



Term 4, Weeks 3&4 2025

Newsletter – Issue #31

Week/s: 20th–31st October

Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

We are so pleased to see our children back at school. There was certainly a lot of talk about the weather events from the weekend. We still do have families without power, and it is looking likely to be a bit longer. If there is anything we can do to help, please reach out.

Teachers Only Day

Unfortunately, given the storm and no power available, this was postponed. We have rescheduled for Wednesday, 17th December. Our HVP Swimming Sports will be held a day earlier than planned on Tuesday, 16th December - this will be the last day for students.

HVP Pet Day

Thank you for supporting us with our decision regarding pet day. Unfortunately, the extreme weather event and preceding challenges with power/water/etc... meant we felt this was the right decision to relieve pressure. It has been wonderful to read our children's pet diaries and share these with our friends at school. Today, we also shared our creations with each other showcasing design and innovation.

Scholastic Book Fair

This has been set up in the MPB for your viewing pleasure. It will be open from 28th October and will close on Friday, 7th November. All students have been on a visit, making a wish list. You are welcome to pop in and look at the range of books. If you wish to make a purchase, you can take the item/s under the table, or if you want an item that doesn't have any spare books to take, let us know. Please ensure you pay on the way.

2026 Planning

Preparation for next year is underway, so please advise us, if your child/children are not returning to Hauroko Valley Primary School, other than our current Year 8s.

If you know of anyone who is moving into our zone, please ask them to make contact with us as soon as possible. If you know of any children living in our zone who are likely to attend Hauroko Valley in the future, please also ask them to get in touch too, so we can factor these children into our numbers as part of our forward planning.

Contact Details

Please let us know if you have a change of address, cell phone numbers etc... so we can get hold of you when needed. Email Karen via office@haurokovalley.school.nz

Hauroko Valley Primary School team,
Julia Waikato,
Principal/Tumuaki

Week 4

In Mighty Matai, students have been learning about the brain. We have learned about the nervous system and the role of brain cells called neurons. Neurons are the brain's communication cells that receive, process, and transmit signals to allow for all brain functions, including thoughts, movements, and basic bodily processes. Matai students made model brains featuring some of their favourite thoughts, skills, and interests. Complete with some neuron networks on top. Students have also been learning about the wise-brain, amygdala, and the hippocampus.



MIGHTY MATAI

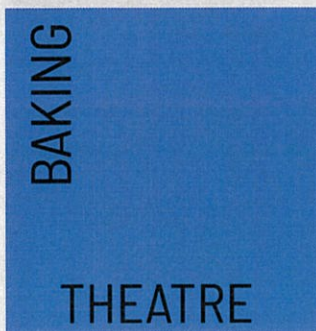
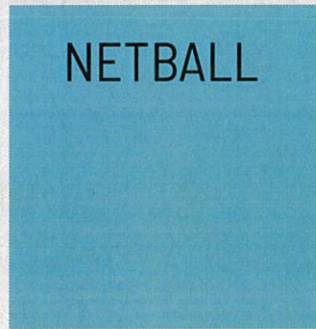
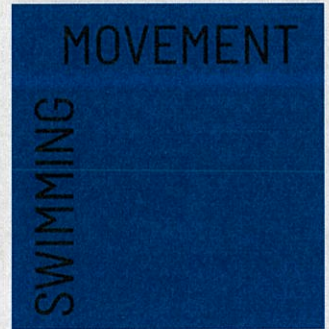
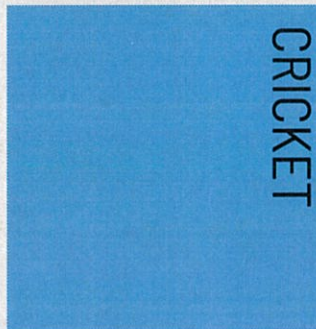


In Mathematics, Matai students have been learning about Volume and Capacity. Volume is the total amount of space something takes up, whereas capacity is the total amount something can hold. Using water displacement, Matai students were able to find the volume of various objects in mls.

In Visual Arts, Matai have been learning to use light as a medium to create artwork. Students have created terrific self portraits using drawing pins and are already working on their next big project - creating a silhouette of an animal.



TŌTARA CLUBS



Tōtara class are lucky enough to be involved in clubs on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 - 3:00pm. Students are participating in a range of chosen activities from movement, swimming, theatre/drama, cricket and netball. We thank our parents and volunteers; Claire, Joe, Rebecca, Kate E, Penny and Kaylene, who have taken time out of their day to organise and run these clubs from Weeks 3 - 8. Students have kicked off their first week and are already talking about how excited they are for next!



