



Term 3, Week 3
*our people. our place.
our stories*

Principal Post

3rd August – 7th August

Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

Our Year 7 & 8 girls have joined forces with Waiau Area School and Otautau School to form the Waiau Star team for the Southland-wide Girls' Rugby Competition. The team has recently begun training, thanks to Alice's organisation and the ongoing commitment of Coach Rob. The girls played their first match in Te Anau on Monday, putting in a determined performance against a strong Te Anau side. It was a fantastic start to the season. Come along and show your support as the team takes on Riverton at the Tuatapere Domain on Monday, 10 August, with kick-off at 4.30 pm. We'd love to see a strong crowd cheering our girls on!

This week, our students have had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the exciting world of Science, thanks to REAP Winton and Sue. Sue has worked alongside each of our classes, guiding students through a range of hands-on scientific investigations that sparked curiosity, encouraged questioning, and developed critical thinking skills. Her ability to engage learners of all ages, while providing an outstanding variety of experiments and resources, has been exceptional.

A couple of students have completed projects for entry into the Southland Science and Technology Fair to be held next week. Congratulations to Della and Grace H for their commitment to the significant amount of work required to complete science experiments and presentations for judging.

Good luck to our Year 5 and 6 students who will be representing Hauroko Valley Primary School at the CSNC Netty Festival in Winton next Tuesday. Year 5: Riley, Bill, Alex E.G., Dara, Memphis and Aoife, and Year 6: Nelly, Lauren and Della. A huge thank you to Coach Kate E, Manager Penny, and Umpire Kenzie B for giving their time to support our team.

The following Thursday, two of our Year 7 and 8 teams will travel to the CSNC Netty Festival to represent our school. Hauroko Blue: Ruby, Grace, Brenna, Lola, Nethuki, Flynn, Dusty, Finley, Mason and Angus D. Hauroko White: Tori, Ilyssa, Layla, Caitlin, Aydee, Connor, Carter, Isaac, Griffin and Jake. A sincere thank you to our coaches, Kylie and Holly, our umpires, Sienna and Kate E, and our team managers (to be confirmed) for supporting our students and making these opportunities possible. We wish all of our players the very best as they represent Hauroko Valley Primary School. Play hard, support one another, and most importantly, enjoy the experience!

Best of luck to everyone heading to Queenstown and The Remarkables for the annual HVP Ski Trip next Friday. This year, more than 20 students will be developing their skiing or snowboarding skills while enjoying time together on the mountain. A huge thank you to Karen for coordinating this opportunity for Hauroko Valley Primary School. Organising the logistics with NZSki is a significant task, and we greatly appreciate the time and effort she puts into making this experience possible for our students and families.

Have a great weekend of Winter Sport; for some, this involves final games - good luck!

On behalf of the Hauroko Valley team, Julia



MIGHTY MĀTAI

TERM 3 - WEEK 3
2026

What's on in Matai?

MATHEMATICS:

Geometry and Measurement

In Mathematics, Mātai students have been learning to identify the number of sides and vertices on polygons and quadrilaterals, and make comparisons between these. They have also been learning to identify lines of symmetry on two-dimensional shapes with multiple sides - using rulers and mirrors.

WRITING & ORAL LANGUAGE:

Writing

In Writing, students have been learning to write the Preposition Start sentence. This sentence style adds interest and energy to our writing. Prepositions usually go towards the end of the sentence - bringing them forward is what creates this energy! Words that show movement or position, like "under, over, at, in, before, after, during..."

Poetry

In Oral Language, Mātai students have been practicing their poems. They have been working on reciting their poem from memory, keeping a steady posture and making eye contact with their audience.

MITEY & VISUAL ARTS:

Friendship Soup

In Mātai, we have been learning about friendships and relationships. Specifically, the important ingredients it takes to establish and maintain these important connections - such as kindness, honesty, respect, fun, safety, and small arguments. Mātai have made artwork that completes their friendship soup.



SCIENCE with Dr Sue Galloway!

We have had the marvellous Dr Sue Galloway visit us in Mātai this Thursday. We spent the day learning about Science! Here is what Mātai students were learning about:

1. Physical vs Chemical Change:

- Investigate why some processes make new products and others don't.

2. Projectiles and Trajectory:

- Carry out experiments to discover what path a projectile follows and what forces are acting on it.

