

Hauroko

VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

our people. our place. our stories



Principal Post

Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

11th May - 15th May

Thank you for supporting your child/children in completing the Bus Code of Conduct. This is an important shared responsibility between home and school for students travelling to and from school on the daily bus service. These buses are also used for trips to and from Tuatapere for swimming lessons and other excursions as needed. If you have not yet returned the form, please do so as soon as possible.

This week's newsletter also features a special contribution from Angus, one of our Year 8 school leaders and librarians. Be sure to check out his initiative and entry – a fantastic effort!

The Year 7&8 students had some fun experimenting with light boxes, which are similar to Aotearoa's/New Zealand's Sandman - Marcus Winter <https://www.youtube.com/@nzsandman> tools. He tells stories through art, bringing ideas to life. We can't wait to develop this further to showcase our learning. Our Discovery Time learners will be using this, too.

Good luck to the students travelling to Invercargill this weekend for the Orienteering Challenge. Thank you to Sally for organising and preparing our students in map reading, following directions, and navigating courses as a team.

Next week, we have our Interschool Cross Country hosted by Waiau Area School at the Tuatapere Domain. A notice was sent home this week with all the important information. Please read this and ensure you have a plan!

Enjoy some of our learners "Striking A Pose". A group of Year 7 boys took on this task and challenged our staff to have a go. Exploring movement through striking a pose was a lot of fun, as well as being creative through Drama/Dance!

Ngā mihi, Julia,
on behalf of the Hauroko Valley Primary team

ALWAYS OUR BEST



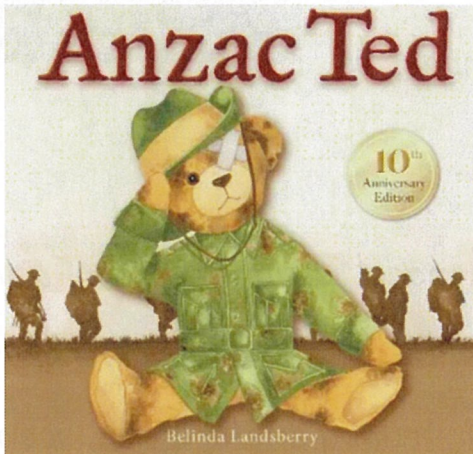
DEAR DIARY

Dear Diary,

It's me, Ted, out in the battlefield.

Today was crazy, we walked and walked through the trees, burning, muddy ground below. "Thud, thud, thud." From no man's land above, people were screaming and crying, hoping it would end. (Extract).

By Harper



Dear Diary

Today, the noise of the battle was so loud that my ears are aching. I think my ears will ring forever, from the loud crossfire and plummeting bombs. I am stuck in the muddy, foul trench, unable to help the crying soldiers because, after all, I'm only a bear. Surrounding me are dead soldiers, demolished trenches, and a piece of land that was once healthy and magical, but is now an abandoned graveyard. I know I've only been here a couple of weeks, but it feels like an eternity. I wish to be back home in my warm toy box, around all of my stuffed, cuddly toy friends. (Extract). By Layla.

Dear Diary,

Today was a lucky day for me. Let me tell you a story about me, Anzac Ted, and my fellow troops. As we marched through to Flanders Field there was thunder and lightning and a blistering wind. We encountered muddy trenches. "Halt!" called the Captain. We had finally reached our destination. (Extract).

By Corbin

ROLE MODELS

Georgia Heffernan is a famous netballer who plays for the Southern Steel and Silver Ferns. I look up to Georgia because she shows sportsmanship, leadership, kindness, and she never gives up. She is always up for a challenge and works hard to succeed. Georgia has a positive attitude and says "Mistakes are what made me great." This shows me it is fine to make mistakes and to learn from them. She is a true leader and role model to me. (Extract).

By Grace.



My role model is Jonah Lomu, a well-known All Black. He is famously known as the best winger in rugby history. As soon as someone says the words - role model, I think of him. He was a team player who never gave up. Even though he knew they wouldn't win the 2011 Rugby World Cup, he still kept on trying. He is my role model because he was brave, hardworking, and had a great mindset for everything. (Extract).

