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35 Hanmer Springs Road
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Wednesday	10am to 2pm
Friday	10am to 2pm
Sunday	10am to 2pm



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637 Hanmer Springs Road



Hanmer Springs Community Library

Hanmer Springs Community Library
& Service Centre



Cnr Amuri Avenue
& Cheltenham Street

Monday - Friday
12pm - 4pm

03 315-7912

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10am - 2pm

hanmer@hurunui.govt.nz

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Sunday 10am - 2pm

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Hanmer Springs
Thermal Pools & Spa

**Hanmer Springs
Thermal Pools & Spa**

10am - 7pm

Hanmer Springs Service Station



7:30am - 6:00pm

(seven days)

03 315-7107

CALTEX

154 Hanmer Springs Road

Velocity Mechanical

8:30am - 5:00pm

(Monday to Friday)

027 740 4142

Woodbank Road



Hammer Hardware

8am - 5pm

(Mon - Fri)

9am - 4pm

(Saturday)

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We all love Hanmer Springs ...

We live in an ever-changing world and when I think about the children of today I'm so grateful I grew up when I did.

My school years started in 1975 at Waihao Downs School; a small country school on the Hakataramea Highway, about 15 minutes south-west of Waimate, on the road to Kurow.

In my day we played hopscotch, marbles and knucklebones. We also played bullrush and jumped a skipping rope. Then, a few years later, we collected Star Wars bubblegum cards!

My worst school day ever was losing my marbles (all of them), at a morning tea break, when I played for "keepsies" with another boy in my class. It was so painful watching him stow *my* brand new marbles in his, now bursting, home-made marble bag with those double draw-strings! Yes, I still remember that morning tea break!

I remember car-less days too. I don't remember the global oil crisis of the day, but I do remember the coloured car-less day window stickers. Back in those days we loved coloured pencils, and coloured felt-tip pens, and our public servants obviously did too. Staedtler pencils and Stephens felt-tip pens were the brands to have. We'd often get them for a birthday.

My childhood was so idyllic. Tree climbing, cowboys and Indians with my older sisters, and making "tea" in the rainwater that collected in the fork of our favourite climbing tree! There was the "Raleigh 16" too, the bike we all learned to ride; all eleven of us! (In case you were wondering, we didn't drink the tea!)

Today's youth have witnessed earthquakes, a global pandemic (and lock-downs), significant weather events and now an ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Exacerbating the overwhelming life we all live is the fact that news from the northern tip of New Zealand, or 18,000km away, is on our news feed within minutes, and we no longer use all the colours of the rainbow. No! After the recent earthquakes it was just a red sticker, or a green sticker; and there may have been an orange zone too. Forget the other colours!

You'd be forgiven if you were worried about the youth of today; *our* youth, those who will "drive" our country when we're retired.

A month or so back I had the great pleasure of meeting with the 2026 Head and deputy-head students of Hanmer Springs School. Head students Archie Manion and Jamilah Al Rousan, and Deputy Head students Bella Bradley and Shanuli Gunasekara (front cover), are inspiring young adults with a real passion for life. It is clear these four are thriving in the Hanmer Springs school environment; and I'm not just talking about the crisp mountain air. No! I'm referring to the high calibre teachers that work well beyond classroom hours to ensure our children get the best start in their life-long learning journey. My children, now 23 years and 21 years, benefited from this same environment (and I'm so grateful they did), and I know first-hand the calibre of our teachers. I have wondered where I'd be today had I received the reading tutelage, and encouragement, that my children received from Michelle Saric and Mel Roborgh; and they are both pretty good at mathematics too. No, I received a ruler over the hand for using my left hand!

Our Hanmer Springs children are in the best hands, and I no longer fear for the future after my school visit; and you don't need to either!

Keep being awesome out there! Reece

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CLASSES, FITNESS, CLUBS & MUSIC

Monday

AQUACIZE

Monday 10am
Thermal Pools entrance. Informal group.
You will need an aqua stick.
Call Linda (021 223 8188) for more information.

HANMER SPRINGS STITCH GROUP

Monday 10am
Hanmer Springs Library
Call Diane (021 315 779)

LINE DANCING

Monday 1pm
Memorial Hall
Call Penny (027 240 8321)
Cost: Donation

PILATES CLASS

Monday 5:30pm
12 Amuri Avenue
Call Wendy (027 243 2123)

HANMER SPRINGS BIG BAND

Monday 5:30pm (during school term).
Hanmer Springs School
New members and travelling musicians
are welcome.
Must read music or have a good ear.
Call Marguerite (021 125 4062)
Cost: Free

Tuesday

TUESDAY WALKERS

Tuesday 9:45am
Meet at the Jollies Pass Road Forest Entry
carpark (by the old DOC house).
Approx. 1.5 - 2 hour walks in the forest.
Call Anne (021 277 7515) or
Julian (021 148 2811) for more information.