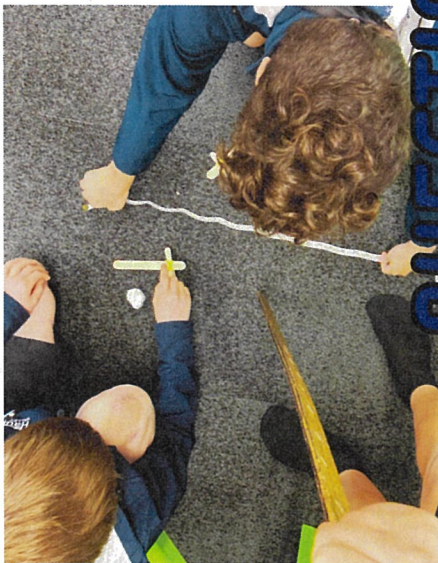
Mātai students had the opportunity to learn about forces through the use of mini-catapults. They had to fire a projectile and measure its trajectory using non-standard units. Then, they altered the projectile slightly to see if it would make an impact. Students experimented with chemicals to see if they could make a physical change occur - using a tea bag and ice in water. Mātai also used a sucrose solution to explore and compare density of liquids.



We Are Scientists



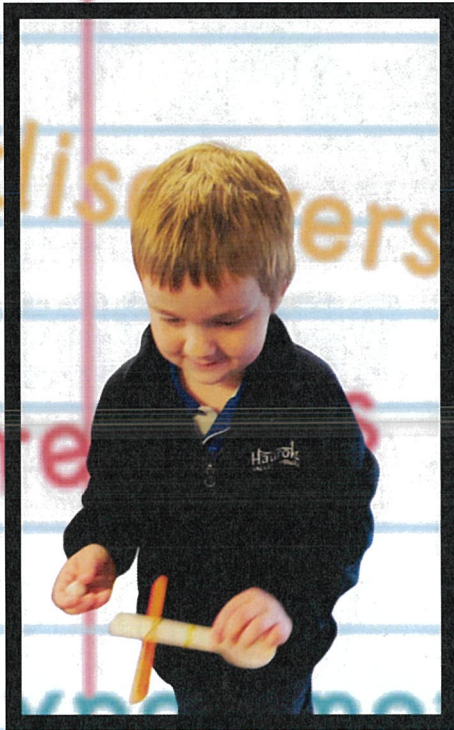
CONCLUSIONS
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RECORDS
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OBSERVATIONS



Hauroko Valley is delighted to have had Sue back for Science. She spent a day with Mataī, Tōtara, and Rātā, taking our students through a range of science investigations. Kōwhai enjoyed a ½ day of experimenting. Thank you to our school board for covering costs for us to have the expertise of Sue, a skilled Scientist and educator, bringing Science alive for our children.

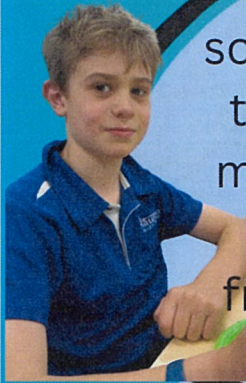
What is a SCIENTIST?

A scientist is a person who...



Science learning with Sue included a range of investigations where children were involved in being scientists. They asked questions, gave hypotheses, predictions, explanations, and observations of what they could see, and measured, sorted, and gathered information to share results with others. Conclusions were made, with English and Mathematics Curriculum weaved throughout, as well as making connections to the real world!

1. **Physical vs Chemical Change** (Investigate why some processes make new products and others don't.)
2. **Projectiles and Trajectory** (Carry out experiments to discover what path a projectile follows and what forces are acting on it.)
3. **Hydrophilic and Hydrophobic** (Why do some things 'like' water and others don't? How can we figure out which is which?)



I found the force science interesting because I thought there weren't that many forces. There was a lot including momentum, friction, muscle, air, elastic, and gravitational.



It was fun and interesting learning about physical changes. It makes me wonder more about the world and the things we are learning?!

I found out there are different forces. If you wet a cotton wool ball, the tighter it is, the further it will project.



I learned about hydrophilic and hydrophobic, where some things don't mix and some things do.

I watched the tea and colours changing to show physical change. I thought - you don't look that closely at things. I noticed changes I hadn't noticed before.



We learned about force pulling and pushing. I didn't know there were so many forces e.g: air force, friction, muscle force, elastic force and gravitational force.

