







Learning Action & Achievements

### Newsletter

### 199ue #11

# Week: 6th - 10th May

Nau mai hoki mai e te whānau, kumusta,

**Drink**. At Hauroko Valley Primary School we are a water-only school. Water bottles are encouraged for use in class. Drinking water is available onsite for all staff and students. We have a filter system to ensure it is healthy to drink.

**Food.** We provide our students with breaks at morning tea 10.10 am-10.30 am, fruit/vege break 11.30 am-11.40 am, and lunchtime 12.40 pm-1.30 pm for healthy eating. You can have heat-ups for lunch, all year round. These must be wrapped in tin foil or a product that can be placed in the oven and must be named. Only fruit or veggies are eaten at Fruit/Vege Break 11.30 am-11.40 am. It is a healthy brain break as we transition from our literacy to our numeracy. Please check lunchboxes, do not contain lollies, or chocolates.

**Peanut.** Our school is nut-free, due to a student with a serious allergy to peanuts. To keep all of our children safe, we ask for your support in providing food that doesn't contain peanuts.

**Technology** for our Year 7&8's started with a hiss and a roar. Each group, created soup with mousetraps to accompany them. They used a range of different ingredients, and taste testing to create the perfect blend. In honour of Anzac Day, they made biscuits which have long been associated with the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps from World War 1. The groups adapted the traditional Anzac recipe adding in different ingredients.

**Cross-country** training continues as students pace themselves and develop fitness to sustain running. Ages are at December 2024 and distances include; 5&6 years = 700m, 9 years = 1km, 10& 11 years = 1.5km and 12&13 years = 2km

American Hotdogs. Thanks for supporting "The Southern Boys" team heading to Hamilton in July, as they fundraise to support costs to attend the National Finals with American Hotdogs for lunch. These were delicious! Order by Tuesday, to guarantee delivery at lunch on Wednesdays.

**SGHS Enwood Visit.** Thanks to those who attended the Southland Girls High School where girls and their parents were met Yvonne and Jenny. The Principal, Mrs Browning, shared SGHS Curriculum options, while Jenny from Enwood Hostel covered essential boarder information as part of her role at Enwood Hostel.

Our Year 5&6 students head to Stadium Southland for the **Western Cup** in a couple of weeks. This initiative is a first for Western Southland Schools. It involves students playing in teams of basketball, futsal, netball, and unihoc. Students have been placed into teams, and we are working to incorporate practices into our weekly preparation. We are looking for a couple of managers to support our teams. If you would like to help out in futsal (soccer), unihoc (hockey), or basketball, please let Anna know as soon as possible. a.slee@haurokovalley.school.nz

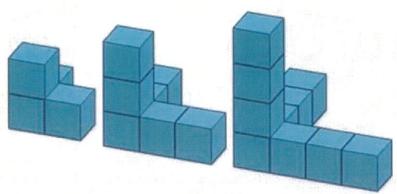
**Cell phones.** Please take a look at the information sent home today about the Government's "Phones Away For The Day, Questions and Answers". Also included in the newsletter is our Cell Phone Policy.

#### Staffing Updates

Congratulations to Miss Slee who is celebrating her graduation with a Bachelor of Applied Science and a Master of Teaching and Learning from the University of Otago.

We recently advertised a position for the remainder of the year in our Year 5&6 class. On behalf of the board of trustees, it gives us great pleasure to advise Anna has been appointed in this role, so will continue to teach in Totara class for the rest of 2024.

On behalf of the Hauroko Valley Primary School Staff, Julia Waikato, Principal/Tumuaki



We have been very busy in Rātā for the first two weeks of term. Last week we lead the school ANZAC service and then celebrated camo day. Sam impressed us all with his duck calls, taking out first place this year.

In class for Maths we have been exploring patterns and looking at generalisations or rules that we can make with our patterns.

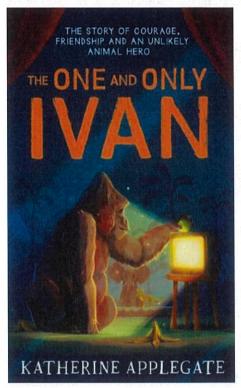
The above picture is an example of one problem we looked at in class. The picture shows the 1st, 2nd and 3rd position of the pattern. Can you work out how many blocks you would need to make the 20th position? You may need to draw a diagram or use a table of data.

