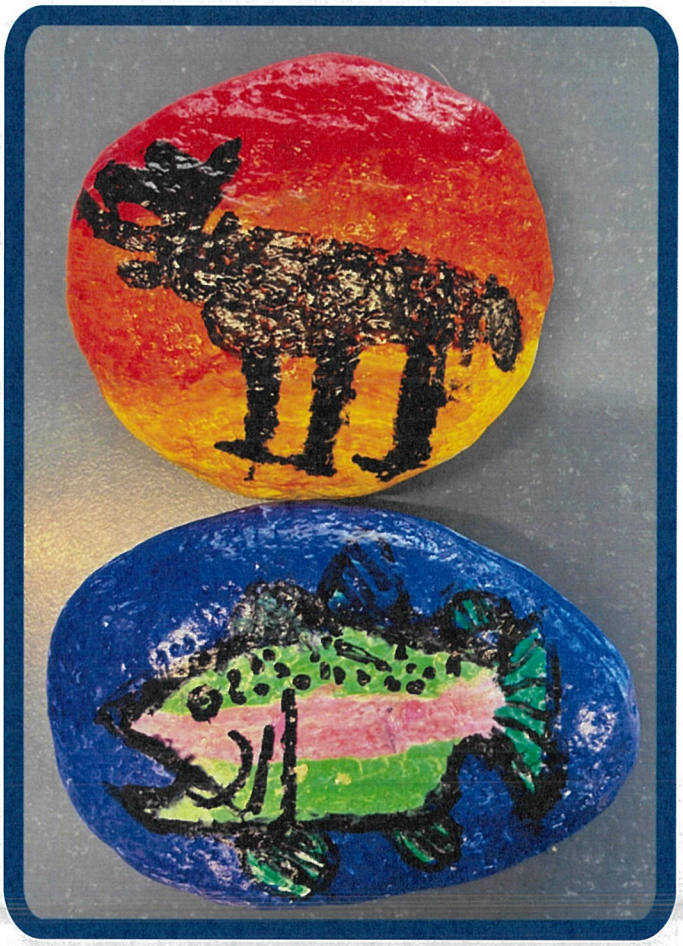
VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 4, WEEK 3, 2026



Principal Post

27th–30th October

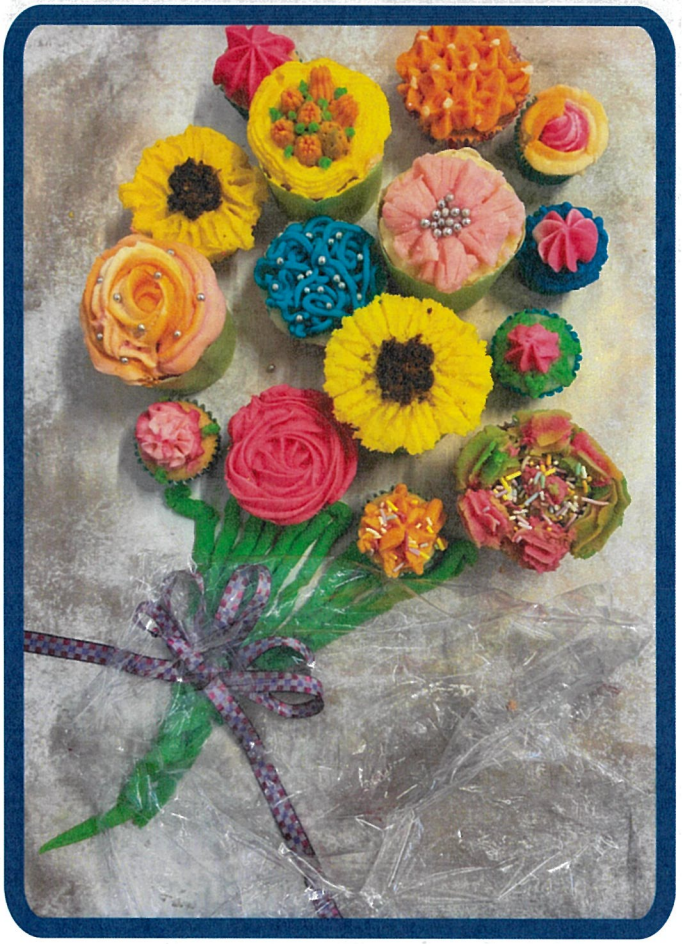


Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

A big thank you to Laura from the Southland Basketball Association for working with our Year 4/5 and Year 6/7 students in separate sessions last week to develop their basketball skills. We also appreciate her generous donation of basketballs to help grow the sport at our school.