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB HANMER SPRINGS

First Tuesday of each month
Fun and fellowship for the more mature.
Call Corry Scrivener (021 045 7666) or
Marilyn Eagle (021 224 1402) to join,
or for more information.

Mount Isobel Paragliding Club

MOUNT ISOBEL PARAGLIDING CLUB

The Mount Isobel Paragliding Club is looking
for members (flying or non-flying).
Call Reece (022 366 4477) or
Chris (021 038 2046) for more information

Information

LISTINGS ON THIS PAGE

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Wednesday

TRAMPING GROUP

Day tramps in local mountains and surrounding
areas. Every Wednesday.
Call Janet (021 103 4303) for information.
Mt Isobel Tramping Group

LOCAL LADIES CATCH-UP

First Wednesday of each month.
Fire and Ice, from 5:30pm.
We are a fun loving, vivacious group and can
have from 5-20 meet each month.

HANMER SPRINGS KNITTING GROUP

Wednesday 10am
Hanmer Springs Library
Call Diane (021 315 779)

HANMER SINGS

Wednesday 5:30-6:15pm (school term only)
Hanmer Springs Primary School
Call Judy (021 0246 5633)
Cost: Donation

Thursday

PILATES CLASS

Thursday 8:45am and 10:00am
12 Amuri Avenue
Call Corry (021 045 7666)

E-BIKE TOURING GROUP

Thursday 11:00am (winter hours)
Call June (021 823 824) or
Anne Inglis (021 277 7515) for information.

HANMER SPRINGS BRIDGE CLUB

Thursday 7:15pm
Anglican Church Hall
Call Joy (027 220 2511) for information.

HANMER SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

Dinner meeting second Thursday of the month.
Five Stags at 6:30pm. All welcome.
Email Boio Sarahu-Hothersall at
hanmerspringslionsclub@gmail.com

HANMER SPRINGS ART GROUP

Thursday 5:00-7:00pm
(every 2nd Thursday during school term)
Hanmer Springs Play Centre
Call Ilze (027 241 0832)

Saturday/Sunday

HANMER FOREST PARKRUN

Saturday 8am
Brooke Dawson Reserve (off Bath Street)
See parkrun.co.nz for details

MORRIS DANCING

Sunday 7pm
Lots of laughs and some added exertion.
Dancers and musicians welcome.
Call John (021 395 022)

CHURCH NOTICES

Saturday Church Services

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, HURUNUI

Saturday Mass 5pm
St Roch's Church
27 Amuri Avenue

Sunday Church Services

ANGLICAN PARISH OF HANMER SPRINGS CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Sundays 10am
33 Jollies Pass Road
Tea & coffee after Sunday Service
Call Rev. Hilary Willett (0204 0300 310)

REMNANT CHURCH NEW ZEALAND REMNANT HOUSE

Sundays 10am
Remnant House 108 Rippingale Road
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Monthly lunches & Evening Service
A Four Square International Church
Call 021 076 7236 for details

VENUES FOR HIRE

ANGLICAN CHURCH AND HALL

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birthdays, meetings, retreats etc.
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showers.
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(03 314-8816)

HANMER SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

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carpeted room. Bar facilities.
Call the Golf Club (03 315-7110)

Tennis

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Twilight Tennis & Kids Coaching
(During the season)
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Call Kate (021 026 67019) for more info

"Lost time is never
found again"

Benjamin Franklin

The Most Rain in Twenty Years

My first visit to the Australian outback was back in 1996. A seismic survey company needed technical support in the Simpson Desert. They had problems with their GPS surveying equipment and I worked for the American manufacturer, as a technical support specialist, covering Australasia from the Christchurch office.

I arrived in Brisbane and made my way to the General Aviation Precinct where there was a small charter plane waiting especially for me. I flew up front, beside the pilot, on a flight that seemed to take forever. We flew 1,500km west to a "fly-camp" (a camp that moves regularly) in the vicinity of Poeppel Corner; the point where the state of Queensland meets South Australia and Northern Territory.

