

**Hauroko**  
VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



OUR PLACE

*our stories*

TERM 4, WEEK 7, 2024

# Newsletter Issue #35

## Week: 25th-29th November 2024

Kia ora e te whanau, kumusta, ayubowan,

Murihiku/Southland Primary Principal Association recently held an evening to celebrate newly qualified teachers throughout Southland. As beginner teachers this means they have completed their 2 years of teaching and met the requirements to proceed to full certification. Earlier in the year, Hauroko Valley Primary acknowledged Mr Pierson for reaching this milestone. However, it was fabulous for the staff and Matt's family to join together for the Teacher Registration Ceremony and enjoy a meal out last week. Congratulations Mr Pierson, we are proud of what you have achieved to date, and know there is more to come!

### Mitre 10 Tough Kids

This year we took our Year 4-6 students to Mitre 10 Tough Kids, held at Rugby Park, Invercargill. The aim of the day is participation and fun in a "challenge by choice" philosophy that promotes confidence-building and personal achievement. The course includes lots of running with obstacles the kids need to navigate such as cargo nets, cable reels, climbing wall, bank climb & slide, and many other challenging and fun tasks. It is a highlight for our students! We enjoyed exploring, on the way home, our local places - Taramea Bay, Howells Point, Monkey Island, and Gem Stone Beach. We were successful in their scavenger hunt and made it to Tui Base Camp for our final photo and an ice block. Thanks to those who attended to support transport.

### Year 8 BIG Day Out

Today our 11 Year 8's organised a BIG Day Out in Te Anau. This was based around boating and ski biscuiting on Lake Te Anau. They enjoyed a BBQ lunch before heading to La Toscana for pizza and pasta for dinner. Thanks to the Clarke and Horrell families for supporting with jet boats. Each year our Year 8's plan and organise their BIG Day Out and they enjoy spending a final day together. Thanks to transport and helpers - Jenna, Kate P and Sally.

### Bannockburn Camp

Next week our Year 5&6 head away to Bannockburn School Camp, Cromwell. The first day our students head to the Lakes District Museum for history. This focus is Social Sciences and Aotearoa Histories in action. Day 2 involves teamwork and challenges, such as kayaking, abseiling, archery, adventure-based learning, and confidence courses. Our final day at camp concludes with an adventure at the Kiwi Water Park in Lowburn.

### End of Year Reports

Today students received their end-of-year reports. This includes attendance for Terms 3&4, 2024, a general comment, reading, writing and mathematics progress and achievements. Teachers have also included next steps for learning that can be reinforced at home to continue to build knowledge and understanding in partnership with us at school.

### 2025 HVP Class Structure

Kowhai - Years 0-2 c/- Mrs Kirsty Erskine

Matai - Years 2-4 c/- Mr Matthew Pierson

Totara - Years 5&6 c/- Miss Holly Hammond

Rata - Years 7&8 c/- Mrs Sally Dobson (3 days) & Mrs Alice Harris (2 days)

In planning for next year we have organised our class structure within year groups as above. We have been able to avoid transitions through multiple classrooms to start. There will be (as per usual) transitions of our Year 2's from Kowhai to Matai in 2025, as numbers grow.

Ngā manaakitanga,

on behalf of the Hauroko Valley Primary School team Julia Waikato, Principal/Tumuaki

# Mitre 10 Tough Kids

The Mitre 10 MEGA Tough Kid® is a fun and challenging obstacle course designed for primary school children. The aim of the day is participation and fun in a “challenge by choice” philosophy that promotes confidence-building and personal achievement.

35 of our Year 4-6 students headed to the 2024 Tough Kids, Mitre 10 challenge at Rugby Park, Invercargill on Wednesday. The course was a sophisticated set up, with obstacles to crawl under, climb up and over, slide down, balance and in between running as fast as possible.

*I felt suspense, waiting for the clapper at the start of the course. The course was challenging with the slides twisting and turning. It hurt going up the wooden steps. It was nice to feel the cold water run down your back, as the day got hotter.*

*I liked the competition, running side on with competitors racing to the finish line. It was fun, getting covered in bubbles at the end of the second slide and diving through the finish line.*

*The opportunity to try something new, especially for the Year 4's it was their first time at Tough Kids. For the Year 6's, it was their last time.*

*Hauroko Valley Year 4-6's were the best singers and dancers!*

*We felt proud in our school sports uniform, as I raced past others, knowing we were doing well.*



# Adventure Race

The Southland Secondary School Adventure Race 2024 was held at Sandy Point Golf Club. The race includes disciplines of MTB, trekking, kayaking & navigation - requiring a team of four. It is approximately a 5-hour adventure race, followed by a prizegiving and BBQ.

