

Haast School Newsletter!

Values

Mahirahira - Curiosity

Manawanui - Determination

Aroha

Whakaute - Respect

Pāhekoheko - Integrity

Week 5, Term 1, 2024

Growing Individuals for the Future

Kia ora koutou

Introducing the **Haast School Board of Trustees**

- Presiding Member: Nicky Wilson Harris
- Staff Representative: Jess Kennedy
- Parent Representatives: Hailey Miller and Sam Gendall

A Board election will soon be taken. Our parent reps have been co-opted and must be elected onto the board. As the board members do not have to be a parent, anyone from the Haast community can join. Get in touch with one of our current BOT members to learn more.

A reminder that **absences 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 or email. An unjustified absence is when no reason is given. Letting us know in advance is much appreciated.

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

Thursday 28 March, is a mandatory Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day in Hari Hari. School will be closed. Easter is 29 March - 2 April.

Have a good week!
Nga mihi nui
Cyndi Burnett

Events

Term 1: 29 January - 12 April

- **5 March: Sustainable Coastlines Litter Audit**
- 15 March, **Science in a Van**, Fox Glacier.
- Ministry of Education mandatory **Teacher Only Day:** Thursday 28 March. School closed.
- **Easter:** Good Friday 29 March, Easter Monday 1 April, Easter Tuesday 2 April
- **Board Meeting:** Thursday 21 March
- Friday 12 April, End of term - **3 Way Conference**

Term 2: 29 April - 5 July

Term 3: 22 July - 27 Sept

Term 4: 14 October - 13 December

Caught Being Good

Archie

You have been reflectively thinking about your writing goals and making changes!

The Sandpit is open for use!

Dear Jimmi

I liked when you came in on the day of the strong winds and took the sail off the pole because I never knew how to do it. It was really exciting when you had just finished fixing the pole. Us boys love playing in the sandpit. Max and Mackenzie are taking over the new and improved sandpit with the new sandpit toys! *By Archie*



Tadpole hunting!



We have tadpoles growing into frogs at school.

Gumboot Friday

<https://www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootdesigncomp>

I am going to tell you about it. The bushes are so green. The sky is bright like a star. The birds flutter. The trees move around. The sea is blue and I like it. We can see the bottom of the sea. I feel happy

Sapphire



Swimming Pool

The heating is not working at the moment and the pool might be a bit chilly. We are waiting on the electrician to arrive next week.



The community support towards keeping the pool maintained and open is much appreciated. As It costs the school a lot to run the pool.

Keys are available from the school office - \$80 annual fee or \$20 daily with \$10 refund when the key is returned







**Entries open
Friday 1 March
and close 4.30pm
Friday 5 April
2024**

West Coast Seaweed Photo Competition
Kaupapa Moana
Celebrating Sea Creatures of Aotearoa

How do you celebrate sea creatures of Aotearoa? Observe them? Learn about them? Take action to protect them? Get creative, and if you do see wildlife, give them space.

The categories:

1. Nestlings (Junior age 4-11)
2. Juveniles (Senior age 12-18)
3. Fully-fledged (Adult age 19+)

Great prizes in each category. Prize for Most Proactive School.



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

(*Entry into this Competition is deemed acceptance of Terms and Conditions.)

Photo: Ben Ryan
Taken with aim to give wildlife space



BULB FUNDRAISER



Daffodils - Springtime Mix Anemone St Brigid (Doubles) Daffodil - "King Alfred"



Tulips - Mixed Freesias - Mix Ranunculus - Rainbow Mix



Dutch Iris - Super Mix Sweet Pea - Early Multiflora Sparaxis - Harlequin Mix

Information is attached to this newsletter and has been sent home in the school bags.

h 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