

Hauroko
VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



OUR PLACE

our stories

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Kia ora e te whanau, kumusta, ayubowan,

This is our final newsletter for 2024. Firstly, to our families - thank you for your ongoing support of our school through the numerous contributions you make to help us provide various opportunities for our learners.

I had the pleasure of attending the Year 5&6 camp last week, reflecting on our year of achievements. I am proud to be the leader of learning at Hauroko Valley Primary School. Our people and place are incredibly special and an outstanding testament to the families and community that contribute to HVP. It is inspiring to see our children demonstrate positive and respectful thinking about learning and when interacting with others. When our students are required to work as a team, they know this involves supporting each other and working together for a common goal. This is expected within classroom learning and also outside of the classroom. Regularly we see this in groups, teams, classes, houses, and camps. Frequently this is noticed by others who work with our learners, visitors to our school, and people we meet when we are out and about in the community and beyond. Key Competencies and School Values are consistently expected and used, qualities that make all the difference in learning and life.

We are incredibly fortunate to offer our students a wide range of opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom. From engaging and fun learning programmes to exciting extracurricular activities, our students have the chance to develop and explore. Not only enhance their learning but also help them grow as well-rounded individuals. We know we are providing a nurturing environment where every child can thrive. We know we can't do this without the support of our staff, families, and our wider community so thank you!

Confirming our support staff for 2025 includes Dale, Nicole, and Jenna as Teacher Aides/Learning Assistants, Fletcher as Caretaker, and Karen in the Office.

We wish our Year 8 leavers - Briar, Jake, James, Sienna, Sam, Paetyn, Axel, Tomas, Oliver, Lucy and Libby all the best for 2025 and beyond. Farewell for now to the Anderson, Miller, and Smith families whose journey with a primary child has finished. Remember you are always part of our HVP whanau, and we look forward to reconnecting with you in the future.

It has been a pleasure to have been part of Miss Slee's beginning teaching journey. Anna has got stuck into everything on offer demonstrating energy, diligence and a sense of humour. We will miss her, being part of HVP's teaching team and Team Totara's Classroom Teacher. However, we know you will go well and your next school - the place and people, will be fortunate to have you on their team. On behalf of HVP staff, students and families, we wish you every success in your future teaching endeavours.

On behalf of Hauroko Valley Primary School team, we wish you a safe and enjoyable Summer Holiday. Meri Kirihimete ki a koe me te whānau/Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Julia Waikato,
Principal/Tumuaki

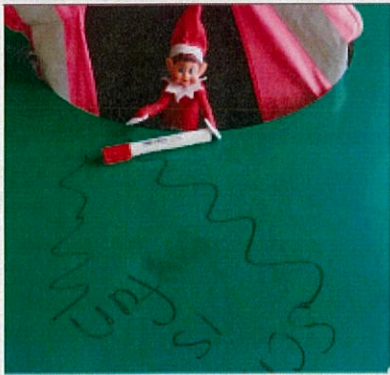
Merry Christmas

Kōwhiri class 2024



Elves at H.V.P

Each day Kōwhai enjoy finding where the 2 school elves are. This has been our writing inspiration.



Teacher of Tōtara



Today at school there is an elf, his name is Elfy. He is watching me at my desk! He is stuck in the blind. His feet and his legs are hanging, he has gloves on. Beau.



Movies on ipad



Reading about Miss Pool

Today at school there was an elf in the office. The elf is reading a book called 'Our Teacher Miss Pool'. There was another elf in Rātā hanging from the roof. Not upside down. - Goldie

The elf is in Tōtara. The elf is watching a movie. He is watching a dinosaur movie. Lincoln

Excitedly, at school we have elves. They are in Tōtara. One of the elves want to be a teacher and the other elf wants to watch a movie. Lucy

