



OUR PLACE

our stories

TERM 4, WEEK 8, 2024

Newsletter Issue #36

Week: 2nd-6th December 2024

Mr Whippy

It was exciting to welcome Gary aka Mr Whippy to HVP on Monday for our students to each receive a soft serve ice cream. We know our students and staff are fantastic, and this treat is to say thank you!

Disco

Tuesday was our first day disco in our MPB for students. There were several excited students dressed for disco dancing in the afternoon. It was fun to see everyone getting into the groove. You will get to see us moving and grooving at production next week!

Bannockburn Camp

Thanks to our parent helpers - Pete, Emma, Penny, Craig, John, Lorelee, and Kate P for supporting our Year 5&6 camp at Bannockburn. This year we had 18 parent helpers in total volunteering to come on camp - how lucky are we? This is an amazing 'problem' to have. However, please return notices promptly, as a few were after the cut off date so weren't considered as we already had more than enough. We had a terrific time, action packed, so likely some tired tamariki! Lots of learning, laughs, fun, bullseyes, friends, success and entertainment.

Swimming

Next week we swim daily at the Tuatapere Community Pool. All students are transported to and from Tuatapere via bus for lessons. This year sessions are Water Safety skills to ensure our students have the knowledge and skills required to keep themselves and others safe. Each teacher is taking their class alongside support staff. Rata are first from 9.00am with Sally and Nicole. Their session is 45 minutes. From here they head to the RSA in Tuatapere for Production rehearsals. Totara's session is with Anna and Julia from approximately 9.45am-10.30am. They will then head to the Tuatapere RSA to practice their item/s. Matai's class will be at the pool by 10.30am-11.00am for their water safety sessions with Matt and Dale. From here they will head to the Tuatapere RSA for a rehearsal of their item. Kowhai will be in the water from 11.00am-11.30am, before a rehearsal at the RSA Hall and then returning to school for lunch. If you are available to support Kowhai class, please let Kirsty know. Having additional support to help students change would be great.

Production

Monday to Wednesday next week all classes will be down at the hall rehearsing for our end-of-year production "Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs". We are providing transport to and from via bus. These sessions will involve all learners changing into their costumes, so they can perform in character.

NB: Wednesday 11th December is to be a no uniform day. This enables uniforms to remain clean and tidy ready for our production and prize-giving evening. Please ensure your child/ren are dressed correctly for Prizegiving.

Our production is held at the RSA hall Tuatapere from 6.00pm. Kowhai, Matai, Totara students will need to be there by 5.30pm to change. Rata Year 7&8's will need to be there by 5.00-5.15pm, as most will be mic'd and this takes considerable time.

After our production (6.00pm-7.00pm) we change into school uniforms, before the formal part of the evening where we make presentations to learners across the school. We present - Merit Certificates for progress, Academic Excellence for achievement and Best All Round for contributions. Our final presentations include HVP's Cultural/Sporting Trophy and the Hauroko Valley Primary School Shield.

Ngā manaakitanga,

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

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.

Performance

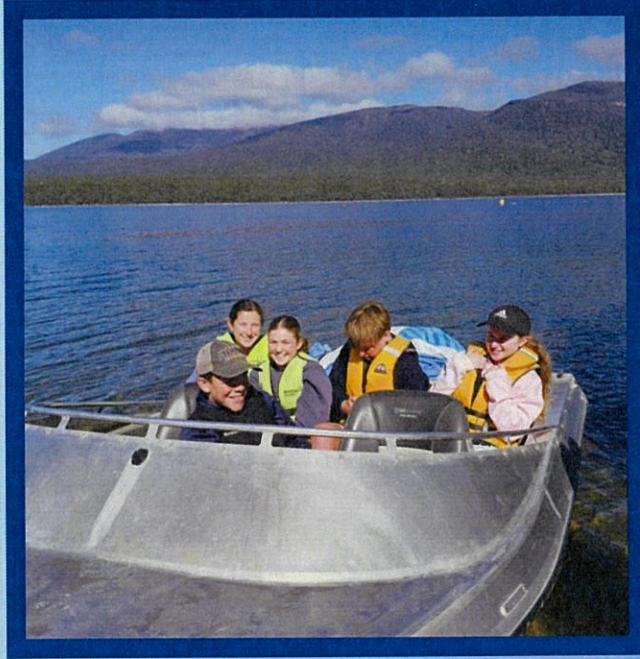
At a minimum, any device needs to be able to browse the internet and use basic apps. Make sure you buy one that can last a six-hour day in terms of battery. Devices are to be charged at home before they are brought to school.