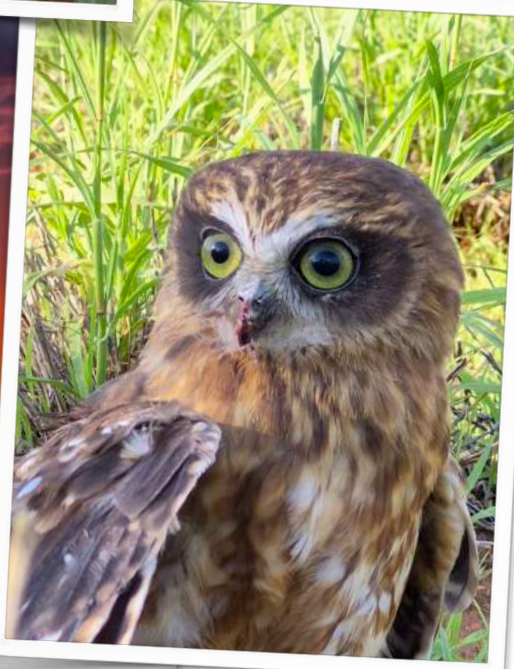
The story has a happy ending; I solved the problem and stayed four days, returning to Brisbane on a "fly-in/fly-out" (FIFO) crew change plane, via Birdsville. Besides the very heavy landing at Birdsville, my lasting memory of the trip was arriving in the Simpson Desert after the most rain in twenty years. Back in those days I lugged a Nikon F90x 35mm film camera wherever I went and this was one occasion I didn't notice the weight! There were wild flowers everywhere.

Thirty years later I have been back in the outback, and again this time I have witnessed the red dust of the outback come to life with flower and knee high grass; this time I was 700km north of Perth and this time the rain arrived, while I was there, in the form of *Cyclone Narrelle*, and a week later more rain arrived too. According to the geologists, who have been on-site for 18 months, "the rain always skips this area". As we all know these days, a year of observation data doesn't define what we should expect in the future. We'd had the annual rainfall of 200mm in ten days!

So I have been blessed, twice, with witnessing the magic of new life in the desert, and this most recent visit was right up there with my visit 30 years ago!

On this page is a photographic mosaic of some of my photographs; all taken on my Samsung S25 FE phone.

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Community Trust & Richard Tapper



The Hanmer Springs Community Trust sincerely thanks the Executors of the Estate of Richard Tapper for the generous bequest of \$5,000 in support of the Health Centre.

We are incredibly grateful for this gift.

Amuri Community Arts Council

Amuri Community Arts Council

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 25th August 2026

6pm

RSA Room, Hanmer Springs Library

All welcome

Amuri Players

Committee Members Wanted

Amuri Players is seeking volunteers to fill the roles of **Secretary** and **Treasurer** on our committee.

These are rewarding volunteer positions that play an important role in supporting community theatre in Hanmer Springs.

The Secretary is responsible for meeting administration, including agendas and minutes, while the Treasurer oversees the group's finances and financial reporting. Committee meetings are held only a handful of times each year, with some additional involvement during productions.

If you enjoy being part of your community and would like to help keep local theatre thriving, we'd love to hear from you.

For more information or to express your interest, please email amuriplayersinc@gmail.com or call Mel on 021 034 6925.



High Flying Ideas Sensibly Grounded

If you didn't know, back in May the Hurunui District Council voted to discontinue plans to build a proposed Fly Ride attraction in Hanmer Springs after reviewing the project's financial position and updated business case.

The recommendation to not progress the project came from the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa Management Committee, with increasing construction costs cited.

The Fly Ride project was first approved in 2020 to support development of a gravity-based attraction in Hanmer Springs. Since then, the project has been subject to lengthy consenting and appeal processes.

Since the original proposal was presented to Council, estimated construction costs have increased from an approximate \$2.5 million to \$6 million. Construction had not yet commenced.

Hurunui District Council Mayor Marie Black said the decision reflects the need to respond to current market conditions while remaining mindful of the long-standing interest in the project.

"Fly Ride has been discussed extensively, and we acknowledge the community interest that has gone into it. However, the cost escalation means Council needs to pause and respond to that reality responsibly, on behalf of ratepayers."

Council noted that the Fly Ride concept itself may still have commercial potential under different ownership.

"The necessary approvals remain in place, and we would be open to discussing the project with interested third parties. At current cost levels, though, the financial risk is not one we believe is appropriate for ratepayers to carry."

Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa General Manager Sarah Wiblin said the decision allows her team to focus on initiatives that can be delivered within its existing site.

"We will continue to explore and invest in new offerings within our own complex. Our priority is to ensure that we're enhancing the experience for visitors and locals alike."

Both Council and Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa said the decision provides clarity for the community and enables attention to be directed toward other local opportunities.

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Editors Opinion

I have kept my opinion to myself over the last number of years, despite my desire to unreservedly support those folk in our community who were against the Fly Ride.

I can now, finally, state my position.

The money wasted on this project would have turned Hanmer Springs into a mountain biking "Mecca" that would have benefited the entire Hurunui District.

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A Reminder for the Mature Reader



Pinkie Quotes

A man wastes his life preparing for a future that was never promised, while the only life he truly owns passes quietly through his hands.

Seneca

The life you seek is hidden inside the discipline you avoid.

Epictetus

“If you don’t sacrifice for your goals, your goals become the sacrifice.”