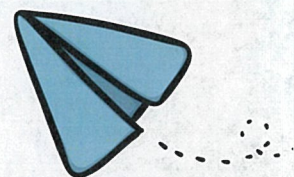


Student Voice

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 4

- Monday 10th August - Year 7&8 Girls Rugby at Tuatapere Domain 4.30 pm
- Monday 10th August - Hauroko Valley Home & School Meeting
- Tuesday 11th August - Year 5&6 Netty Festival
- Wednesday 12th August - Discovery Time 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 13th August - Year 7&8 Netty Festival
- Thursday 13th August - KSOM
- Friday 14th August - HVP Ski Trip

Week 5

- Monday 17th August - Hauroko Valley Primary School Poetry & Speech Finals
- Monday 17th August - Year 7&8 Girls Rugby 4.30 pm
- Monday 17th August - Board Meeting 7.00 pm
- Wednesday 19th August - Discovery Time 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 20th August - KSOM
- Friday 21st August - Totara Assembly

Week 6

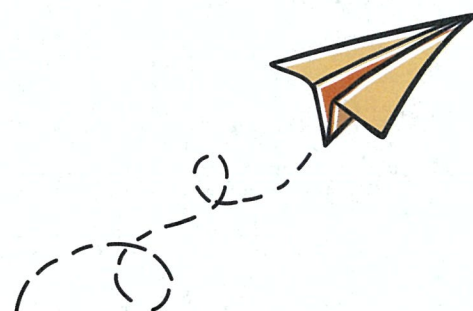
- Monday 24th August - Year 7&8 Girls Rugby 4.30 pm
- Wednesday 26th August - Discovery Time 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 27th August - KSOM

Week 7

- Monday 31st August - Year 7&8 Girls Rugby 4.30 pm
- Wednesday 2nd September - Discovery Time 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 3rd September - KSOM
- Friday 4th September - Rata Assembly

Term 4

- Tuesday 20th & 21st October for Year 8s EOTC to Dunedin.
- 11th, 12th and 13th November Hump Ridge Track Year 7&8 EOTC.
- Teachers Only Days x2 - Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th November
- Bannockburn Camp Year 5&6 Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th, and Friday 27th November.
- Friday 20th November - Year 8 Leavers Dinner.



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;

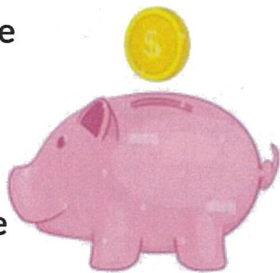
1. Use our school student management system via the HERO Linc-Ed App.
2. Ring and speak with Karen, or leave a message on the school phone at 032266753.
3. Email Karen at office@haurokovalley.school.nz - she will enter the absence, and this advises classroom teachers.
4. Text Karen 0277777520.

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



8th August 2026

12-3 pm

Taking People of all ages with Special Needs
Or Life long Medical Conditions
For a ride in a Big Rig, Classic Car or Hot Rod

**VENUE: Southern Field Days Site,
Waimumu**



Food and Drink provided on the day by
Rapid Relief Team,
Mad Cow Coffee and Bees Bites



Anyone wanting to Volunteer their Time, Truck or Car to help out on the day
please contact Dianne 027 7732700 or Ian on 0204 335500
Check out our Facebook Page : Southland Hug A Rig Day

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AFTER SCHOOL
**CLIMBING
PROGRAMME**

TURN TUESDAYS INTO
EMPOWERING ADVENTURES!

Starts

11 August

Tuesdays for 6 weeks

AGES 7 - 17

Beginner | 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Intermediate | 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Advanced | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

\$80

per person



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Adopt a Calf

Celebrating 10 Years

The Adopt a Calf scheme is back for 2026 — celebrating 10 years of giving students a hands-on farming experience.

What Students Will Do

- Choose a name for their calf.
- Visit the farm every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30pm to 5:00pm to feed, brush and lead their calf.
- Learn about calf care, animal handling, dairy farm routines and stockmanship skills — while having fun.
- Have their calf taken to their local school pet day.

How to Apply

Email your interest to kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz with the student's name and contact details, including address and phone number. Entries are limited and close on Friday 11 September.

Conditions

- Footwear and gear must be disinfected at every visit to support farm biosecurity.
- Students and parents/caregivers must follow farm health and safety requirements.
- Failure to attend weekly visits may result in loss of the opportunity.
- There is no student age limit, but numbers are limited.

Contact Jason or Kaylene Bennett

Kaylene: 027 432 7156

Jason: 027 232 6482

Email: kaylene@beachvalley.co.nz

SAVE THE DATE

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LIMEHILLS SCHOOL

Classic Country Fair

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
11AM - 3PM

A classic country fair with loads of fun!

ENJOY LOADS OF

- THE BIG DIG
- CHOCOLATE WHEEL
- RIDES
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- FOOD STALLS
- PONY RIDES
- PETTING ZOO
- ...AND MUCH MORE!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

WORTH A TRIP OUT TO LIMEHILLS SCHOOL!

A MUST ATTEND FAMILY DAY FOR COUNTRY AND TOWN PEOPLE!

FREE ENTRY