Have A Go - Whitebaiting

Whitebaiting was a cool experience; it was really fun. You had to have your whitebait net flat. Also, you don't want to move too much in the water, because they can sense it and move away. There had to be water flowing, so the whitebait could swim into our nets. A couple of whitebaiters shared whitebait with us, which was generous. Thank You! We enjoyed eating whitebait patties on the beach, along with a sausage sizzle and roasted marshmallows. Several students hadn't whitebaited before, and now want to go whitebaiting every season. Thanks to our parent supporters for making this a successful Have A Go: cheers, Lindsay, Kate G, John, Nic, Scott, By Isaac & Mason.

Assembly Awards

Classroom Teachers Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following learners for demonstrating a range of skills, knowledge, and understanding of Hauroko Valley Primary School Values, New Zealand Key Competencies, Mitey Mana, or Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry, The Arts, Technology, or Health and Physical Education learning. Well done on your progress and achievements!



HVP
STUDENTS
of the week

Principal Awards - named as below, not photographed as above.

Kōwhai - Lincoln - for demonstrating Hauroko Valley Primary School values at play, lunch and on the bus.

Matai - Hannah - wonderful knowledge shared in authentic reading as part of structured literacy.

Matai - Lachy - making valuable contributions to groups and class sharing learning.

Tōtara - Bill for being patient and persevering with decoding in reading. Doing the mahi, getting the treats.

Tōtara - Fletcher - sharing his ideas with Ashley.

Tōtara - Jack R - making valuable thoughtful contributions to group discussions.

Rātā - Isaac -

Rātā - Jake - being a reliable leader in groups and on the bus, involving others in shared learning.

DATES & EVENTS

Term 4 - Monday 6th October - Wednesday 17th December

Week 5

- Monday 3rd November - Western Southland Festival of Golf
- Monday 3rd November - Western Southland Touch Module
- Wednesday 5th November - REAP for Kōwhai Class from 12.15 pm-1.45 pm at Waiau Area School
- Wednesday 5th November - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 6th November - KSOM
- Friday 7th November - Year 7&8 Food Technology at Waiau Area School

Week 6

- Monday 10th November - Western Southland Touch Module
- Tuesday 11th November - Science & Technology Roadshow Year 4&5
- Wednesday 12th November Year 4-6 Bittern Education at HVP
- Wednesday 12th November - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 13th November - KSOM
- Thursday 13th November - Board Planning Day
- Friday 14th November - Kōwhai Assembly 2.30 pm
- Friday 14th November - Food Technology Year 7 at Waiau Area School
- Friday 14th November - SBHS and SGHS Visits for Year 8 students
- Friday 14th November - Year 8 Leavers Dinner 6.00 pm at Hauroko in MPB

Week 7

- Monday 17th November - Western Southland Touch Module
- Wednesday 19th November - Mitre 10 Tough Kids Year 4-6
- Wednesday 19th November - Adventure Race Year 7&8
- Wednesday 19th November - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 20th November - KSOM
- Friday 21st November - Jonty Carran Tackle 10's Tournament in Otautau

NOVEMBER

DATES & EVENTS

Term 4 - Monday 6th October - Wednesday 17th December

Week 8

- Monday 24th November - Western Southland Touch Module
- Monday 24th November - Home and School Meeting from 7.30 pm
- Wednesday 26th November - Year 8 BIG Day Out in Te Anau TBC
- Wednesday 26th November - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 27th November - KSOM
- Thursday 27th November - St John First Aid for all classes
- Friday 28th November - Food Technology at Waiau Area School
- Friday 28th November - Tōtara Assembly from 2.30 pm
- Friday 28th November - Student Reports Go Home

Week 9

- Monday 1st December & Tuesday 2nd December - Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Wednesday 3rd December - Thursday 4th December and Friday 5th December - Year 5&6 Borland Lodge Camp
- Wednesday 3rd December - Ki O Rahi Tournament Year 7&8
- Wednesday 3rd December - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 4th December - KSOM
- Friday 5th December - Food Technology Year 7&8 at Waiau Area School

Week 10

- Monday 8th December, Tuesday 9th December, Wednesday 10th December, Thursday 11th December and Friday 12th December - Hauroko Valley Primary School Water Safety Skills at Tuatapere Community Pool
- Wednesday 10th December - Final Discovery for 2025 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 11th December - KSOM
- Friday 12th December - HVP Carols in the Caves & Prize Giving

Week 11

- Monday 15th December - Final Board Meeting for 2025 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 16th December - HVP Swimming Sports & Final Day of 2025/Last Day of School
- Wednesday 17th December - Teachers Only Day
- Thursday 18th December - KSOM - final lessons for students.

