

Term 4, Week 9 2025



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Newsletter – Issue #36

WEEK: 1ST - 5TH DECEMBER

Kia ora e te whānau, kumusta, ayubowan,

What a fabulous week with a range of activities our children were engaging in the great outdoors, at school, at Borland Lodge and at Aparima. Next week it would be great to have warmer weather as we swim everyday!

Cell Phones At School

Please read over the Phones away for the day whanau FAQs. Phones away for the day isn't new; the Government advised this was to start in Term 2, 2024. Our school is expected (like all schools) to comply with the regulations provided by the Ministry of Education. We, in turn, expect our families to actively support this. The use of Bring Your Own Devices, on school buses, is problematic.

Borland Lodge

Our Year 5 & 6 students are currently on their Education Outside the Classroom camp at Borland Lodge, Monowai. This location and its activities are a favourite with our children. They complete the Clifden Caves, kayaking on a mill pond, abseiling and rock climbing up the Borland Road, bushcraft, low ropes/confidence course, adventure-based learning, archery and the Mount Burns Tarn Track. We utilise Adventure Southland to provide several of the activities where Health and Safety are paramount. Thanks to the following parent helpers - Rufus, Lynley, Angela, Ben, and Jayne R. Thank you to Holly for leading camp for our Year 5&6 students.

Food Technology

Today was the final Food Technology session for our Year 7 and 8 students. They have been attending classes in the Food Tech classroom at Waiau Area School over this Term. Students have worked through 1. Cultural Food - dumplings, sushi, fried bread. 2. Last Light Lodge - jam or coulis, relish and scones. 3. Pie Challenge and pinwheel scrolls. 4. High Tea with mini savoury and sweet treats. Photos will be shared via Facebook and in the newsletter next week. We are arranging a catch-up session for those Year 8s who attended the SBHS and SGHS school visits.

Water Safety

Next week, every day your children will require their swimming gear - swimming togs, a towel, goggles, caps (optional) and a life jacket session on Friday. Please ensure all swimming gear is clearly named and everything is in a named bag.

Water Skills for Life NZ provides resources for teachers to integrate into any aquatic learning programme. Developed by Water Safety New Zealand for all of Aotearoa, these resources bring essential water safety skills to life in fun, engaging, and practical ways.

Each class is transported down to the Tuatapere Community Pool for sessions and back to Hauroko. Rātā will head down first thing, then Tōtara class, followed by Mataī and Kōwhai. Sessions are 30-45 minutes, with time allowed for changing at the beginning and end.

House Day

On Tuesday 9th December please wear house colours (instead of uniform) for a fun house afternoon. If you have a water gun, your child is welcome to bring this, for the afternoon in a supervised session by our school leaders.

Carols In The Caves

We are busy preparing our songs for carols in the caves. This is our end-of-year celebration, which takes place off Gardner Road, Clifden, on Friday, 12th December. Students must be in attendance from 6.00 pm, with a kick-off at 6.30 pm. We intend to remain for the prize giving (weather permitting).

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



On Monday 17th November Kōwhai class and Mataī year 2's went on a trip to the Ohai Fire Station. We have been learning about being firewise this term.

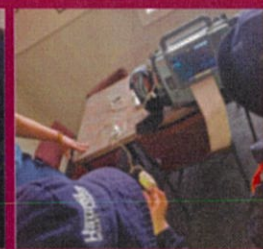


FIRE STATION VISIT

Weeee
oooooo
weeeee
ooooo here is the fire truck. We are at Ohai Fire Station, it's so exciting. We are going in our car groups to different stations. I went in the stretcher.
Dex

