



Haast School Newsletter!

Growing Individuals for the Future

Week 1, Term 1, 2024

Kia ora koutou and Welcome back!

Very exciting to have our newest 5 year old Max starting school. Great to have him join our kura and also keeping our roll to 8 wonderful tamariki! Hope you saw the news article in the Messenger, 20 December about our Enviro School Bronze achievement! The beginning of a journey towards the next Silver level. This is a proud achievement.

No doubt you are aware of the Curriculum - One hour a day reading, writing and doing maths for students years 0-8. From the beginning of Term 1 2024, schools and kura with students in years 0-8 will spend an average of one hour a day teaching each reading, writing, and maths, pānui, tuhituhi, and pāngarau. This could be in dedicated lessons and in other learning areas as students read, write, and engage with maths in a variety of purposes and contexts.

Teachers will deliberately and purposefully dedicate time to teaching these core skills. Teaching techniques like investigations, collaborative learning, and games will continue to be used so students stay engaged with their learning.

This change sets a clear expectation that all year 0-8 students should receive regular, focussed instruction in these core areas. Many schools and kura are already teaching an hour of reading, writing, and maths each day.

Learning to read, write, and do maths is important in everything we do. Daily teaching has been shown to lift student progress, when coupled with a high-quality curriculum taught using evidence-informed teaching practices. ref: <https://newzealandcurriculum.tahurangi.education.govt.nz/5637194830.p>

Teacher Jess runs a strong programme with Structured Literacy, Prime Maths complimented with my integrated inquiry approach. Our methods meet the learning needs of our tamariki through a varied programme. The success is seeing the children daily show their love of school and learning. “Many schools and kura are already teaching an hour of reading, writing, and maths each day”. That’s us!

Nga mihi nui
Cyndi Burnett

Events

2024 Term Dates:

Term 1: 29 January - 12 April

- Teacher Only Day, 5 February
- **Waitangi Day** 6 February
- **SWAS Swimming and Athletics**, 1 March
- BOT meeting, 12 Feb and 4 March
- **Easter:** Good Friday 29 March, Easter Monday 1 April, Easter Tuesday 2 April

Term 2: 29 April - 5 July

Term 3: 22 July - 27 Sept

Term 4: 14 October - 13 December

I am super excited about 2024,
it's a new year!

My hope for 2024 is knowing
my times tables like a click of a
finger, so it will be good for my
division. I want to improve my
long division and basic facts.

When I grow up I want to be a
mechanic that works on a farm.
I like motorbikes and I don't
like going in freezing cold
water!

Caught Being Good
Max!

What a great start to
school. You are a
superstar!

***From the
classroom!***

Macy

When I grow up I want to be a vet,
help the animals and I also want to
be a singer. I want to be good at
maths and writing and I want to run
really fast. I want to be better at
times tables. I want to learn
division. I want to run to school!

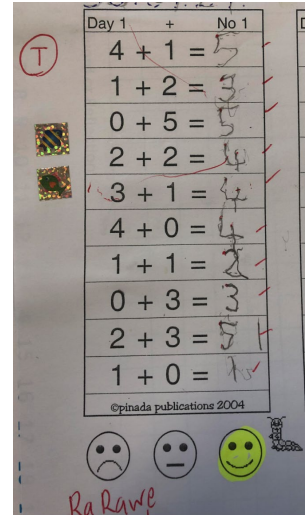
A Letter to Myself

Archie

I like school because there is kinetic sand.
I play with it, it feels nice and soft.
I am so excited today because we are
going swimming.
By Max



**Max is a
Basic Facts whizz!**



School Surfing

Dates to be confirmed but tentatively school surfing will be Week 6, March 8 until the end of term.

During the Christmas holiday break sadly a whale was found dead on the beach. It has been buried however at this stage, the advice is to leave the whale 'as is' so that it can break down naturally. This means that potentially it could be unsafe for swimming and surfing.

Have a surfboard for sale or donate?
Please contact the school office or email Ellie admin@haast.school.nz

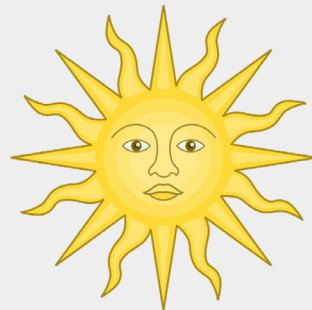


SWAS Athletics and Swimming Day

Friday 1 March

The Swimming Sports will go ahead no matter what the weather and activities will be arranged for year groups in the gym and classrooms with the Athletics being rescheduled. This year the timetable will be changed and the swimming events will start with the Year 7/8s and finish with the juniors. Detailed information will be sent out in due course.

For school from weeks 1-5:
Send swimming suits to school Monday - Wednesday.
Thursday and Friday will be Athletics activities.



Slip, Slop, Slap!
Put on the
sunscreen and
wear a sunhat.



For any payments to school at any time here are our bank details:
Haast School Board 12 3166 0305764 01
This saves us handling cash at school