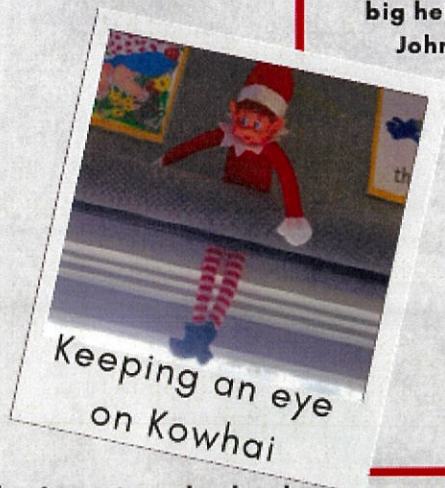
Today there is 2 elves on the fire extinguisher. They will help if there is a fire. They will be a big help. John



Ready to put out a fire if needed



Hanging in Rata



Keeping an eye on Kowhai

We have two cheeky elves at school. In Tōtara one elf is a teacher. The other one is watching a movie on an ipad. He is sitting on the table in Tōtara. I hope they come into Kōwhai class. The teacher elf is sitting on Miss Slee's chair and he drew on the desk. Grace

Today I saw two cheeky elves. One elf wants to be a teacher and the other elf wants to watch a movie. Me, Grace and Goldie are spy elves. We spy on the elves. I hope they come into Kōwhai class. Ada

There is an elf in Kōwhai class. The elf is looking right at me! If we touch it, it won't move! There is an elf in Matai. The elf is doing gymnastics, it is also hanging upside down on tinsel! Tanner





Cromwell

For Day 3 we headed to the Kiwi Water Park at Lowburn for recreational fun - slipping, sliding, running, climbing, jumping, and swimming. Next up a stop off at Jackson's Orchard where we toured their orchard. There was a lot of anticipation as we had hoped to sample cherries, fresh off the trees and we weren't disappointed. We learned about the history of the orchard and enjoyed a real fruit ice cream to finish. Our Camp was a terrific time, as part of HVP's Year 5&6, EOTC. Thanks to students, families, parent helpers, and staff who made it an amazing experience for all.

Hauroko Valley Primary School Shield 2024

Tomas Clarke



Hauroko Valley Culture & Sport Trophy 2024

Libby Anderson



Hauroko Valley Primary Best All Round

Hauroko Valley Primary School's Best All Round award is for students who have contributed positively to their class and our school community. The BAR learner demonstrates HVP's school values *Hauora/Well-Being* - caring for self, others, and our place. *Village* - demonstrating they can connect with others to work together. *Perseverance* - they have a can-do attitude and keep at it, even if it is challenging, and finally *Success* - they celebrate the accomplishments of themselves and others.



Hannah Naylor



Memphis Hays



Della Dobson



Layla Pont



Finley Clarke



Boe Gray

Tanner Hays



George Ridley



Riley Van Dam



Stanley Ridley

2025
Academic Excellence
 The Hauroko Valley Primary School Excellence Award goes to students with consistent academic achievement at the highest level. This is in Curriculum learning including Literacy - Reading and Writing, Numeracy, and in other curriculum areas as a strength, talent or passion.



Angus Dobson



Louie Egerton



Paetyn Hays



Briar Smith



Merit Certificates 2025

The Hauroko Valley Primary School merit award goes to students who demonstrate significant progress, or achievement, diligence, and regularly use our school values or key competencies. They are consistently working towards achieving their goals and do so with pride. These learners are focused and search out ways to improve. Congratulations to each of you.

Bring Your Own Device



What is a BYOD?

BYOD stands for Bring Your Own Device. In schools, that means parents and guardians provide a digital device for their child to take to class. BYOD not only helps in class but can also make homework in the home more accessible.

BYOD at HVP

We encourage our Year 5-8 learners to Bring Their Own Device to school for use in the classroom. At Hauroko Valley Primary School, all learners in Years 5-8 are provided with a Writers Toolbox License to access this online platform. This is used in class by teachers to support writing programmes. This can also be accessed at home as a fun and engaging platform for home learning

Next year we will be providing access to Structured Maths platforms, such as e-ako, for Mathematics to support learning. Students in Years 5-8 are accessing Google Drive and Gmail for links to learning. Often they use a range of Reading, Writing, and Mathematic links online as tools for learning.

