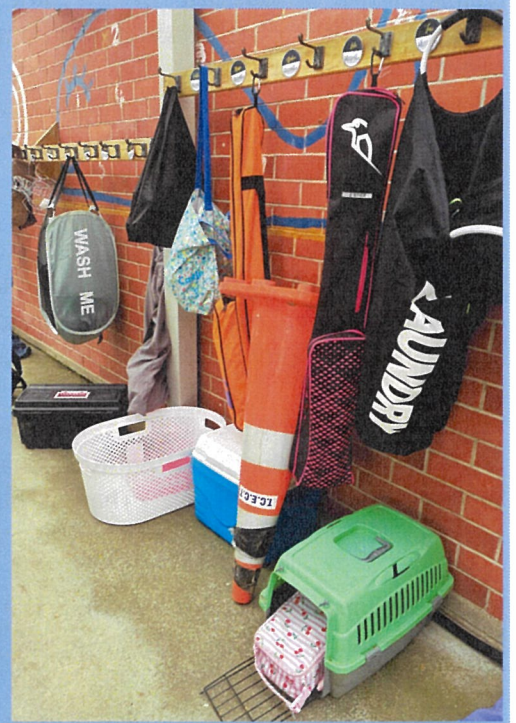


Hauroko

VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2, Week 8, 2026



our people. our place. our stories

Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

On July 1st each year, the Ministry of Education requires us to count our roll for staffing and funding projections into the year ahead. Having good information for our big count really helps. We have a pre-school 'roll' of projected students who we anticipate will attend our school in the future. This helps us with our planning. If your family has had a new addition, or you know a family in our Zone who has, please contact us before this time.

Our **Young Einsteins** teams competed at Winton on Wednesday. The Year 5&6 teams included Riley, Eve, Memphis, Alex Ed, Dara, Neilina, Della and Lauren. Meanwhile, our Year 7&8 teams were competitive in the afternoon comp with Jake, Aydee, Finley and Mason, and Caitlin, Carter, Angus D, and Isaac. The Year 7 & 8 teams battled it out against 16 other teams from across Southland. For much of the afternoon, there were only 4 points between our senior teams. The strategy of playing a 'joker' to double your points made a difference, and their collective strengths enabled the Headliners to take the win. A first for HVP, securing the Year 7&8 trophy - well done!

Southland Cross Country was held today with our crew representing Hauroko and Western Southland demonstrating grit on a challenging course with a variety of terrain. Well done, Ava, Lauren, Hadlee, Griffin, Finley, Carter, Angus D and Lola.

We have entered two Year 5&6 teams and two Year 7&8 teams into the **Western Southland AgriKids Challenge** - a first for our Western Southland Schools. Thanks to Thornbury School for hosting this event. Good Luck to our teams, including:

- Hauroko Hunters** - Year 5&6 - Alex Eg, Dara, Nelly
- Hauroko Hammers** - Year 5&6 - Aoife, Bill, Lauren
- The Livestock Legends** - Year 7&8 - Angus D, Jake and Dusty
- The Wild West 3** - Year 7&8 - Aydee, Ilyssa and Layla

Thanks to Nicole for preparing our children for the AgriKids Challenge. We are seeking a person to support each of our teams, if you are available, please let Julia know.

Principal Post

8th June - 12th June



Team	Int	Sport	NZ	Face	Sci/Nat	Music	Current	TOTAL
Hauroko Hunters	6	5	8	8.5	9	7.5	8	72
Hauroko Hammers	6	5.5	5.5	8	9	5	8	67
The Livestock Legends	10	6.5	6.5	7.5	10	6.5	3	66.5
The Wild West 3	9	7.5	5	5.5	10	7	4	63.5
Winton Wizards	9	4.5	7	5.5	10	6.5	6	62.5
Winton Wonders	8	4.5	7	5.5	10	7	6.5	60.5
Winton Warriors	10	6	5	4.5	10	7	6.5	60
Winton Wizards	9	7	3	4.5	10	5	5.5	60
Winton Wonders	10	5	6	4	7	8	5.5	58.5
Winton Warriors	9	9	4	2.5	7	4	14	53.5
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Winton Warriors	9	5.5	3	7	7	7	10	51.5
Winton Wonders	9	5.5	5	2.5	10	7	3.5	50.5
Winton Warriors	9	7	3.5	2.5	10	4.5	4	50
Winton Wonders	8	7	2	4.5	8	6	12	49.5
Winton Warriors	9	6	2	2.5	14	7	2	46.5
Winton Wonders	7	4.5	3	3.5	7	5	9	41
Winton Warriors	7	4	2	5.5	5.5	4	9	40

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Bannockburn Camp

A sincere thank you to our Year 5 and 6 parents who have volunteered to support our Term 4 Bannockburn Camp. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps make these valuable learning opportunities possible for our students. We are pleased to confirm the following parent helpers will be attending: Kate E, Pete J, Tim N, and Jasmine VD.