Plato

“No one is more hated than he who speaks the truth”

Plato

Community Service Awards



Hurunui District Council celebrated a diverse cross-section of volunteers, businesses and young leaders at the recent 2026 Hurunui Community Service Awards, held at Hawarden Hall.

The evening once again highlighted the many ways Council works alongside its communities to facilitate, advocate and provide targeted support to help those communities achieve and see Hurunui thrive.

Community Service Award recipients were: Pam Murdoch (Amuri); Kate and Bruce Nicol (Cheviot); Jock Foster (Glenmark); Lynda and Fred Saunders (Hanmer Springs); Sue and Jim Trumper (Hurunui); and Katrina Platt and Mark Wilson and Deb Wilson (South Ward).

Mayor Marie Black summed up the achievements of this particular group by saying "Their quiet determination to make Hurunui a better place, and improve the lives of others, is a credit to the district. The impact of this work is felt far beyond our boundaries and for many years after the work is done."

The MainPower Hurunui Environment Fund, which MainPower and Hurunui District Council each contribute \$5,000 to, supported four projects protecting indigenous biodiversity: Hurunui Biodiversity Trust, Julie Stevenson, Patoa Farms, and the Hurunui District Landcare Group on behalf of the Waikari Pest Group.

The Hurunui Heritage Award, funded by Council, went to the Catholic Parish of the Good Shepherd Amberley, to help restore the steeple of Amberley's historic 1865 church.

Three Youth Awards recognised the district's rising leaders and those supporting that rise: Maxim Cave (Youth Volunteer Award), Dr Tim Kelly (Volunteering for Youth) and Ruby Beckdahl (Mayoral Award for Outstanding Youth Leadership).

Harris Farms of Cheviot received the Special Mayoral Business Award for decades of community backing, while Mark Inglis received the Special Mayoral Community Service Award for his tireless work with the St James Trails Trust and Queen Mary Reserve Historic Hospital Trust.

"Whether it's protecting our environment, preserving our heritage, mentoring young people or simply lending a hand when it's needed, our volunteers are the heartbeat of this district. Council is proud to back their efforts, year after year," Mayor Black said.

Guest speaker Ross Barnes, a former West Ward Councillor, also shared his reflections during the evening, from his recent walk of the Te Araroa Trail.

This text was provided as a press release from the Hurunui District Council

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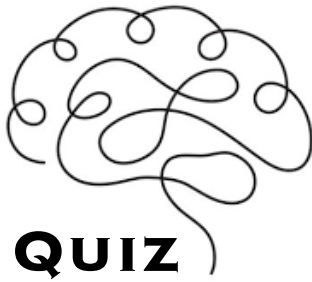
**"The final test of freedom is this:
Can you remain the same person
in praise, in insult,
in gain, and in loss?"**

Seneca

**"When you arise in the morning,
think of what a privilege it is
to be alive, to breathe, to think,
to enjoy, to love."**

Marcus Aurelius

TRIVIA



1. Who wrote the book Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang: The Magical Car?
2. In which part of your body would you find the cruciate ligament?
3. What is the name of the main antagonist in the Shakespeare play Othello?
4. When was the movie the Titanic released?
5. What element is denoted by the chemical symbol Sn in the periodic table?
6. How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?
7. What was the most popular girls name in the UK in 2024?
8. What is the name of the 1976 film about the Watergate scandal, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman?
9. Which comedian was the second permanent host of Never Mind the Buzzcocks after Mark Lamarr?
10. What is the capital of Finland?
11. Which popular video game franchise has released games with the subtitles World At War and Black Ops?
12. In what US state is the city Nashville?
13. Which rock band was founded by Trent Reznor in 1988?
14. What is the currency of Denmark?



15. Which Tennis Grand Slam is played on a clay surface?
16. In which European country would you find the Rijksmuseum?
17. In how many films have Al Pacino and Robert De Niro appeared in together?
18. What was the old name for a Snickers bar before it changed in 1990?
19. Who was the head of state in Japan during the Second World War?
20. What is the smallest planet in our solar system?

Trivia for the Kids

1. The name of the body of water between New Zealand and Australia?
2. The capital of Tasmania?
3. The capital of Fiji?
4. The second-most populated city in the South Island?
5. The second-most populated city in the North Island?