'The One and Only Ivan' is our class novel this term. It is inspired by a true story about a silver backed gorilla kept in captivity.

Our cross country training is well under way despite the turbulent weather. We have been exploring alternative ways to get puffing and have been discussing attitudes around cross country.

Last Friday was our first day of Technology at Waiau Area School. Mrs Harris had us making delicious toasties and tasty ANZAC biscuits. This Friday we were looking at the basics of sewing for the start of our soft materials work. This included learning how to use the machines correctly and experimenting with different hand stitching techniques.















As you may be aware the Government has introduced regulations that require all state schools to put in place school rules regarding the use of phones. The regulations require that schools must ensure students do not use or access a phone while they are attending school, including during lunchtime and breaks. This includes students who are on a school course or visit outside the school grounds.

International research indicates that phones in schools are not conducive for learning and for student wellbeing. Therefore, these regulations have been put in place to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying.

At Hauroko Valley Primary School, our approach to cellphones and other personal digital devices supports student engagement and achievement. Personal digital devices include cell phones, which we manage according to government regulations, and other devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartwatches. Devices that are part of a school-approved Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme have separate conditions for use. Hauroko Valley Primary School does not recommend that students bring personal digital devices to school.

#### **Cellphone Regulations**

To comply with government regulations, we ensure students do not use cell phones during school hours, including break times. Parents/Caregivers can request an exemption from the school if required. We allow exemptions for students to use cell phones if they are required for:

- · a specific educational purpose approved by a teacher
- · health needs (e.g. to monitor insulin levels)
- · disability or learning support needs
- a special circumstance approved by the principal.

If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child during school hours, they should call the school office 032266753.

Rules about cellphones and other personal digital devices made by the board are a school bylaw. We discuss school rules about personal digital devices at the beginning of the year, and throughout the year as needed.

#### Device requirements at school

The school promotes safe and responsible use of digital technology. Students are required to comply with our digital technology policies and procedures if devices are brought to school.

If students bring personal digital devices (including cell phones) to school, the following requirements apply:

- Students may be able to take devices on EOTC events but should check with the teacher or person in charge whether the device is allowed before the event starts.
- · Students must turn their devices off and keep them out of sight during school hours.
- · If devices are used for a learning activity, this must be approved and supervised by teaching staff.

#### Inappropriate use

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device may include:

- · using a device when not allowed
- being on a device at a designated time, but on something not assigned by the classroom teacher
- any sort of bullying, including online bullying
- · sending or sharing inappropriate content
- taking photos or videos of other people without their permission.

Inappropriate use of a personal digital device is managed according to the relevant school policy or procedure (behaviour management, responding to digital incidents)

If a student uses a personal digital device inappropriately (including using a cellphone when it is not allowed) the student must hand it to a staff member immediately when asked. If possible, the student should lock their device before handing it to staff. The device will be kept in the office and can be collected by the student at the end of the day.



### **Hauroko Valley School**

#### About SchoolDocs

Hauroko Valley Primary School uses SchoolDocs to maintain a comprehensive, up-to-date set of policies and procedures. These policies and procedures follow <u>guidelines and legislation</u> and best practice, and have been tailored for our school. For more information about SchoolDocs, see <u>schooldocs.co.nz</u>.

The principal, board, and members of our school community all have access to SchoolDocs. This section highlights information of particular interest to parents and whanāu. (SchoolDocs uses the term "parents" to refer to parents and caregivers. Sometimes, whānau is also used.). You can use the quick links to find information or use Search to find information on the site.

#### **School Docs**

### **Policy Review Instructions**

In Term 2, 2024, we will be reviewing topics in the Employer Responsibility Policy sections.

Who reviews our policies and procedures?

- All reviews are open to the board, staff, students, and the school community (parents/caregivers/whānau).
- Anyone can review any policy/procedure that has a review button.

The board is responsible for board-level <u>overarching policies</u>. Note that other reviewers can review these topics too; they're not exclusively for the board.