By Oscar



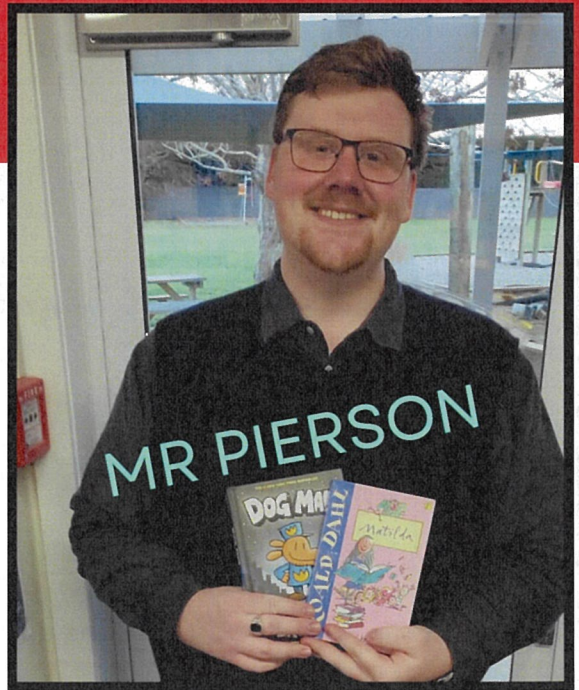
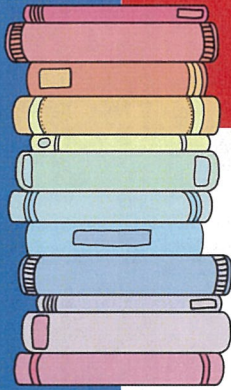
Reader Of the month

What genre do you like?

Fantasy, adventure, thrillers, detective novels, comic books and manga.

What do you like about reading?

I like the feeling of excitement, anticipation, and curiosity brought about by the authors in their writing, their artwork, or the characters in their stories



What book would you recommend to anyone in the school?

I would recommend anything by Dav Pilkey, Geronimo Stilton, or Roald Dahl.

If you could be a character from any book who would you be?

Tintin, I used to really enjoy Tintin comics when I was younger and the thought of going on adventures around the world and writing stories or articles about them would have been incredible!

If you could have any book character for tea who would it be? Asterix & Obelix, because they would be fun dinner guests with plenty of stories about their adventures and lots of roast boar.

What book are you currently reading?

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring

HAUROKO ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Principal Awards

- Kōwhai - Charlie for fabulous maths knowledge and teaching Mrs Waikato Snakes and Ladders.
- Kōwhai - Frank for wonderful recall of rhyme, plot, setting, and characters in shared reading.
- Mataī - John for super increasing focus to complete tasks and knowing Matai routines.
- Mataī - Beau for showing impressive skill and focus to complete creative tasks.
- Tōtara - Alex Ed for taking the care and time to complete assessments, showing focus.
- Tōtara - Memphis for beautiful focus to complete assessments showing knowledge.
- Rātā - Stanley for taking care to be accurate with reading, writing, and maths assessments.
- Rātā - Caitlin for consistently accurate assessment results in literacy and numeracy.
- Rātā - Angus D for excellent library initiatives showing leadership.
- Rātā - Aydee for being a reliable leader as our school's Home Reading Guru.

Hawroko Valley Students of the Week

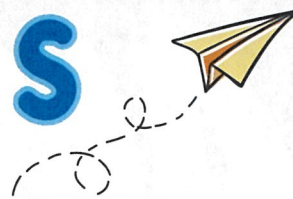


Classroom Teachers Assembly Awards

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



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

NB: KSOM every Thursday apart from Thursday 21st May as Interschool Cross Country at Waiau Area School

- Monday 18th May - Board Meeting 7.00 pm
- Wednesday 20th May - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 21st May - Interschool Cross Country at Waiau Area School
- Friday 22nd May - Technology Year 7&8 at WAS
- Wednesday 27th May - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Friday 29th May - Western Cross Country at Otautau
- **Monday 1st June - King's Birthday/Public Holiday/No School**
- Wednesday 3rd June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Wednesday 10th June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Friday 12th June - Southland Cross Country at Waimumu
- Monday 15th June - Board Meeting 7.00 pm
- Wednesday 17th June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Friday 19th June - Mid-Year Reports Go Home
- Tuesday 23rd June & Wednesday 24th June - EOTC Year 8 to Dunedin
- Tuesday 23rd June & Wednesday 24th June - Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Conversations
- Wednesday 24th June - Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm

AMERICAN HOT DOG



\$4

**YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP
FUNDRAISING**

**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;

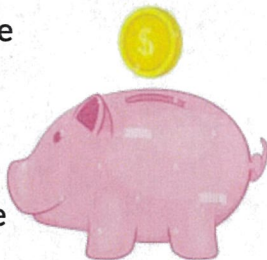
1. Use our school student management system via the HERO Linc-Ed App.
2. Ring and speak with Karen, or leave a message on the school phone at 032266753.
3. Email Karen at office@haurokovalley.school.nz - she will enter the absence, and this advises classroom teachers.
4. Text Karen 0277777520.