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



2024 YEAR 8

Boating on Lake Te Anau with Pete and Lindsay. Thanks to spotters Terry and Kate.

BIG DAY OUT

Students enjoyed dinner at La Toscana, a pizzeria and pasta restaurant. They were lucky enough to learn how to make their own pizzas, before devouring for tea.

Thanks to our Year 8's and Sally and Alice for organising a final day out to end their time at HVP.



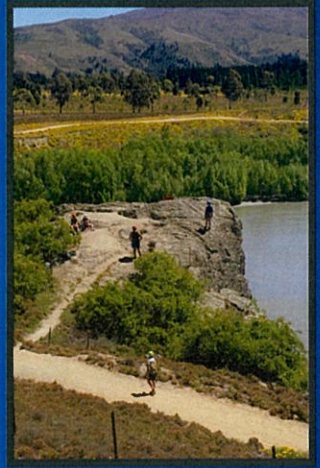
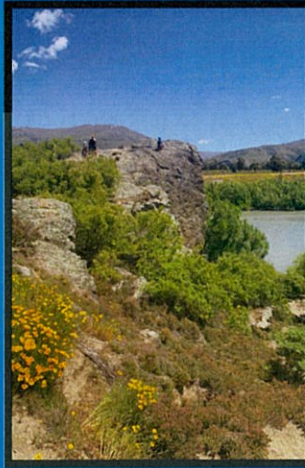
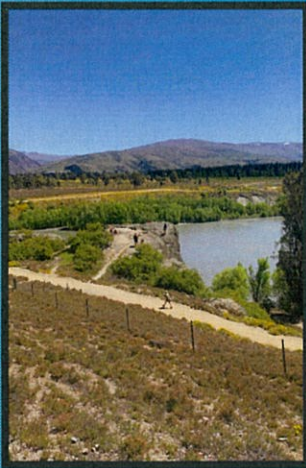


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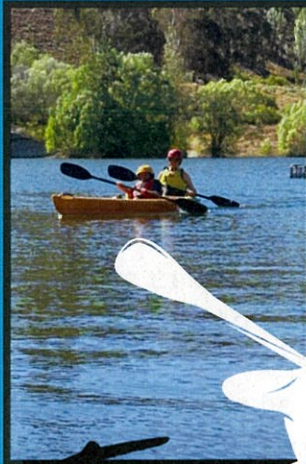
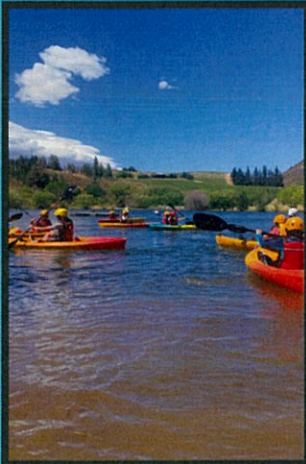
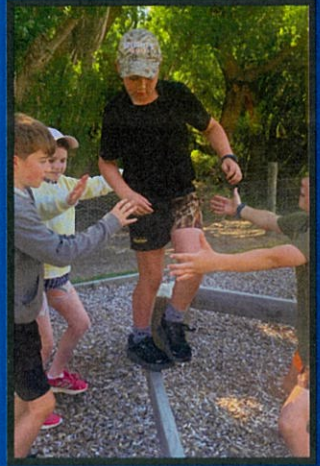
Educator Amanda from the Lakes District Museum in Arrowtown hosted us on Day 1. The setting - an olden days classroom was entertaining for our parent help. Students completed handwriting on chalkboards, recited and stood to acknowledge God Save The King. They also had their ears and hair inspected to see if they were clean. Our crew reflected on the Chinese Village Settlement considering the harsh conditions the Chinese immigrants faced. Gold panning was a highlight with a few speckles retrieved from the mighty arrow River.