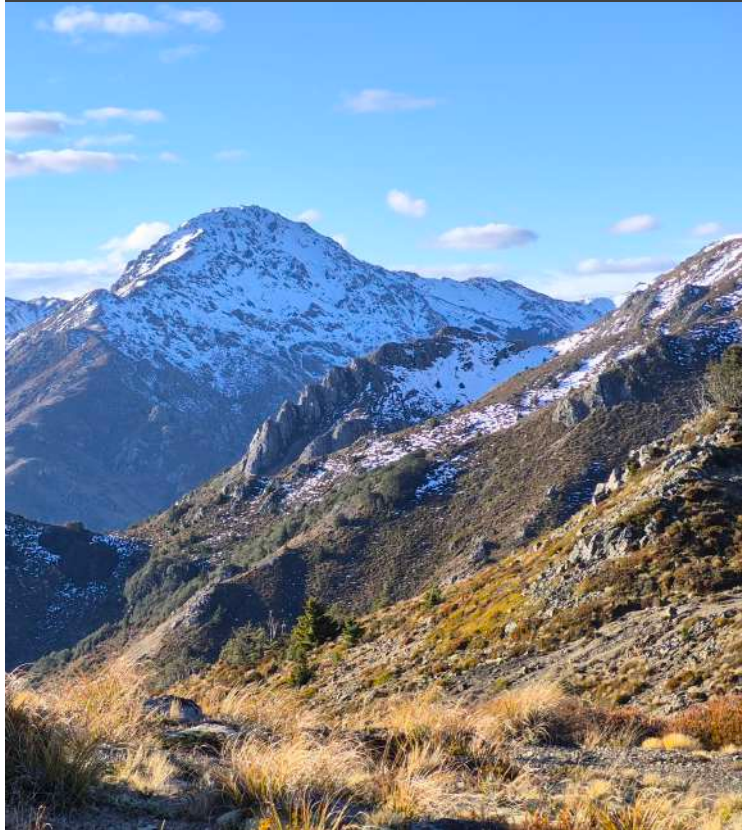
A little space for doodling!



A subliminal message

I'm really awesome at the Trivia Quiz

Taken Today



Maukuratawhai (1615m)

Trivia Answers

1. Ian Fleming
2. Knee
3. Iago
4. 1997
5. Tin
6. 3
7. Olivia
8. All the President's Men
9. Simon Amstell
10. Helsinki
11. Call of Duty
12. Tennessee
13. Nine Inch Nails
14. Krone
15. The French Open (Roland Garros)
16. Netherlands
17. Four (The Godfather Part 2, Heat, Righteous Kill, The Irishman)
18. Marathon
19. Emperor Hirohito
20. Mercury

KIDS ANSWERS

1. Tasman Sea
2. Hobart
3. Suva
4. Dunedin
5. Wellington



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living in the present.

Lao Tzu

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Community Notices



Hanmer Forest parkrun

Hanmer Forest parkrun takes place every Saturday at 8:00am.

Hanmer Forest parkrun is a fun, free event organised by volunteers for the benefit of everyone.

The route is a clockwise 5km lap around Hanmer Forest, starting from the Brooke Dawson Reserve (off Bath Street). The course is mostly flat, with a few small inclines and is a mixture of walking trails, all of which are solid underfoot, suitable for road shoes.

<https://www.parkrun.co.nz/hanmerforest/course/>

Hanmer Springs Menzshed



Hanmer Springs Menzshed
Tuesday/Thursdays, 1pm - 3:30pm
(Winter hours)
Queen Mary Hospital Grounds
Beside the old boiler house/large chimney



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Joy Wilson	027 220 2511



Hanmer Springs Golf

Saturday 1st August

Gross & Net Medal
Gross winner- Murray Pool 72
1st Net- Ian Lockwood 67
2nd Steve Gill 68
3rd Matthew Morgan 68
4th Tony Hawker 69

Twos
Murray Pool
Steve Gill

Jackpot Twos
Murray Pool

Nearest the Pin
Barry Toomey

Net Eagles
Not struck

Saturday 8th August

Stableford
1st Nicky West 42 pts
2nd Steve Gill 38
3rd Carolyn Williams 37
4th Ken Williams 36
5th Matthew Morgan 36

Twos
Ken Williams
Murray Pool

Nearest the Pin
Murray Pool

Net Eagles &
Jackpot Twos
Not struck

Mixed Open Golf Results - Wednesday 12th August

Ladies	Men
1st Nicky West 39 pts	1st Brent Berry 37 pts
2nd Boio Sarahu Hothersall 38	2nd Gavin Yates 37
3rd Bev Pool 35	3rd Ken Williams 37
4th Maree Herlund 34	4th Steve Gill 36
5th Rae Bowyer 33	5th Adam Jacks 36
6th Soon Kim 32	6th Allan Heffer 35
	7th Andrew Johannis 33
	8th Marty Bonnett 33
	9th John Dickson 32