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

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



Tuatapere PĒPI PLAYGROUP

for babies 0-2 years old



"Babies are born curious"

Our playgroup for babies in Tuatapere offers a safe and interesting haven for babies and their whānau.

We provide a sensory rich play space to support the curiosity, free movement and self directed play of your baby.

Sessions invite you to slow down, do less, observe more and enjoy the wonder of infant play and learning. Sessions will be guided by experienced ECE facilitators.

Thursday: 14 May & 11 June at 10am - 12pm

**Venue: Tuatapere Playcentre,
23B Orawia Road, Tuatapere
Gold Coin Donation.**

For more details please contact Stu Guyton: stuart.guyton@gmail.com
Southern REAP - Maree Day: maree@reap.co.nz or
Tuatapere Community Worker - Tina Colyer: tcworkerextra.co.nz



Active Bodies, Curious Minds For Preschoolers & Junior Class

Join us for this session designed to spark curiosity and joyful learning through intentional invitations to play tākaro.

Tamariki are encouraged to follow their interests and choose the play space that matches their energy, supporting resilience, self regulation, confidence, and emotional awareness.

Our movement-based area, based on Moving Smart's 'Smart Step's programme, invites children to climb, balance, jump, roll and swing, building strength, co-ordination and the physical and neurological foundations for thriving in learning environments.

A second, calmer space offers open ended, heuristic and loose parts play, where children can explore, experiment, create, and problem solve using sensory rich materials at their own pace.

This gathering also celebrates **whakawhānaungatanga** - bringing our community together to connect, support one another, sharing in the wonder of our tamariki's learning.

**Western Southland
Clifden**

DATE:
Wednesday 27th May

TIME:
Preschoolers 10.30am - 12pm
Junior Class 12.30am - 1.30pm

COST:
Free of charge

Venue:
Hauroko Valley Primary School Hall
956 Clifden Highway
Clifden

For more details, please contact Southern REAP
email: maree@reap.co.nz or 027 732 7323



NIGHT-O



Start any time between
6PM - 7:30PM

SATURDAY
23 MAY
2026

NIGHT ORIENTEERING
Registration: Pacific Avenue
Equestrian Centre, Oreti Beach

It's orienteering - but in the dark! Bring along a torch (and a spare!), extra batteries, and a whistle as you navigate under the stars. Courses will be used from the Southland Schools Champs and are all on tracks.

Signposted from Dunns Road. Normal event fees apply.

www.southlandorienteeringclub.co.nz
Suitable for all ages, beginners always welcome.



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AFTER SCHOOL CLIMBING PROGRAMME

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Starts

26 MAY

Every Tuesday for 6 weeks

AGES 7 - 17

Beginner | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Intermediate | 5:00pm - 6:00pm

\$80
per child



BUILD CONFIDENCE AND RESILIENCE



IMPROVE STRENGTH, BALANCE & COORDINATION



MAKE FRIENDS & HAVE FUN



DEVELOP SKILLS THAT LAST

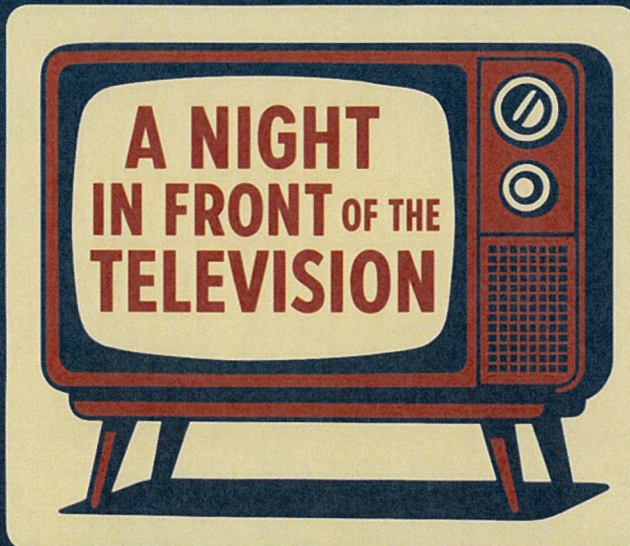
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WATCH THIS SPACE

TUATAPERE COMMUNITY THEATRE BRINGS TO YOU



FRIDAY 17TH AND SATURDAY 18TH JULY

MARK YOUR DIARIES NOW. TICKET DETAILS COMING SOON