Bannockburn



Day 2 was at Bannockburn and involved challenge by choice activities for our students. Kayaking, abseiling, archery, and the confidence course. This always provides opportunities for learners to think outside the box, show leadership skills and the ability to work together with others to achieve a goal. Several campers excelled in their support for one another at abseiling when the challenge of heights and scaling the depth of the cliff face became very real! The cheer squad were awesome with words of encouragement. Kayaking was a new skill for many learning how to paddle and manoeuvre. Archery required skilled peace, pinch and pull techniques to hit the target. There was focus and correcting of body posture and alignment of the bow to ensure a good shot. At the confidence course campers balanced and climbed working together as a team to complete the challenge. Beaut spotting of each other.



Team Work

MIGHTY MATAI

WHAT'S ON IN MATAI

We have had a full last couple of weeks in Mighty Matai. We have completed our Mitey Kakahu cloak. We are also hard at work on our production item. We have been doing some Fairy Tale inspired Visual Arts and our classroom has had a Christmas makeover!

Students have been writing letters to Santa Claus to be delivered to the North Pole. The cheeky Elves visiting us seem to approve as they have recently gotten stuck in our decorations.

We have had some incredible events happening at school too, with the Pets at the End of the World book launch, and Mr Whippy coming to visit HVP. We decorated the class with pet art and wrote some terrific stories about our own class pet Theo. He loves to read them before he takes his naps.



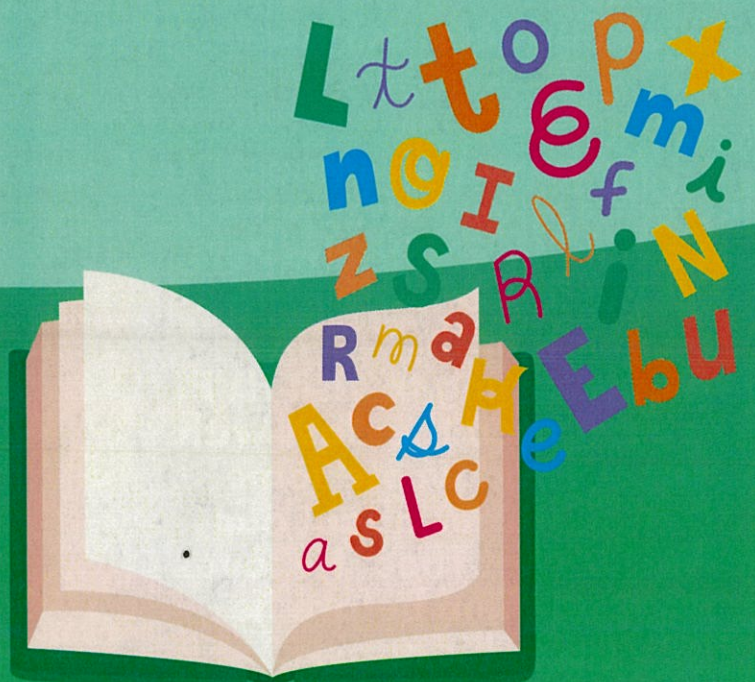
Literacy Learning @ Hauroko Valley with Rachel Bell

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 DECEMBER

- Monday 9th - 13th December - Water Safety Swimming at Tuatapere Community Pool
- Wednesday 11th December - Production/Prize Giving at RSA Tuatapere 6.00pm
- Friday 13th December - KSOM - final day for Term 4, 2024 in the am
- Friday 13th December - Swimming Sports from 1.00pm at Tuatapere Community Pool NB: students will be transported to the pool and can catch buses to return home
- Friday 13th December - Last Day of School for students