I am in the fire suit. The helmet was heavy!
Oakley

I am holding the can with the big jaws. The jaws were amazing!
Lucas



SCIENCE FUN

WALKING WATTER

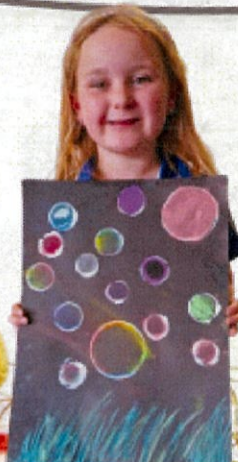


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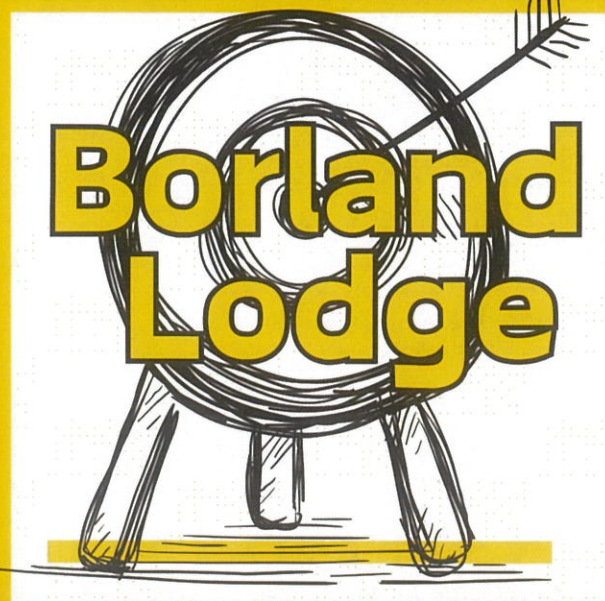
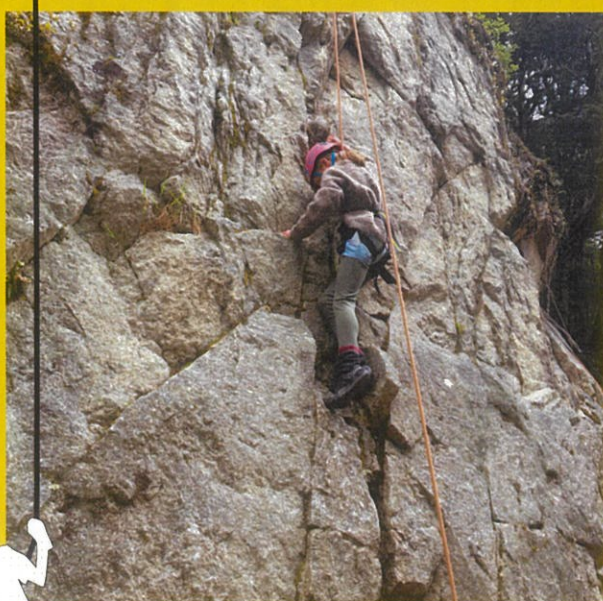
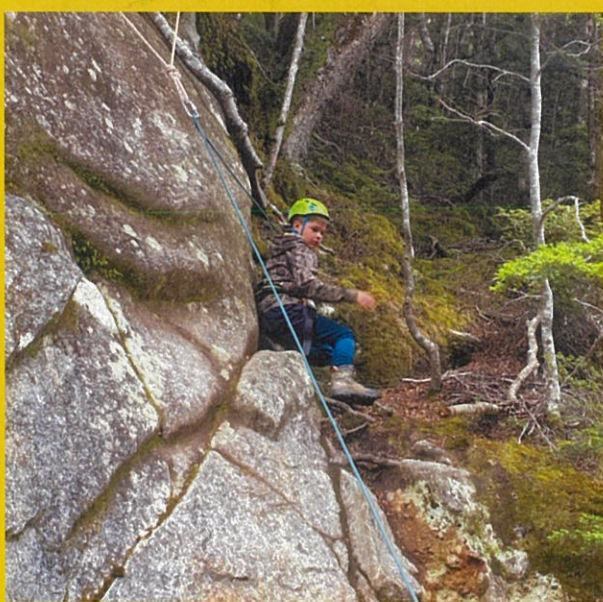


Merry Christmas

kōwhai class 2025



BUBBLE ART





village
leadership
collaborating
problem
solving
take turns
Teamwork

perseverance
can-do
try new
things
by choice
be brave
Challenge



hauora
well-being
independence
organise
responsible
readiness
Self Management



Phones away for the day Whānau FAQs



What do my whānau and I need to know?

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What are the new phone regulations?