Twos
Steve Gill
Brent Berry
Nicky West
Lewis Cooper

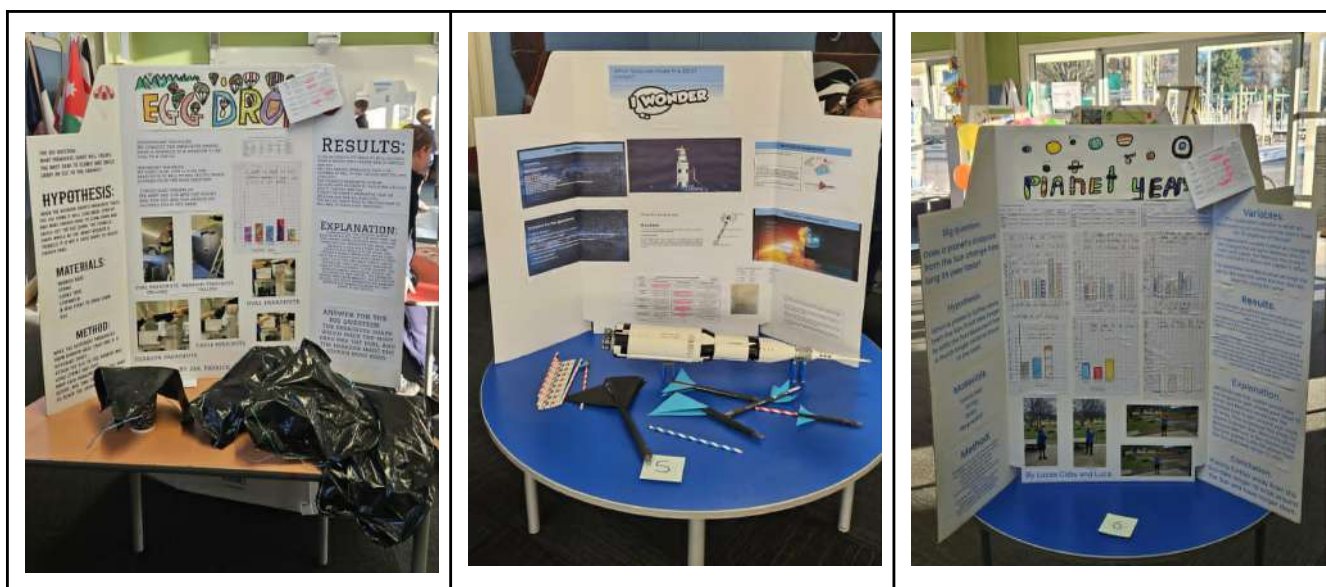
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Mike Gainsford.



Hanmer Springs School Report.

Science Fair.

This term, we have been working in our classes completing science learning and making science boards to share our science investigations. There were a range of amazing-looking boards that explained different science experiments. The Y1-3 classes each made a class board, working together to complete the experiments and to explain what happened and why. Students in Y4-8 worked in pairs or threes to devise their experiment, carry it out, record the data, and explain what happened and why. All the boards were displayed in our school hall, ready for our school Science Fair. Richard the Scientist and Mr McBride were the judges. Neihana, Teddy and Aryan won a judges' choice award with their project on air-powered cars. Harriet and Ruby also won a judges' choice award with their board on tracking tunnels. Pippa-Renee and Shanuli won the people's choice award with their board on hydroelectric water turbines. Korimako Class were the overall runner-up, with their board on what makes the best slime, and the Y3s won with the highest score with their transpiration board.



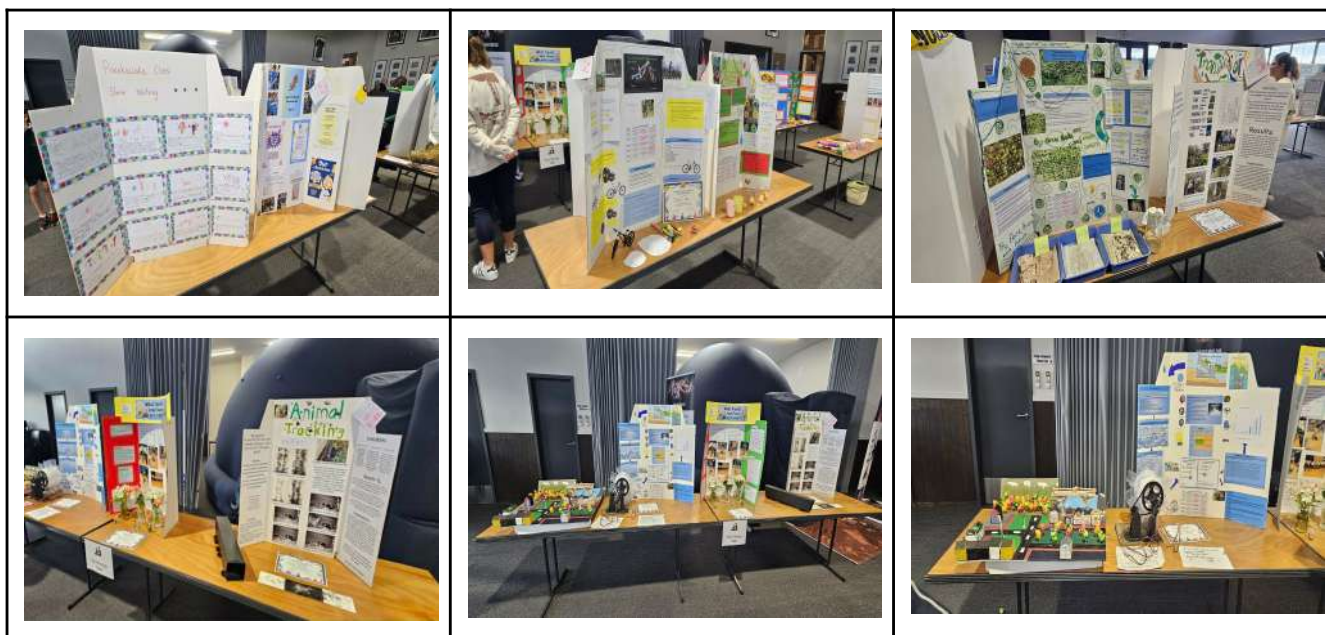
Hurunui Science Fair.