A huge thank you to our wonderful Home and School team for helping organise our annual Pet Day. It is always a highlight of our school calendar, celebrating our students' creativity, knowledge, and care.

We love seeing the children's creativity shine through their LEGO creations, cupcakes, farm scenes, decorated rocks and other imaginative projects. Students also showcase their pets and share their knowledge with the judges, demonstrating their understanding of animal care, condition, handling and responsibility. Pet Day is also a wonderful celebration of our Village, bringing our school community together.



This week, our Year 3–8 students have been completing SMART Assessments in reading and mathematics. SMART stands for Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool. As participation was optional this year, we chose to take part to familiarise students with both paper-based assessments and, for Years 6–8, the online format. Results, including progress, will be available to discuss at parent-teacher interviews. SMART is just one of the assessment tools we use to inform our end-of-year reports.

Auditions for our Year 7 and 8 production have taken place this week, marking an exciting start to preparations for our end-of-year performance. Several students came dressed in character, while many made a fantastic effort to showcase their talents and confidence. Well done to everyone for giving it a go and embracing this exciting opportunity!

We invite all families to contribute to our school's Strategic Plan by completing the feedback form, shared via email as a Google Form, with paper copies also available. Your feedback helps guide our future direction, informing the Board's strategic decisions by celebrating what we do well, identifying areas for improvement, and prioritising goals to support our students, staff, and school community. Your voice matters, and we encourage every family to help shape our school's future.

There is a walk tomorrow for our Year 7 & 8 students, if available. Check out the details via HERO and our Facebook page. Enjoy the weekend.

On behalf of the Hauroko Valley team,
Julia

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TŌTARA

LIFE IN OUR CLASSROOM

Term Four is off to an amazing start! Tōtara are lucky enough to have many exciting adventures in store for the final term of the year!



Check out the photo above featuring Tōtara's impressive 'Dot Day' t-shirts that they designed and painted! Our HVP learners are so creative and beyond talented!

It's a busy and exciting term in Tōtara! With Bannockburn Camp just around the corner, our Art and PE learning is centred around the Wild Zone, helping students build skills, confidence and teamwork in preparation for camp.

We have also kicked off our Tōtara Clubs, where students have the opportunity to take part in their chosen activities, including baking, outdoor education, swimming and theatre sports. The feedback has been fantastic, and it's great to see everyone getting involved and enjoying these experiences! A huge thank you to our wonderful parents and whānau who generously volunteer their time to make these clubs possible.

Back in the classroom, we are busy bringing The Tōtara Tales to life! This collection of creative writing pieces showcases our learners as authors, giving them the opportunity to share their imagination, creativity and writing skills.

Alongside all the excitement, Tōtara students have been keeping their heads down, working hard and making great progress in their learning. We are looking forward to a fantastic remainder of the term!











Hauroko Valley Primary School

Pet Day showcased a wide range of creative talent! From impressive LEGO creations and beautifully decorated cupcakes to imaginative recycled creations, decorated rocks, and detailed farm scenes, our students certainly put their creativity and imagination to work.

Thank you to our Guest Judges for supporting us. What a fantastic display of the ideas, effort, and talent within our school!

"On the 27th of October, 2026, it was Pet Day. I brought two things: cupcakes and my pet calf, Daisy. It was so much fun. My favourite part about the day was being with my Calf. I also liked the painted rocks. They had so much detail, especially the one with a checkered heart." - By Zara.

"On Tuesday the 27th of October, it was Pet Day at Hauroko Valley Primary School. I brought Stella, and Eve brought Minty. Goldie brought Ronnie, a pug. Pet Day was so much fun, especially the cupcake contest. I got third in my Year."
- By Grace J



Pet Day



What a wonderful turnout for our annual Pet Day! We had an amazing variety of animals. It was lovely to see our students proudly showcase their animals and share their knowledge, demonstrating the care, responsibility, and understanding that come with pet ownership.

A special thank you to our guest judges for taking the time to listen as each student introduced their animal and shared what they knew about it. We really appreciate your time and support.

A huge thank you to all our families for their involvement before, during, and after. Your support makes Pet Day a special and memorable occasion for our school community!

Congratulations to our outstanding pet experts!
A special congratulations to Hannah, Tanner, George, Alex Eg, Jack R, Della, and Angus D, who achieved a perfect 50/50 (100%) in their pet knowledge assessments with our judges. What a fantastic achievement!