CONSUMER NZ - The four pillars of BYOD

The four key qualities to consider in a BYOD device. It's near-impossible to tick all four boxes, so pick which are most important for your child depending on their age, the work they'll be doing, and how clumsy they are.

Durability

Generally, the younger the child, the more you need to think about how resilient their device is. Knocks are inevitable. A sturdy device is made of quality materials, has a bit of weight to it, and for bonus points will be splash-resistant. For a laptop, check that the hinge looks like it'll survive repeated opening and closing.

Portability

If your child/ren needs to carry their device a lot, whether it's to or from school, consider the size and weight and each requires a hard case to help protect it.

Affordability

The older a child, the more you should consider spending. For primary school, your upper limit should be around \$600. Look out for Black Friday deals or Christmas/New Year Specials. Also purchase a set of headphones, as these are frequently used in class. Some prefer to use a mouse, rather than the touch pad.

Performance

At a minimum, any device needs to be able to browse the internet and use basic apps. Make sure you buy one that can last a six-hour day in terms of battery. Devices are to be charged at home before they are brought to school.

Device options

Tablets \$200-\$400 – these are a good beginner device and help kickstart electronic learning, but they can be limited in performance. You can add a physical keyboard to them as part of a case. These devices are more convenient, however durability of a tablet is more likely to break.

Chromebooks -\$300 -\$600 – these laptops run the light Chrome OS (operating system) and have a physical keyboard that makes typing easy.

If you require assistance, please reach out to our IT Lead - Matt - m.pierson@haurokovalley.school.nz

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

2025 Term Dates

Term 1 - Monday 3rd February - Friday 11th April
Public holiday: Waitangi - Thursday 6 February

Term 2 - Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June
Public holidays: King's Birthday - Monday 2 June and
Matariki Friday - 20 June

Term 3 - Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September

Term 4 - Monday 6 October - Friday 19 December
Public holiday: Labour Day - Monday 27 October

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 from 1.30 pm-5.30 pm
- 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

SAVE THE DATE

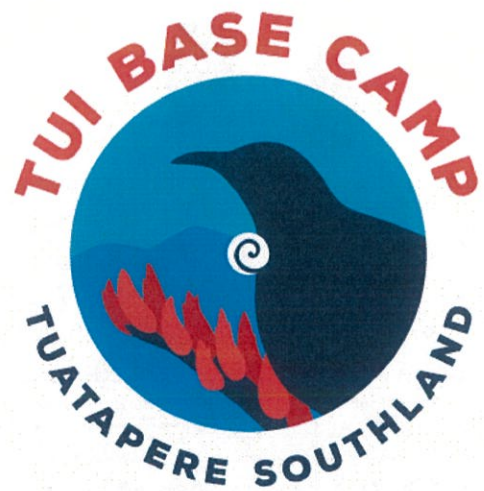
- Saturday 16th March - Blackmount Trail Ride
- Deep Cove Year 7&8 Camp - Monday 9th June - Thursday 12th June
- Borland Lodge Year 5&6 Camp - Wednesday 3rd December - Friday 5th December