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 2025

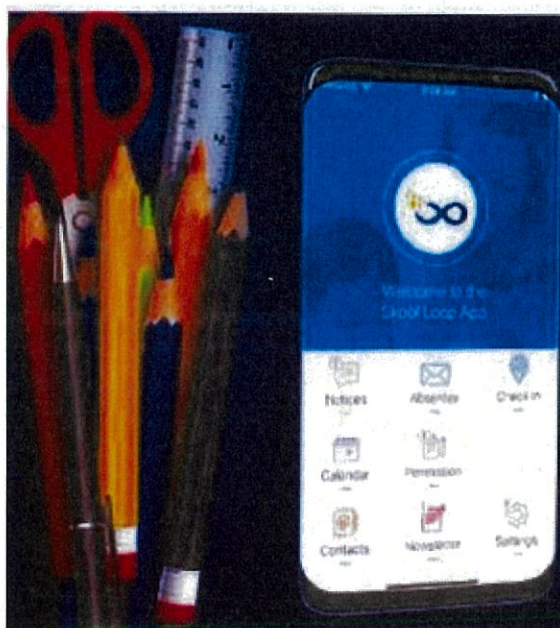
- Monday 3rd February - Term 1, 2025 School Starts
- Thursday 6th February - Waitangi Day, Public Holiday, No School
- Friday 7th February - Family/Staff/Students afternoon BBQ/Cricket/Touch Welcome Back - Meet & Greet from 1.30pm-
- Tuesday 11th February - John Parsons CyberSafety NZ Expert
- Monday 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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To see your child's account, download the Hero App. Register with your email address that we have for you in our records.



The logo for KSOM (Kaitiaki School of Music) features the letters 'KSOM' in a stylized font with a musical note symbol integrated into the letter 'O'.

KSOM


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 with slight smiles. The background is dark and out of focus, showing what appears to be a music room with other instruments and equipment.

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. They appear to be practicing or working on a project. The room has large windows in the background, and there are various musical equipment and posters on the walls.

GROUP BASS
GROUP UKULELE
FIRST BEAT

GROUP GUITAR
GROUP KEYBOARD
GROUP VOCALS

SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENROL
USING OUR CUSTOMER PORTAL
INFO@KSOM.NZ 



COMMUNITY NOTICES



SDC SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Get #ActiveAS with our #FunAS Holiday Programme

LOCATIONS

- Wyndham - Tuesday 21st January
- Tuatapere - Thursday 23rd January
- Te 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**
- Free play**
- Swimming**
- 10AM - 3PM**
- And more**

To register, visit our event page on our website: www.activesouthland.co.nz
 Registrations close 5pm, 17th January



GLENHAM TRAINWRECK TRAIL

SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 2025
RACES START FROM 11am

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 9.30am at
Glenham Hall
 Cash only (No EFTPOS available)

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



TRUE IN NATURE

SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

NATURAL CREATORS

(Ages 5-16)
Invercargill

Creating and Cooking
 Join us for an inspiring day of creating through arts and cooking

Your child's imagination will be truly ignited as they bring their creativity to life using a variety of NATURAL materials and textiles such as clay, wool, flowers and plants to explore as well as preparing nutritious meals to enjoy and that they can cook at home.

Children will go home feeling fulfilled, inspired, capable and independent.

Natural Christmas Creators (5 days)
 16th-18th December

Natural Creators
 15th & 16th January

Bush, Make and Make
 Natural Creators and Bush Kids combined. 27th January

BUSH CRAFT

(Ages 7-13) & (Ages 11-16)
 Invercargill, Gore and Otautau

Adventures, Challenges and Connection to Nature.
 One day and three day options (not overnight)
 Fire starting, cooking on fires and gas stoves, whittling, navigation, team survival challenges, foraging, nature discovery, exploration in the bush, at the beach and down at the estuary and much more.

CHILD VS WILD (7-13) Invercargill
 16th - 20th December (5 days)
 15th - 17th January (3 days)

A WILD DAY OUT (11-16) Invercargill
 20th January (1 day)

BUSH KIDS (7-13) (1 day) Invercargill
 21st & 22nd January

BUSH, MAKE & MAKE
 (Bush Kids & Natural Creators combined)
 27th January

BUSH KIDS (7-13) (1 day) Gore
 23rd & 24th January

BUSH KIDS (7-13) (1 day) Otautau
 28th January

Gareth and Katie Oliver at: GarethandKatie@trueinnature.com
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BREAKING NEWS



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