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STRUCTURED LITERACY OPEN AFTERNOON

Please joing us on Thursday 19th of November for our Structured Literacy Open Afternoon

Meet our Implementation Coach and SL Facilitator, Darnelle Darlison, and learn about the evidence behind the Structured Literacy Approach.

Hear from our Staff about our experience implementing Structured Literacy, and the progress we have seen in our tamariki across 4 years of teaching iDeaL Structured Literacy.

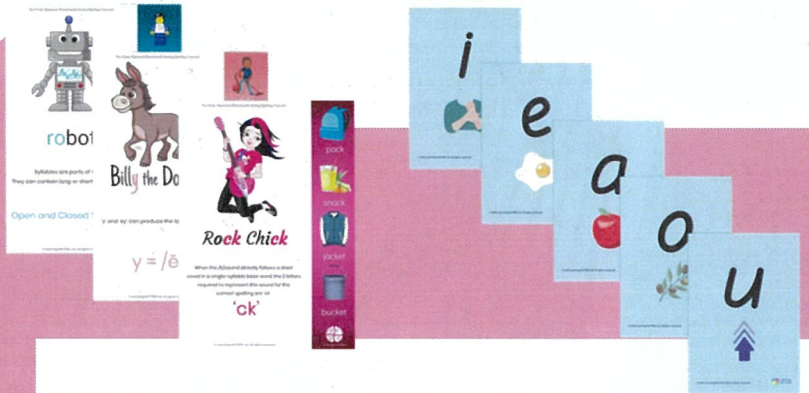
Mix and mingle through classrooms to see Structured Literacy in action at HVP.
Learn about classroom resources teachers use with your tamariki.

A Q&A will be held at the end of the afternoon for any questions you would like to ask Staff or Darnelle.

Come and see STRUCTURED LITERACY in action!

Observe Structured Literacy Spelling and Reading lessons being taught using the iDeaL approach.





Come see the what and the how behind resources we use in class to teach the Structured Literacy spelling concepts.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
HAUROKO VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
1:30PM - 3:30PM

TERM 4 DATES

Week 4

- Wednesday 4th November - Discovery Time 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 5th November - KSOM
- Thursday 5th November - Year 7&8 Technology at Waiau Area School
- Friday 6th November - Mataī Assembly 2.30 pm in MPB

Week 5

- Wednesday 11th November - Discovery Time 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November Hump Ridge Track Year 7&8
- Thursday 12th November - KSOM

Week 6

- Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th/Thursday 19th Massey University in for Healthy Active Learning
- Wednesday 18th November - Discovery Time 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 19th November - KSOM
- Thursday 19th November - Adventure Race Year 7&8
- Thursday 19th November - Southland Golf Championships Year 8 team
- Friday 20th November - Jonty Carrans Tackle 10's in Otautau - Girls - Year 7&8 - Boys TBC
- Friday 20th November - Rātā Assembly 2.30 pm in Kōwhai/Mataī
- Friday 20th November - Year 8 Leavers Dinner.

Week 7

- Teachers Only Days x2 - Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November - No School Years 0-4 and Years 7&8
- Bannockburn Camp Year 5&6 Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th, and Friday 27th Nov

Week 8

- Wednesday 2nd December - Discovery Learning 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 3rd December - KSOM
- Thursday 3rd December - Technology Year 7&8 at Waiau Area School
- Friday 4th December - Year 8 BIG Day Out
- Friday 4th December - Tōtara Assembly 2.30 pm in MPB

Week 9

- Tuesday 8th December - Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Wednesday 9th December - Discovery Learning 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Wednesday 9th December - Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Thursday 10th December - KSOM
- Thursday 10th December - Technology for Year 7&8 at Waiau Area School

Week 10

- Monday 14th December - Board Meeting 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 15th December - Year 8 Leavers Farewell Assembly 2.00 pm
- Wednesday 16th December - HVP Production & Prize Giving at Tuatapere RSA Hall 6.00 pm
- Wednesday 16th December - Last Day of Term 4. No Discovery.
- Thursday 17th December - Year 8's Wayne Egerton Art (half of the group TBC)
- Friday 18th December - Year 8's Wayne Egerton Art (half of the group TBC)

2027

Term 1: Wednesday, 3 February to Friday, 9 April 2027
Term 2: Tuesday, 27 April to Friday, 2 July 2027
Term 3: Monday, 19 July to Friday, 24 September 2027
Term 4: Monday, 11 October to no later than Friday 17 December 2027

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!

Hero

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:

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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

TUI BASE CAMP
TUATAPERE SOUTHLAND