

Haast School Newsletter!

Values

Mahirahira - Curiosity
Manawanui - Determination
Aroha
Whakaute - Respect
Pāhekoheko - Integrity

Week 1, Term 2, 2024

Growing Individuals for the Future

Kia ora koutou,

Term 2, 2024 has begun! It is wonderful to have everyone back at school. We welcome Jessie, Year 7 student, who has joined us for term 2.

Haast School Board of Trustees, board election. Thank you for sending back your voting papers. Please send outstanding voting forms to Ellie at the school office by Friday 12th May at the latest.

We maybe an isolated small school but what amazing opportunities our tamariki get to experience.

May 7&8, Connor is attending a **Leadership & Personal Growth Camp 2024 - Moana - Thank you West Reap**. *"Students will journey from mountain to sea in this challenging but rewarding leadership camp. They will discover the simplicity of enjoying themselves outside, within nature, in a group setting. Overnight, multiple locations, fully immersed and a lot of fun!"*

Our Year 6&8 students have joined the [Rural and Remote Kids online group](#). Schools involved are Halfmoon Bay School on Rakiura/ Stewart Island, Makuri School in the Wairarapa, Tapora School on the Hokianga Harbour, Ngamotupouri School in the back blocks of Taranaki and Mulberry Grove School on Aotea/ Great Barrier Island. The group has been going for more than ten years and have done five successful Wellington Camps as well as 100s of hours online learning about all manner of things from careers, to novel studies, to poetry, to the elections, to the Olympics, to cyber safety and heaps more. Archie and Isla are excited to be going to the next Wellington Camp scheduled for May 2025.

Enjoy reading more news in the newsletter.

Ngā mihi nui
Cyndi, Jess and Ellie

Events

Term 2: 29 April - 5 July

- Bob Bickerton, [Te Ao o Taonga Puoro](#), 2nd May.
- Connor, Leadership Camp, 7&8 May
- **Cross Country** at Whataroa, 10th May.
- Mothers Day, 12 May
- BOT meeting 20 May
- Road Safety Week, 20-24 May
- Kings Birthday, 3rd June
- Matariki celebration and hangi, 27 June
- Matariki Holiday 28 June

Term 3: 22 July - 27 Sept

- BOT meeting 24 June
- **School Skiing** - Friday 16th Aug – 13th Sep. Weather day on 20th Sep.
- Arts Festival 20th September

Caught Being Good

Mackenzie

For your excellent reading to Ellie each morning.

Ka pai to mahi!

Seaweed Competition Entries



Max

I take care of the beach.
When I see rubbish I
pick it up.

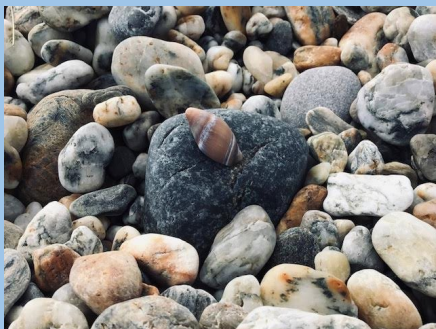
The Black Beaked Seagull is the most threatened gull out of all seagulls. They breed in riverbeds but their nests can get attacked from predators like stoats and sometimes wiped out by big floods. They can also get poisoned from what they eat at the rubbish dumps. After breeding season they spend their time near estuaries and the coast. Our school does a beach clean up every two months and this helps keep their habitat clean.



Isla

The rocks on the
beach give sea
animals
somewhere to
hide.

Mackenzie



Archie

The shells give the little
creatures a place to hide from
all the predators lurking below
the sea. The rocks camouflage
the crabs from getting eaten
from the seagulls.



Macy

Every time I go to the
beach it makes me happy
because I find lots and lots
of shells. Some of them are
pippies and sticks. They
make me happy because
everyone plays with them.

[Click here to see the competition placegetters](#)

Kaupapa moana
**Celebrating sea creatures of
Aotearoa**

**West Coast Seaweed photo
competition 2024**

Seaweed Competition Entries



Tadpoles

Tadpoles get rid of algae. Tadpoles are young forms of frogs that usually hatch from eggs and live in the water. Tadpoles breathe through the gills on the side of their head and use their tail to help them swim because they don't have legs yet.

Connor

Seabirds are a sign of water nearby. If you are on a ship, seabirds can lead you to land. Seabirds eat seashells and little fish. To help seabirds, don't put rubbish in the sea. For example, pelicans sometimes get tricked by a school of fish but it is actually rubbish.

Aru

Matariki June 27

Overnight camp at the school, 26 June.

With stargazing overnight and Sustainable Coastlines audit in the morning of June 27.

Community are invited for the hangi. Koha donation towards the food and fundraising for the senior camps. Please deposit into the school account with #Matariki as reference.

Thank you for your donations!

Ari and Gus for your fundraising for the school at the cattle sale. You rock!

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