Hump Ridge Camp

We have received an outstanding response from parents (20) who wish to support this year's Hump Ridge Track experience. THANK YOU! This will be the largest group we have ever taken on our local Great Walk. With 29 students attending, we have limited capacity for additional parent helpers. We can confirm the following parents as attendees for this year's trip: Kelly C, Terry C, Logan B, Nic M, Jeremy G, Kylie G, Tim BE, Matt H, and Chris P. Alice and Sally will lead the Education Outside the Classroom (E.O.T.C.) event.

We anticipate more opportunities for parent helpers for EOTC experiences in future years, as our cohort sizes are typically much smaller, averaging 6-8 students. If you are unable to attend either the Bannockburn Camp or the Hump Ridge Track experience, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can offer your place to another parent. Further information and specific camp details will be provided closer to the time, as both camps are scheduled for November this year.

YOUNG EINSTEINS



The Young Einsteins Quiz, where teams of 4 complete 8 rounds testing General Knowledge, Music, Entertainment, Famous Faces, New Zealand, Sports, Movies and Science & Nature

Year 5&6

Della: Young Einsteins was a fun and challenging experience. We worked well as a team, had a great time, and are happy with our overall results. We got 49 points, our best category being the New Zealand-themed one.

Dara: I loved the Young Einsteins because everyone worked together and everyone got to answer questions. Our team had a wide range of knowledge combined, which helped us to succeed in multiple categories.



Nelly: In Young Einsteins my favourite category was the music one because it had a mix of songs, both new and old. The one we got the most points on was the New Zealand category.

Riley: The Young Einstein's quiz was really fun, my favourite category was when we had to guess the name of the songs. I am looking forward to going again next year if I get the chance to.

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YOUNG EINSTEINS

Year 7&8

Hauroko Hunters - Mason, Jake, Finley, and Aydee

The young Einsteins quiz competition was challenging but very competitive. There were 8 categories that really tested the neurons in our brains. In our awesome team, the hardest category was science and nature; we only managed to score 4.5 points, which thankfully wasn't the lowest score of the day. After each category, you have the option to play your joker, which is a yellow piece of card that doubles your points. But unfortunately, you can only play this move once. We happened to play our joker smartly and managed to score 18 points, so that means we got 9 questions right. Each category had ten questions, the only teams to get 10 out of 10 were the other Hauroko team and Dipton School, they played their joker then and scored a whopping 20 points, the highest score possible. By Jake



Year 7&8

Hauroko Headliners - Isaac, Carter, Angus D, and Caitlin

The Young Einstein competition was a great way to test our knowledge. My favorite one by far was Science and Nature. There were 18 teams in total, and four people in each team. Both of our teams did well; my team got first, and Jake's team got fifth. I hope more Hauroko teams get placed well in the future. By Caitlin



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Tōtara's Collaborative Writing



The students in Tōtara have been developing their collaborative writing skills by working together to plan, discuss, and create pieces of writing. Our current WALT (We Are Learning To) is: use descriptive language to create clear and engaging writing for the reader.

Students have been exploring how authors use descriptive words and phrases to help readers create vivid pictures in their minds. Through shared discussions and group writing activities, they have been working together to add detail, strengthen their vocabulary, and make their writing more interesting and enjoyable to read.

Have a read of the four pieces of collaborative writing Tōtara students developed about an 'Outside The Window' scene!

Aoife

Dara

Lauren

Sadie



Between the two white window frames is a calm country breeze with swaying trees. A warm summer wind piles onto my face as I think of the adventure ahead of me. Birds dart tree to tree as petals hit their face. I see a huge daisy paddock where children run free from the busy world around them.

Across the flowery fields lay the shadowy mountains full of adventure. Above the towering mountains, the sky is full of gentle soft clouds. The clouds are extremely puffy, fluffy, and squishy just like cotton candy. They push together blocking the sunlight from showing its happiness, making the grass go to its dark side.

The grass is as green as the trees and emeralds spread out across the countryside. The colour of the Fijian water sky stretches across the land telling me it's going to be a good day. As I look out the glass window I see the beautiful landscape in front of me. What a place of beauty, peace and freedom.