Proudly sponsored by Adventure Southland Ltd.

To start you had to run up through tussocks, which was painful because of the tips of the tussocks. Each of our three teams had a turn getting lost, by rushing and taking a wrong turn! The rafting was quite difficult, because there was a lot of weight on it, and it was hard to paddle fast. Kayaking was fun, however weedy and Boe's nose got stuck on the bridge, so we had to stop! (There is video evidence). The trek was the hardest bit because it was long. Biking was the easiest, because there were clearly marked tracks.

Challenges as a team - getting lost and discussing which way to go. Saving energy to last the distance was important. Working as a team is key, it isn't an individual event. Working with other teams, from other schools, sometimes helps.

Hauroko Hotdogs - Fergal, Boe, Louie and Lucy

Hauroko Hounds - Cassie, Daniel, Jonty, and Jack

Hauroko Hurricanes - Sienna, Libby, Sam and Ollie





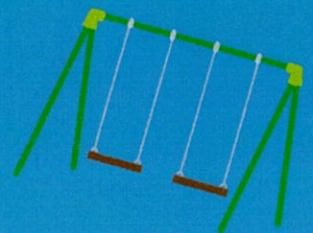
## Scenic route – scavenger hunt

After Tough Kids the Year 4, 5 & 6 students did a scavenger hunt around the coast. They had to:

- Find a NZ flag
- Find the Matariki artwork in Riverton
- Write their names in the Monkey Island sand
- Collect a gemstone at Gemstone Beach
- And the most difficult..find the Tuatapere sausage



## Exploring and playing in Riverton!



PRIMARY

# DISCO PARTY

SCHOOL DISCO  
DURING THE DAY FOR HVP  
STUDENTS

**DECEMBER**

**3**

1.30PM-2.45PM

Hauroko Valley  
multi-purpose building

free - no school uniform needed  
no cost, no food/drinks,  
just space to dance

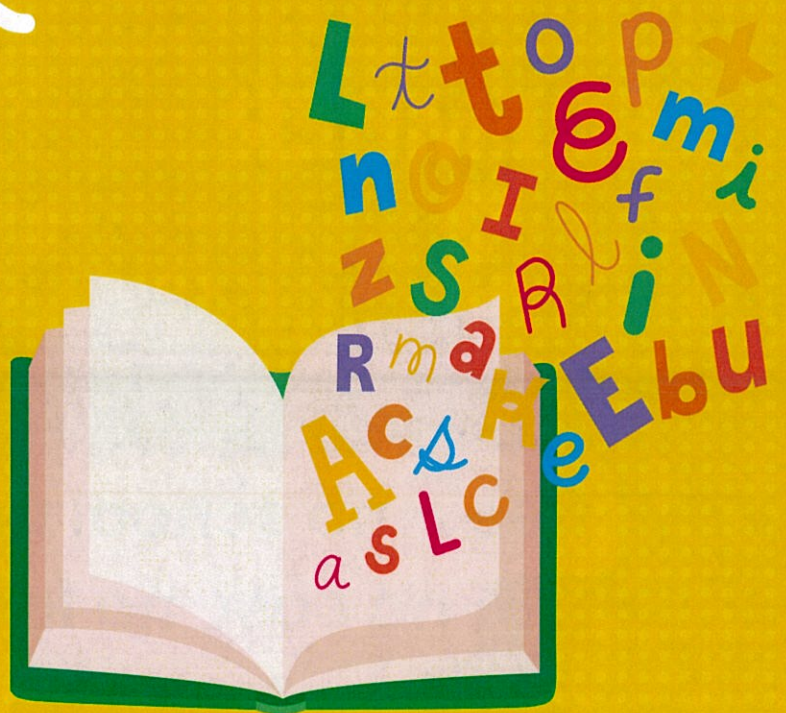
# Literacy Learning @ Hauroko Valley with Rachel Bell

Private Tuition at Hauroko Valley Primary School  
Term 1, 2025

Starting in Term 1, literacy tuition will be available for children who need extra help with reading and spelling.

If you are interested please contact Rachel Bell 0211674568 for more information. Tuition fees apply.

Hauroko Valley Primary is excited to have Rachel join our team. This year we have had Mrs Bell in as a classroom reliever. As a specialist in literacy, Rachel has offered her services and will be available to support our learners, on site, during the school day.