There were three activities to do at the science fair. Two of the activities were in the Omihi school hall, and the other was across the road with Mr Stone. The first activity was doing a scavenger hunt in the hall, looking for things on the science boards. The second activity was in the Planetarium, looking at planets and galaxies, and the third

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activity was trying to explode film canisters. The scavenger hunt answers were all on the science boards. There were ten questions on the hunt sheet. We could pick our favourite science boards and write it down. We did this in pairs. The Plantarium was big, and it had a man inside showing us the solar system. When we got in, it was showing our galaxy, the Milky Way. he even showed us Pluto! He showed us loads of photos of planets taken by robots. Then we crossed the road to see Mr Stone. He volunteered a girl from Waiau School to put her hand near a bottle with water and a ketchup packet in it. As she moved her hand by the bottle, the ketchup packet moved with it! We thought it was because of the heat of her hand, but it turns out it wasn't! Mr Stone showed this to us by pressing the bottle, and the ketchup pack started to sink. When he let go, it went back to the top! It is because of pressure. Then we tried out the exploding film canisters. Some worked, and some didn't. After we did all three activities, we went to CUloverden for lunch, then we went home. By Leia.

We had some great results at the Hurunui Science Fair. Harriet and Ruby came in the top 3 with their tracking tunnel investigation, and Pippa-Renee and Shanuli came in the top 3 with their water turbine project. The Y3 team came highly commended with their transpiration board. Jonty and Sam came commended with their bike gear project.



Jumping June.

Over June we have been skipping and raising money for the Heart Foundation. Each day we spend some time practising our skipping skills. We finished the month with a showcase of skipping, where we did different rotations and had fun skipping. As a school we have raised over \$5665 for the Heart Foundation.



Hanmer Springs School Report.

Manuka Skies trip by Tui Class.

On Friday night, half of Tui Class went on a trip up the mountain to look at the stars with Manuka Skies. When we arrived at the little platform at the top of the hill, we had to wait for 15 minutes for our eyes to adjust to the darkness. It was fun, as we got to look through three telescopes, and we went galaxy hunting. The sky was so beautiful and full of so many sparkling stars. We saw three galaxies, and the Sombrero Galaxy looked like a cheeseburger and Saturn. The Tarantula Nebula looked like an evil copybara or a beautiful flower. We also saw millions of stars and the opening of the Milky Way. We saw shooting stars and the Southern Cross. We also saw Antares, which is nicknamed the heart of the Scorpion. It is the brightest star in the Scorpius constellation and the 15th brightest star in the night sky. It is a massive red supergiant star, and you can see it shining red in the sky. It was really bright and red when we looked at it in the telescope. One telescope was a digital telescope, and it showed us what we were looking at on a screen. It took photos of what we were looking at. We saw a cluster with 500 million stars in it.



We learnt about star constellations and galaxies. We saw the Large Magellanic Cloud galaxy, which is located about 163,000 light-years away from Earth. It is the fourth-largest galaxy. We also saw the Small Magellanic Cloud. They looked like clouds in our galaxy, but they are actually satellite galaxies that are captured by the gravity of the Milky Way. Both will eventually be slowly absorbed into the Milky Way. They are so, so, so far away from us! It takes a lot of years for the light from the stars to reach our eyes so we can see them.

We would like to thank Kara and Brent for sharing so much knowledge with us. They told us all about the galaxies and the stars and pointed out lots of interesting things with

their laser pointers. Thank you to Paul from Hanmer Adventure Centre, who provided another van to transport us there.