Alex Eg

Della



Alex Ed

Frank

After a delicious, juicy meal, I head to the window to look out at the world beyond its frame.

Framed in the window panes, people are walking on the path; chatting and talking continuously. Hungrily, I can smell the delicious meals from the restaurant down below, creeping under the door. All around me the houses are tall and fancy. I can feel my fingers freezing as a chilly breeze strikes me down my spine. On the distant horizon, crisp white clouds mingle with the fresh air floating all around.

Against the intricately carved tower, the rounded sphere of the cathedral stands strong against the breeze. Quickly, the smell of fish hits my nose mixing with the city smoke. Pigeons flock on the street; stealing food from stalls and people. Quietly, in the centre square, a little kid fights for his bread and shoos away some pigeons.

While the fluffy clouds smoothly flow through the sky, cars and trucks navigate through the packed streets of Marks Square. Old tiles cover the roofs of buildings, here, there and everywhere.

While the sun sets, the city noise recedes as a calm feeling hits me. The once busy, awake city is now silent and undisturbed.

Memphis

Riley

Eve

Ava



I open the window, and stare at the trees while the gentle breeze blows among them.

Near the window grows the lush green trees rubbing against the building. Behind the flax bush I hide till dark, I think I have got the best hiding spot.

Quickly, darting from left to right the fluffy feathery birds hunt for tea as the villagers chase them away. The irritating squawking of the seagulls coming into land fills the air. I can see the shiny boats glimpsing off the smurf coloured ocean. Near the striking water lies the soft grainy sand. Unnoticeably there is life teaming under the rough cold ocean waves.

As the boats push off, the water bursts into waves. Slowly, the ferry's come to dock and load up with people. The church bells ring while the people remember the spirit of God. Above the towering mountains, cotton candy clouds bob around. The white clouds are soft like marshmallows fresh out of the packet. As the buildings stand tall the buses stop and people pile out into the front of the hotels. This is the peaceful place of life, in Timahea Bay.

Bill

Abby

Nelly

George



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I open the vibrant white windows as the salt air rushes past me. From the shores of Tonga's water you can see the beautiful color blends of blue. Crystal clear water and clouds drifting lazily in the sky.

Loudly, the tides crash against the rocks like a fight for freedom. The feijoa trees look like they're ready to be picked for someone's snack. The hot sun shines down on your skin as it heats up the day.

The good feeling of the ocean on a boiling day, as you plunge into the lukewarm water. As I sat down on the golden brown rock, my skin started to get tanned. Slip, slop, slap, and repeat.

The sun is setting and the tide is receding. I close the window doors and look forward to opening them to a new day.

SUPER HERO DAY

Be a superhero with super powers or an everyday superhero

Dress up as your favourite superhero

THURSDAY 18TH JUNE

Non uniform day.