#### **Get Started**

The review opened on Monday 29th April: to start reviewing, go to www.schooldocs.co.nz

Username: haurokovalley

Password: 6753

There is also the option of completing a paper review. Just let us know what review topic you are interested

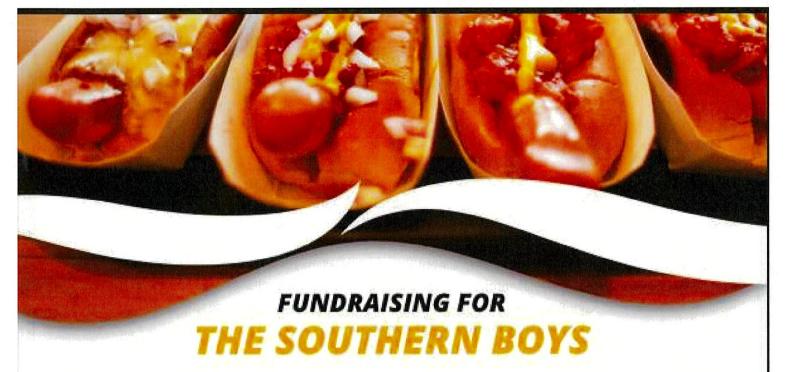
in reviewing. This is an ideal option if you don't have access to the internet.

#### **Term 2 Review Topics**

- Employer Responsibility Policy (Board Only)
- · Appointment Procedure (Board Only)
- · Equal Employment Opportunities
- · Teacher Relief Cover
- · Safety Checking
- · Police Vetting for Non-Teachers
- Classroom Release Time / Timetable (Board Only)

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If you require support regarding accessing or completing a policy review, give Karen a call.



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# **AMERICAN HOTDOGS**

With Optional Tomato Sauce, Mustard and Cheese

### **WEDNESDAYS DURING TERM 2**

(Commencing Week 2)

Place your orders and pay at the office on Tuesdays for Lunchtime Wednesday.

Payment can also be made to: The Southern Boys - 03-0931-0368057-00

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# DATES & EVENTS

### 2024 Term Dates

Term 1 - Thursday 1st February - Friday 12th April
Term 2 - Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
Term 3 - Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September
Term 4 - Monday 14th October - Monday 16th December

### MAY

- Friday 17th May Technology Year 7&8 at HVP due to the Area Schools Tournament at Waiau Area School
- Monday 20th May Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm
- Wednesday 22nd May Assembly c/- Matai
- Friday 24th May Technology Year 7&8 at WAS
- Monday 27th May Teachers Only Day (No Students at School)
- Friday 31st May Technology Year 7&8 at WAS
- Friday 31st May Year 5&6 at Western Cup/Stadium Southland

# JUNE

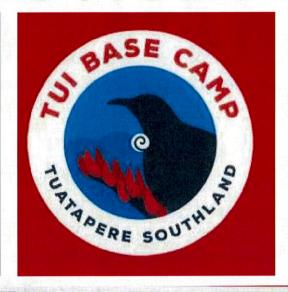
- Monday 3rd June King's Birthday (Public Holiday)
- Tuesday 4th June Technology Year 7&8 at WAS
- Wednesday 5th June Interschool Cross Country, hosted by HVP
- Thursday 6th June Year 8's to Dunedin
- Friday 7th June NYLD Year 8's, Dunedin
- Friday 7th June Year 7's Adventure Southland
- Monday 10th June Western Cross Country at Otautau
- Friday 14th June Southland Cross Country
- Monday 17th June Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm
- Wednesday 19th June Assembly c/- Kowhai
- Wednesday 19th June John Parsons, Cybersafety for students, families & staff
- Friday 21st June Technology Year 7&8's at WAS
- Wednesday 26th June Assembly c/- Rata
- Friday 28th June Matariki (Public Holiday)

### 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 (Salmon or Roast Beef) \$6
Muffin \$5
Cheese Roll \$3
Scone \$5
Sausage Roll \$5





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School Account

If paying accounts by internet banking, please do so to Hauroko Valley Primary School Westpac:

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





# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