We would like to thank Manuka Skies for their amazing trip and for their generosity, as they provided us this trip to us for free. We definitely recommend this trip for everyone to do, as you learn so many amazing and fascinating facts. The other half of Tui Class are going this week, and they are all looking forward to their trip.



Kindness Cup PJ Day by Ciara.

On Friday, we had PJ Day. Most of us came to school in our PJs. We raised \$105.50 for the Kindness Collective. At our school, each term we have the Kindness Cup award where students who are being kind get nominated. There are two runner-ups who get some lego and one person is awarded with the cup and some lego. You can be kind by including others in your games, using kind words, helping people, and standing up for others.



Canterbury Cross Country.

On Wednesday 17th June, 5 of our students represented our School at the Canterbury Cross Country Championships. Sam placed 37th, Kahn placed 63rd, Aailya placed 99th, George placed 101st, and Georgia placed 129th in their age groups.





Hanmer Springs School Report.

Hurunui Cross Country.

On Wednesday last week, some of the HSS students went to the Hurunui Cross Country and the best placing was 1st place. The atmosphere was incredible. There was lots of cheering and clapping for the runners. The other schools that were there were: Hurunui College, Waiau, Waikari, Amuri, and Rotherham. On the way there, it was very foggy, and misty you could not even see 5 metres in front of you. Later that day it was very sunny and perfect weather for the event.



We had six students who came in the first six runners for their races who qualified for the Canterbury Cross Country. Only Y5-Y8 students can qualify for the Canterbury Cross Country. Congratulations to Kahn and Georgia in Y5, Aaliya, Sam and George in Y7, and Archie in Y8 for qualifying. Well done to Ruby who came 3rd in the Y4 race and to Iris and Jax who came 4th in the Y4 races.

By Jonty, Kahn and George



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Kaiawhina/Learning Assistants.

We are really lucky at our school to have a group of amazing learning assistants/kaiawhina who are dedicated to their jobs; who work with groups of students teaching them spelling, reading, writing and maths alongside the teachers and who help individual students who need extra learning support.

This is Tori. She is a learning assistant at Hanmer Springs School. She is very lovely and kind. She is very knowledgeable about teaching students spelling and reading and working with dyslexic students. Tori is also our school librarian.



This is Carol, she is one of our learning assistants. She is very clever at teaching maths and spelling. She is funny, and she has a warm smile. Carol also works in the office first thing in the mornings and after school.



This is Fi. She is very nice, and she is a learning assistant too. She works with an individual student and small groups in the junior school and helps the students with their learning.



This is Emily. She is a learning assistant. She is very funny, has a bright smile, and she is nice. Don't worry, she won't bite! Emily works with small groups and helps with the Speech and Language programmes.



This is Myrielle. She works in the office as the office manager; she is kind and helps students if they have an accident or hurt themselves. She also works as a learning assistant with a student at the beginning of the day.



This is Barbara. She now works in the school office on Thursdays.

By Tui and Meila.



Event Calendar



AUGUST 2026

28 Daffodil Day

SEPTEMBER 2026

06 Father's Day

25 School Term 3 ends

25-27 Spring Challenge, Hanmer Springs

OCTOBER 2026

12 School Term 4 starts

26 Labour Day

NOVEMBER 2026

13 Canterbury Anniversary Day

14 Anglican Church Fete (15th if wet)

DECEMBER 2026

16 School Term 4 ends

25 Christmas Day



A different view of Mt Isobel - looking south

2026 School Dates

Term 3

Monday 20 July to
Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October
to Wednesday 16
December



The Soldiers Block



The Soldiers Block is open every Sunday from 10am - 12 noon.

!! Attention Event Organisers !!

*Please let us know if you have events coming up within the next few months.
Please use this calendar to schedule new events to prevent "clashes".*

Letter to the Council Roding Department

From: Reece Gardner

Sent: Friday, 14 August 2026

To: Charlie Hutt

Subject: Jacks Pass Road/Chisholm Crescent

Hi Charlie

In a former life I have was involved in state highway construction.

We both know that the existing pavement at the Jacks Pass Road/Chisholm Crescent intersection needs to be cut out, the soft spots resolved, and the entire intersection area be reinstated with 50mm of asphaltic concrete.

The Council's rating income from Hanmer Springs is significant and local residents continue "put up" with this failed and poorly maintained pavement.

When will this work be done?

Thanks
Reece

[Charlie Hutt is Council's Roding Operations Manager]

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Eckhart Tolle



Loch Katrine, "Looking north-west into the nor'west rain" by Holly Whittfield

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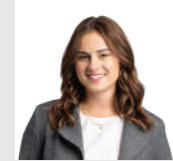
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