TERM DATES



Term 2

Monday 20th April - Friday 3rd July

Public Holiday - Anzac Day - Monday 27th April

Public Holiday - King's Birthday - Monday 1st June

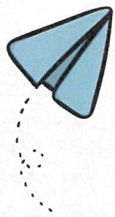
Term 3

Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Term 4

Monday 12th October - Wednesday 16th December

Public Holiday - Labour Day - Monday 26th October

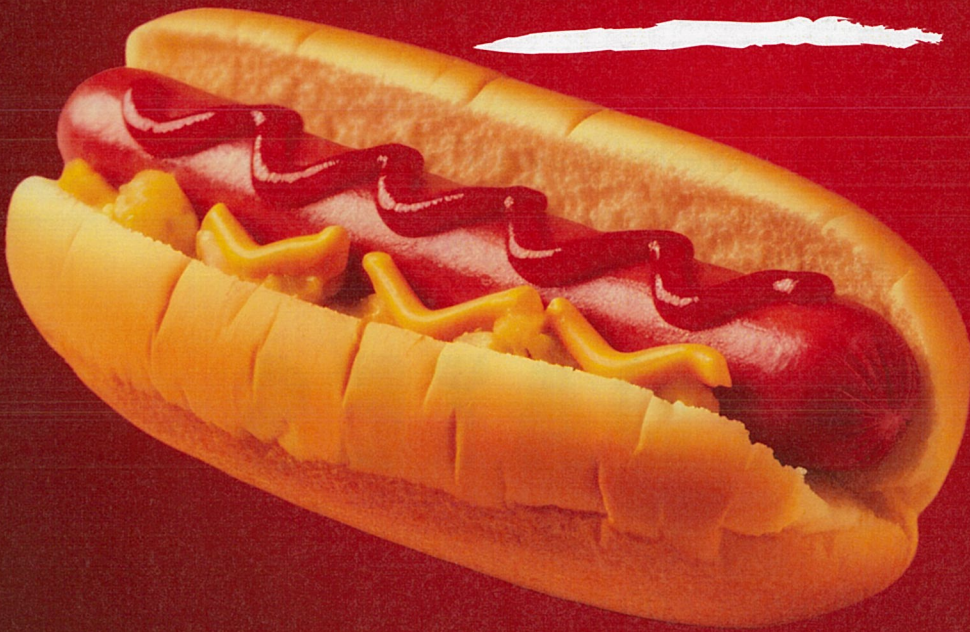


DIARY DATES

Term 2

- Monday 15th June - Board Meeting 7.00 pm
- Tuesday 16th June - Social Science Presentations in Invercargill
- Wednesday 17th June - Kowhai Education Outside The Classroom
- Wednesday 17th June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Friday 19th June - Western Southland AgriKids for Year 5&6 and Year 7&8 teams
- Friday 19th June - Mid-Year Reports Go Home
- Tuesday 23rd June - Year 7 at Adventure Southland - Leadership
- Tuesday 23rd June & Wednesday 24th June - Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Conversations
- Wednesday 24th June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm

AMERICAN HOT DOG



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**YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP
FUNDRAISER**

PRE-ORDER TUESDAYS

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

*A fresh roll with
a frankfurter.*

Optional;

- cheese
- mustard
- tomato sauce

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

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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



COMMUNITY NOTICES



NZ-WIDE SHIPPING

SKIS, BOARDS, BOOTS, CLOTHING

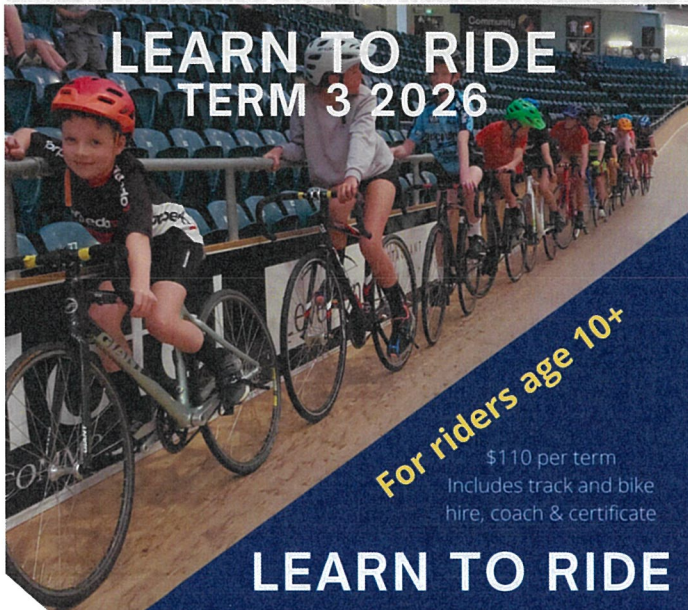
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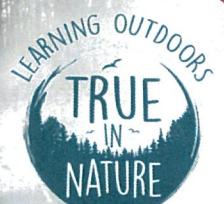
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BUSHCRAFT & SURVIVAL SKILLS Holiday Experiences

CHILD VS WILD [3 Days]

7 to 13 year olds
Invercargill
8.45am to 3pm
6th July to 8th July
15th July to 17th July

An Adventure quest in different locations. Children spend two days learning and acquiring bushcraft and survival skills ready to be tested on the final day in a teamwork survival challenge.

WILD FAMILY DAY [1 Day]

All Ages - A Family Day Out
Invercargill
10am to 3pm

Matariki Public Holiday Friday 10th July
Join us for a Wild Family Day Out where families come together to slow down, reconnect, and celebrate the season out in nature, learning new skills and sharing nourishing food

BUSH KIDS [1 Day]

5 to 16 year olds
Invercargill & Gore
8.45am to 3pm
Thursday 9th July Invercargill
Monday 13th July Invercargill
Tuesday 14th January GORE

A one day bushcraft and survival skills experience

*Bushcraft and Survival Skills experiences include:

- Advanced fire starting skills
- Knife work, whittling, carving
- Bush exploration, navigating, orienteering
- Shelter building
- Cooking on gas stoves/ fires
- Survival first aid
- Herbal medicine
- Foraging
- Natural Crafts
- Nature Discovery

Our adventures explore the bush, estuary, beach and pine forests

*Every day brings a different adventure. Activities are weather, location and seasonally dependent

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