



Haast School Newsletter!

Growing Individuals for the Future

Week 3, Term 1, 2024

Kia ora koutou

The children are excited and are looking forward to the sports day in Hari Hari. They are getting ready for it!

A reminder and thank you to those that are doing this as it makes our job easier! Any **absence from school must be written in a note** as it is recorded in your child's attendance record. This can be a message through messenger/email. If there is no reason given it is an unjustified absence. The attendance code explanations can be found here if you are interested:

<https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/Documents/School/Funding/Attendance-code-explanations-June-2023.pdf>

Parent and Caregiver Guide for student attendance:

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/attendance-every-day-matters/>

A couple of consent forms will come home with this newsletter for you to sign and return to school:

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC). That is school trips such as skiing, surfing, camps, marae visit, Doc etc.

Photo Publication, Internet permission, School Bus, Medical update.

We are advertising for a **Caretaker/Grounds person, Cleaner** to join our team. Get in touch if you want to know more.

The **Haast School Board of Trustees** is looking for members. Anyone can join the BOT! You do not have to be a parent. It would be awesome to have members from the Haast community join. Get in touch with one of our current BOT members to learn more.

School Docs, <https://haast.schooldocs.co.nz/> is where the school policies and procedures are found and are public. These can be reviewed and commented on by anyone. One I will share now for you to find in School Docs is **The Concerns and Complaints policy and procedure**.

Nga mihi nui
Cyndi Burnett

Events

Term 1: 29 January - 12 April

- **Hearing and Vision**, 20 Feb
- **Sea Week** 26 Feb-1 March
- 28 February, **Sustainable Coastlines Litter Audit**
- 29 Feb - **Duffy Theatre**
- **SWAS Swimming and Athletics**,
1 March, Hari Hari
- 15 March, **Science in a Van**, Fox Glacier.
- **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

No Sandpit!

Stormy Winds!

On an ordinary school day it was bucketing down and we were all reading and writing. Suddenly a humongous gust of wind went through the school. It made the sandpit pole fall over!

By Isla

Caught Being Good Connor!

Your self awareness and goal setting. Your final year is going to be AMAZING!

Paintings of our new sandpit toys!



Wood Working Table

Our woodwork table is missing a few items! If you can help by donating nails and blocks of wood please send them to school. If you have time to teach the tamariki some skills please come and see us!!



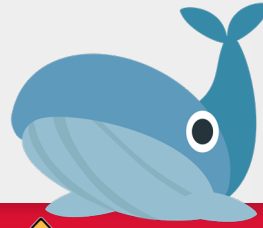
SWAS Athletics and Swimming Day

Friday 1 March
Hari Hari

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.

Information, permission slips and transport have been sent home and everyone is organised to go.

Neils Beach



Caution



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Dead Whale Nearby

A large (12m) whale was buried on the beach here on 24 January 2024. Dead rotting whales can carry diseases that contaminate your skin and clothing, so please stay at least 5m away and avoid walking in any sand or water that may be contaminated.

Shellfish gathering and swimming are NOT RECOMMENDED near here before 1 May 2024.



It is an offence under the Marine Mammals take whalebone without a permit.

Protection Act 1978 to interfere with a whale or

To find out more, contact the Awarua Haast Visitor Centre on 03 750 0809 or email haastvc@doc.govt.nz.



New Zealand Government



School Surfing

We are looking at other options. Tentatively school surfing could be Week 6, March 8 until the end of term. To be confirmed

Have a surfboard for sale or donate?

Please contact the school office or email

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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