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

SCHOOL NOTICES

Tui Base Camp

Friday Lunch Orders

- Sausage & Chips \$6
- Fish Bites & Chips \$5
- Pies \$6
- Chicken Nuggets & Chips \$5
- Chips \$3
- Bacon & Egg Sandwich \$6
- Dagwood \$6
- Muffin \$5
- Cheese Roll \$3
- Scone \$5
- Sausage Roll \$5



School Account

If paying accounts by
internet banking,

please do so to

Hauroko Valley Primary School

Westpac:

03 1748 0030028 000

To see your child's account, download
the Hero App. Register with your email
address that we have for you in our
records.



Riverside Speedway

We are holding our annual ILT Foundation Fireworks Extravaganza on the 8th of November 4pm at Riverside Speedway - Sandy Point Road, Invercargill. As part of this we offer free tickets for kids from 5-12 years old with an adult. Please see the school office for these.

This year we are celebrating our 30th year of fireworks.

We have a whole bunch of entertainment for the kids including:

Free Bouncy Castle

Free Face Painting

Colouring Competition

And more...

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MEASLES UPDATE

We have just received an alert from the Ministry of Education around the increase in measles cases which seem to be slowly moving around the country. See below.

Health New Zealand is alerting schools to an escalating risk of measles as it responds to a measles outbreak following confirmation of 13 new cases of measles since 20 October.

This escalating risk is a concern, especially for education settings where measles can spread rapidly. In New Zealand, our measles immunisation rates are too low to prevent outbreaks from happening when measles is circulating in our communities. Our low immunisation rates contribute to this lack of community protection.

Measles is highly contagious and serious – about one in three people may need hospital care. It spreads when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes.

Measles is circulating and is very contagious. There is now measles in Northland, Auckland, Manawatu, Nelson and Wellington, and we expect further cases across New Zealand.

Watch out for symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash

Anyone with measles symptoms must stay at home and should seek urgent advice by ringing their doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116.

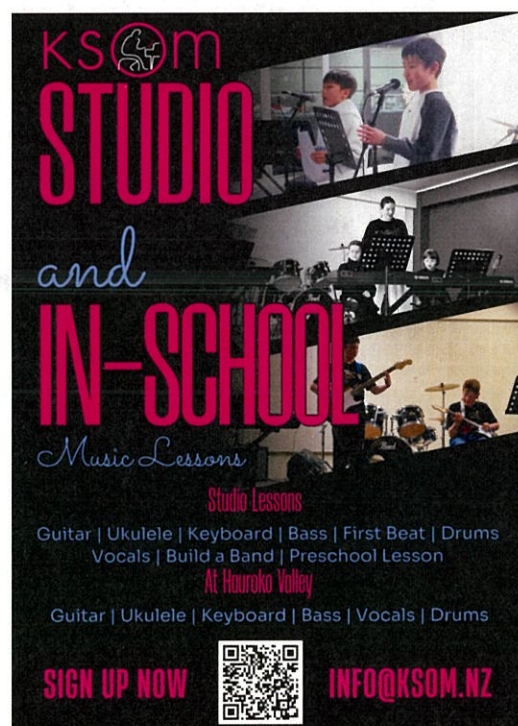
Anyone who is closely exposed to a measles case must stay at home. Health New Zealand will provide individuals with advice on a case-by-case basis (including when they can leave quarantine at home).

Health New Zealand is actively working with the schools that currently have measles cases.

People are considered immune to measles after having two doses of a measles vaccine from 12 months or older, or if you have had measles before. For more information on measles immunity visit: Measles immunity – Health New Zealand.

It is encouraged that families and whānau check their own and their child/childrens' immunisation status through My Health Record: My Health Record – Health New Zealand

Anyone born between 1969 and 2004 may have only received one vaccine dose and might not be fully protected. It's safe to get extra doses. A free vaccine can be booked online or via the Vaccination Helpline on 0800 28 29 26. If you have concerns please contact your doctor.




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