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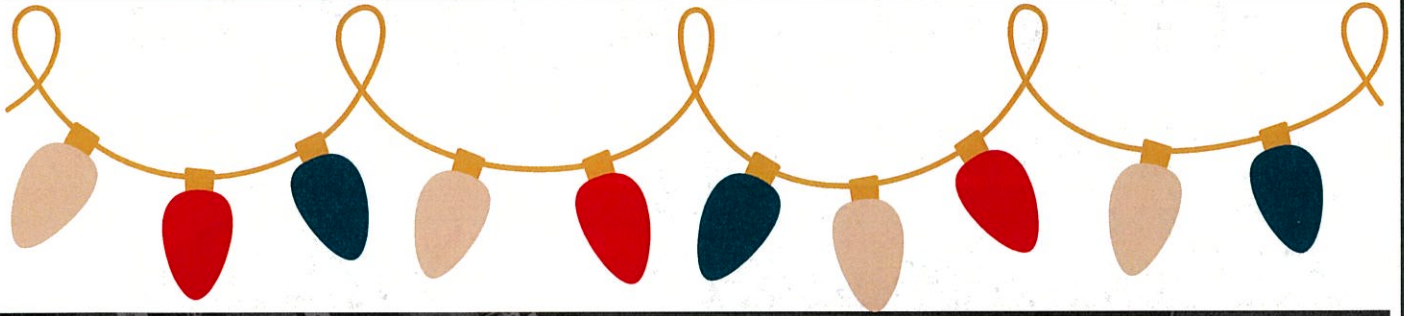
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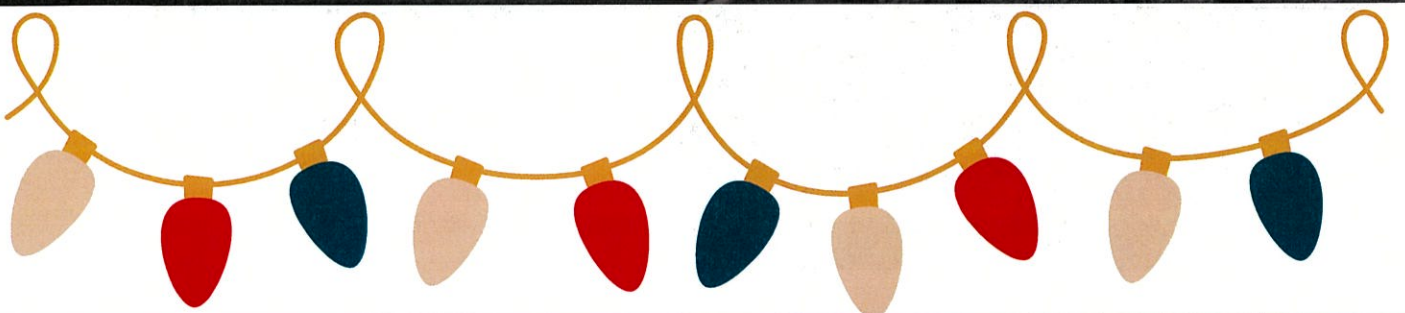
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**ENROL NOW FOR 2025
AT HAUROKO VALLEY
SCHOOL**

**GROUP BASS
GROUP UKULELE
FIRST BEAT**

**GROUP GUITAR
GROUP KEYBOARD
GROUP VOCALS**

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Summer is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents [issue2412.totstoteens.co.nz](https://www.totstoteens.co.nz)

What's in this issue for parents?

- » Navigating sibling rivalry
- » Cool camping spots (north and south island)
- » Is strength training ok for kids?
- » What's on near you
- » DIY snowman ornaments
- » Christmas cookies
- » PLUS awesome giveaways



The Star of Christmas: WIN \$1000 to spend at JB Hi-Fi This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB - it's The Star of Christmas singing competition on The Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show! The grand prize? \$1000 in JB Hi-Fi gift cards!

If you can sing, and are under 13, email a recording of yourself singing a Christmas carol to christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz before the 18th December. Then tune into Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning from 8am to see if you've won!

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me via email (malorie@loveit.nz) or call on 027 464 8159.



SECONDARY CHALLENGE
PRESENTED BY
MITRE 10 MEGA WANAKA

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2025
U14/U16 SWIM 300M | BIKE 10KM | RUN 3.5KM
U19 SWIM 400M | BIKE 20KM | RUN 4KM

Join hundreds of triathletes competing in the Mitre 10 Mega Wanaka Secondary Schools Challenge. This event will host the Otago Secondary School Triathlon and races will include an U14, U16 and U19 category.

OSSSA MEMBERS: Secondary Schools that are OSSSA member schools, as well as Waitaki Girls, Waitaki Boys, St Kevins and Wakatipu, should enter through their School Sports Coordinator.

NON-OSSSA MEMBERS: Secondary Schools from Southland, Canterbury and South Canterbury and Aoraki that are not an OSSSA member can **ENTER ONLINE NOW AT CHALLENGE-WANAKA.COM**

Join us for a day of action-packed fun and give triathlon a go!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.CHALLENGE-WANAKA.COM