From the start of Term 2 2024, your school must make sure ākonga | students do not use or access their phone while they are attending school unless it is required for learning purposes, health reasons or you have been directed by a teacher or the principal. Phones away for the day includes during lunch time and breaks, and when you are on a school course or visit outside the school grounds.

Your school might already have rules in place so that ākonga | students do not use their phones during the day. For these schools the rule will continue as normal.

If your school doesn't have a rule or policy in place or needs to adjust a rule or policy to meet the requirements of the new regulation, they will be working with you and your community during Term 1 on how they will implement the regulation.

Every school will have flexibility in how they apply the 'student phones away for the day' regulations. This will depend on the culture of the school community, learners and their whānau.

But, why?

The intention of having ākonga | student phones away for the day is to improve engagement and achievement through minimising distractions during learning time and increasing social interaction while they are attending school.

Fifty percent of New Zealand ākonga | students report they're distracted by devices at school.

Having phones away for the day (including break times) also gives ākonga | students more opportunity to interact in-person and space to 'disconnect' from social media, which may lessen the possibilities for online bullying and harassment.

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What do the regulations apply to?

Do the regulations include devices e.g., tablets, and smart watches?

The rules must apply to ākonga | student phones. Most schools have existing digital technology rules or policies around the appropriate use of laptops and tablets. Your school may choose their own standards about the management of wearable devices like smart watches.

What happens if my whānau needs to contact me, or I need to contact them during the school day?

Your school will have processes if it is necessary for you to contact your whānau during the day, like through the office and for older ākonga | students through your school email address. You may also like to discuss with your whānau a plan for minimising the need for contact during the school day.

If they are implementing a new rule you might want to discuss how processes will work with school leaders. This might include how to inform ākonga | students of messages while minimising disruption and protecting privacy.

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What happens if I want to contact my whānau in an emergency?

As part of their rules or policies, your school will need to decide how they will manage ākonga | student phone use during emergencies that occur during the school day, for example evacuations or lockdowns. You or your whānau might like to discuss how phones will be managed in emergencies with your school principal or leadership.

What will happen if I use my phone outside of the school's expectations?

Your school will decide how to manage expectations and any issues that arise. You or your whānau can talk to your teachers or school leadership team around ways to manage these expectations.

Schools can decide what consequences you might face if you breach the rules. Schools that currently restrict phones follow their usual school approaches to behaviour management to give effect to these expectations including the use of restorative practices in some cases.

Where will I store my phone during the day?

Your school, in consultation with you and your community, will make decisions about how and where your phones will be stored during the school day. Examples of school approaches to phone storage include, but are not limited to:

- › in your **school bag**
- › in a **lockable pouch**
- › in your **lockers**
- › in a **secure location**, such as a locked cupboard.

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Can I get an exemption?

The new regulations apply to ākonga | students in all state schools. However, there are exemptions within the regulations for certain schools, students, and circumstances:

- › Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu will be eligible for an exemption due to its reliance on devices for distance education.
- › Students may use phones for educational purposes if their teacher decides it is necessary as part of their schoolwork.
- › Students who require their phone for health purposes, such as monitoring insulin levels, will be exempt.
- › Students who are aided by their phones to address barriers to accessing and participation in learning, will be exempt.
- › In special circumstances, the principal can provide an exemption if deemed necessary given a student's situation (for example, the student is a parent).

What if I need my phone to address barriers to learning?

Ākonga | Students who are aided by their phones to address barriers to accessing and participation in learning will be granted an exemption. How the school manages and records these exemptions is up to each school to decide, in consultation with their community.

How do I get an exemption?

Exemptions for ākonga | students will need to be agreed by the school and each school will have their own process for deciding on and managing these exemptions. Your school can provide information to you and your whānau about how they will implement exemptions. You may need to provide evidence to support your request, and the school may offer alternative solutions that don't require a phone.

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What if I am refused an exemption?

Schools can decide on the process for managing exemptions. However, if you or your whānau have concerns you can raise these with the principal.

If you or your whānau are not happy with the principal's decisions or reasonings, your school can provide you with their complaints process. The first step is raising your complaint with the principal and then with the School Board.