# DATES & EVENTS

## 2024 Term Dates

Term 4 - Monday 14th October - Friday 13th December

## DECEMBER

- Monday 2nd December - Tuesday 3rd December - Parent Teacher Interviews 3.20 pm-5.30pm
- Tuesday 3rd December - HVP Disco 1.30 pm-3.00 pm wear mufti for disco
- Wednesday 4th December - Friday 6th December - EOTC Year 5&6 Camp
- Monday 9th - 13th December - Water Safety Swimming at Tuatapere
- Wednesday 11th December - Production/Prize Giving at RSA Tuatapere
- Friday 13th December - Swimming Sports
- Friday 13th December - Last Day of School for students

## FEBRUARY

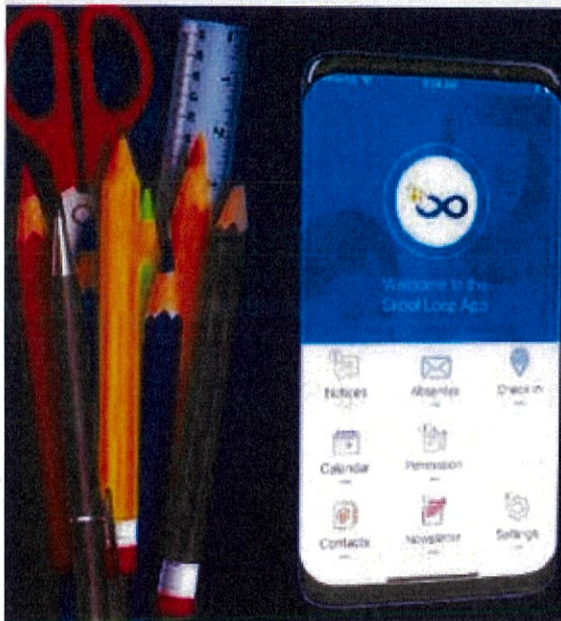
- Monday 3rd February - Term 1, 2025 School Starts
- Thursday 6th February - Waitangi Day, Public Holiday, No School
- Friday 7th February - Family/Staff/Students afternoon BBQ/Cricket/Touch Welcome Back - Meet & Greet
- Tuesday 11th February - John Parsons CyberSafety NZ Expert
- Monday 17th February & Tuesday 18th February - Life Education Bus
- Friday 21st February - Secondary School Triathlon Year 7&8 at CSC, Winton

# 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:

03 1748 0030028 000

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




A black and white photograph of two young girls sitting at a long keyboard instrument, possibly a digital piano or synthesizer. They are both looking towards the camera. The girl on the left has her hair in a bun, and the girl on the right is smiling. The background is dark and slightly out of focus, showing what appears to be a music room or rehearsal space.

**ENROL NOW FOR 2025  
AT HAUROKO VALLEY  
SCHOOL**

A black and white photograph of a music classroom. Several students are seated at long tables, each with a keyboard instrument in front of them. They appear to be practicing or working on a piece of music. The room has large windows in the background, and there are posters or notices on the walls.

**GROUP BASS  
GROUP UKULELE  
FIRST BEAT**


**GROUP GUITAR  
GROUP KEYBOARD  
GROUP VOCALS**

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**REP  
ERTORY**  
INVERCARGILL  
Presents



**Cinderella**  
and her  
**Ugly Sisters**

By Ben Crocker

Repertory House  
167 Esk Street, Invercargill

Wed 27th to Sat 30th November 2024 at 6.30pm  
Sat 30th November & Sun 1st December Matinee 2.30 pm

Tickets are available from our website  
[www.invercargillrepertory.co.nz](http://www.invercargillrepertory.co.nz) (Booking Fees Apply).  
Door sales available.

2 Adults and 3 Children \$45.00  
Adults \$18.00 Children \$8.00

## BREAKING NEWS

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SPORTSWEAR  
SCHOOLWEAR

The showroom will be closed from 20 December 2024, re-opening on the 9 January 2025

## Blackmount Coffee Shout



Thursday 5th December  
9.30am - 11.00am  
Brunel Peaks Cafe

Kindly sponsored by



## Te Oruanui Marae Ohai

### Whānau day out

- Live entertainment
- Stalls
- Activities and Games
- Kai
- Raffles and Prizes
- And Much more

**Waitangi** DAY

6th February,  
2025

25 Hastings Street Ohai



**SDC SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
Get #ActiveAS with our #FunAS Holiday Programme

**LOCATIONS**

- Wyndham - Tuesday 21st January
- Tuatapare - Thursday 23rd January
- To Anau - Friday 24th January
- Winton - Monday 27th January
- Otautau - Tuesday 28th January
- Riversdale - Thursday 30th January
- Mossburn - Friday 31st January
- Stewart Island - Wednesday 5th February

**5-12 YEARS**

**\$6 PER CHILD**

**10AM - 3PM**

And more

To register, visit our event page on our website: [www.activesouthland.co.nz](http://www.activesouthland.co.nz)  
Registrations close 5pm, 17th January