If you are not happy with the response from the school, you can contact your local Ministry office for support.

My child has an exemption but doesn't want to be singled out as different, what should I do?

You could discuss with your child's teacher or principal your concerns and work together to reduce any increased visibility of ākonga | students with exemptions.

How do I know my school rule is fair?

What about my human rights?

The regulations for student phones to be away for the day in schools engages the right to freedom of expression in section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. Some human rights are recognised as absolute rights that can't be limited and others, like the right to freedom of expression, can be limited if the limitation is justified. In introducing these regulations, the government has considered that the limit on freedom of expression is justified in order to improve student engagement and achievement.

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Can teachers and other adults use their phones?

The regulations only apply to ākonga | students. Schools can decide if restrictions on staff using phones is helpful.

What about breakages or damage to a phone that is handed in or confiscated?

Schools will have their own processes in place to manage the storage and safety of phones if they must be handed in. Schools must take reasonable care of phones in their possession. Youth Law provides advice on obligations if a phone is lost or broken.

What happens if I am unhappy with how my school is applying the phone rule?

If you or your caregivers are not satisfied with the school's process of dealing with your complaint you may contact your local Ministry of Education office.

 **Local Ministry offices**

Or you can contact the Office of the Ombudsman.

 **Office of the Ombudsman**

Youth Law also has an informative website for young people to understand their rights.

 **Youth Law**



DATES & EVENTS DECEMBER

Week 10

- Monday 8th December, Tuesday 9th December, Wednesday 10th December, Thursday 11th December, and Friday 12th December - Hauroro Valley Primary School Water Safety Skills at Tuatapere Community Pool
- Monday 8th December - Final Board Meeting 7.30 pm
- Wednesday 10th December - Kōwhiri Hovercraft experience onsite
- Wednesday 10th December - Final Discovery 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 11th December - KSOM
- Friday 12th December - Leavers Assembly 2.15 pm - Year 8's delivering speeches and receiving lei's
- Friday 12th December - HVP Carols in the Caves & Prize Giving - at the caves,

Week 11

- Monday 15th December - Year 8 Visual Art at Gallery 65 in Tuatapere
- Tuesday 16th December - HVP Swimming Sports & Final Day of 2025
- Wednesday 17th December - Teachers Only Day
- Thursday 18th December - KSOM - final lessons for students.

2026 DATES

HVP Teachers Only Days - Thursday 29th & Friday 30th January

Term 1

Monday 2nd February - Thursday 2nd April

Public Holiday - Waitangi Day - Friday 6th February

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

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,
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Hauroko Valley Primary School

Westpac:

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



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SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2026
RACES START FROM 10am

10km - Walk, Run or Mountain Bike
15km - Run or Mountain Bike
21km - Run or Mountain Bike
43km - Mountain Bike
43km - E-Bike
Other distances for E-bike recreational only

Register online at:
www.glenhamtrainwreck.co.nz
or on the day from 8.30am at
Glenham Hall
Cash only (No EFTPOS available)

Facebook: GLENHAM TRAINWRECK TRAIL

Compete in any of the Mountain Bike events and go in the draw to win a
MOUNTAIN BIKE VALUED AT \$2000
thanks to MLT and CrossRoad Cycles

Fundraiser for Glenham Community Centre



SDC SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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\$6 PER CHILD

LOCATIONS

- Te Anau - Tuesday 13th January
- Lumsden - Wednesday 14th January
- Riverton - Tuesday 20th January
- Otautau - Thursday 22nd January
- Winton - Monday 26th January
- Wyndham - Tuesday 27th January
- Riversdale - Friday 30th January
- Stewart Island - Monday 2nd February

5-12 YEARS

Free play
Sports
Swimming
And more

10AM - 3PM

To register, visit our event page on our website: www.activesouthland.co.nz
Registrations close 5pm, 11th January




Travelling overseas in the school holidays?

You must do a New Zealand Traveller Declaration when you come back

TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz

New Zealand Traveller Declaration | Whakapuakanga Tangata Haere ki Aotearoa

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa | New Zealand Government

