



ISSUE 5 | WEDNESDAY 01 APRIL 2026

WELCOME TO OUR

Pānui

Principal's Message

Kia ora parents and whanau,

And just like that, Term 1 is done! This term has been nine weeks and they have flown past.

Last Sunday we had a small team of people here getting our time capsule site ready for the jubilee. Our thanks must go to Chris and Andrea from Survus who donated the surveying of the time capsule. A plaque commemorating the 150th Jubilee has been laid in front of the time capsule. The children all watched Chris surveying the point on Monday, and he was very impressed with how much some of our students knew about satellites. We explained that some of the students would be at the next jubilee in 25 years, so it was good they all got to see where the time capsule went, hopefully one of them remembers!

Our public 150th Jubilee celebrations are on Saturday the 18th of April. If you are around on Saturday the 18th of April, we would like students to be present for the afternoon celebration at school. I realise this is a school holiday and some families will be away or already busy. If you are available, please come along and bring your children in their school uniform. If we have enough students we will perform our school song and I would like some students to be available to show some of our visitors around.

Saturday 18th April 2026 - Public celebration

Kaikōura Suburban School

Registration \$10 (incl afternoon tea.)

1:30pm - 4:30pm

1:30 - Welcome

1:45pm - Display of children's work and decade photographs taken

2:45pm - Cake cutting, tree planting, ring the bell

3pm - Afternoon Tea

Saturday 18th April 2026 - Jubilee Dinner

6pm - Donegal House

Buffet: \$45 per adult, \$25 per child age 5-12yrs

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/zsulGqqudQQIyH7B7>

A huge and special thank you to Annie who has spent many hours organising the celebrations - it has been incredible to observe how far and wide Annie has been able to spread the word to those who are interested. We are grateful for the time Annie has spent ensuring that 150 years of education at Kaikōura Suburban School didn't go unobserved. Thank you to our staff who have been displaying all the history and photos in the Kea classroom, making it look amazing. We have had parents and locals helping to name photos - thanks to Theresa Boyd, Aileen Kerr, Diane Russell, Dawn Allan and Lacey Wards who provided their local knowledge for unknown names and dates. And of course, thank you to our ex students and local community who have raided their photographs and artefacts for our display. We are hoping for fine weather on Saturday the 18th of April and look forward to seeing everyone there!

The Ministry of Education has mandated that all schools have a stepped attendance management plan in place to start the year. Their target for attendance is for 80% of students attending 90% of the time. Below is how we are tracking since the last newsletter.

Weekly Attendance Tracker - Week 7

Whole School	Piwakawaka	Titi	Toroa
80%	91%	76%	77%
Congratulations to the Piwakawaka class for attending over 90% of the time.			

Weekly Attendance Tracker - Week 8

Whole School	Piwakawaka	Titi	Toroa
67%	66%	76%	60%

We are looking for keen and enthusiastic parents to join our Home and School Committee. This dedicated group plays an important role as the fundraising arm of our school, helping provide valuable resources for our students. In previous years, their efforts have helped purchase sports equipment that our children enjoy using during break times, pool items, uniforms and school resources and have also heavily subsidised school camps. The next meeting will be held at school on Thursday the 7th of May at 6pm, we would love to see you!

Congratulations to our Fyffe FORCE value Subway winners from last week. Our focus value for the last fortnight was C for Communication. Congratulations to our winners: Louie from Piwakawaka, Billy from Titi and Hunter from Toroa. For the current fortnight, which will extend into Week 2 of next term, our focus value is E for Excellence.

Next term, Wednesday the 22nd of April, we are holding our first Whale Run meeting at 3:15pm in the Whare Ako. Everyone who is interested in being part of the committee is invited to attend and help set up the first steps for another successful Whale Run. We also have our local ANZAC Day celebration on Saturday 25th of April at the memorial monument at 6am. Every year we have a group of students who join me to represent our kura and to lay a wreath on behalf of our school. Please look out for information about this in the first week of next term.

We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday the 20th of April.
Happy holidays everyone!

Ngā mihi nui
Kylee Habgood

Date for your Diary

Week 9

Thursday 2 April - 150th Jubilee School Celebration, 1pm

Term 2, Week 1

Saturday 18th April - 150th Jubilee Public Celebration

Wednesday 22nd April - Whale Run Meeting, 3pm, Whare Ako

Friday 24th April - Newsletter

Saturday 25th April - ANZAC Day Service, 6am

Term 1 - Monday 2 February - Thursday 2 April

Public Holidays: Friday 6th February - Waitangi Day, Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

Term 2 - Monday 20th April to Friday 3 July

Public Holidays: Monday 27th April - ANZAC Day holiday, Monday 1st June - King's Birthday

Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

Public Holidays: Monday 26 October - Labour Day, Monday 2nd November - Marlborough Anniversary Day

ENVIRO SCHOOL



The tree identification plaques have been put together and are around school for increasing your knowledge on some of New Zealand's native trees. They look fantastic. A big thank you to everyone who helped get this project completed.

What an exciting way to finish Term 2. Our celebration of learning about life at Suburban school in 1876 (goodness, that was very different) and Easter activities as well. We have also had the Easter bunny hopping in and out decorating our classroom – so much fun. We have indeed had a very fun and busy past week.

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the term already. The past nine weeks have flown by and like every term at school it amazes us just how much happens in a term: swimming, life education, A & P show, Sea week, the Peace runners, hockey skills plus learning!

Despite all of that, the Titi children are still full of the joys of life.



Tarua

These last two weeks of Term 1 have been jam-packed with tasks and activities to finish before heading away for the holidays. We have now finished our class novel, *Wonder*, and through it we learned so much about friendship, kindness, and showing empathy towards others.

On Monday the 30th, my mum kindly came in and made bookmarks with the students. They absolutely loved the activity and were so excited to take something special home with them.

Just a reminder about our camp fundraiser: I have extended the due date to the first week back in Term 2. This gives students the opportunity to use some of their holiday time to continue raising money for camp in Term 4.

After such a busy term, everyone is definitely ready for a well-earned and restful break. I wish all of our whānau a wonderful holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for Term 2.



HEALTHY HEATER IS BACK TERM 2 & 3

Healthy Heater is back for Term 2 and Term 3. Please make sure the food is in an appropriate container to put in the pie warmer. Food covered in tinfoil or a container that can withstand the heat of the pie warmer. No plastic containers.



Kaikōura Suburban School 150th Jubilee Celebrations

We would love to see you all at any of these events, for the Public celebration on Saturday, 18 April, and the Dinner at Donegal House in the evening.

Everyone has worked extremely hard to showcase just how amazing Kaiōura Suburban School has grown over the years into a thriving, happy, learning hub where free-range children learn to respect each other's uniqueness and individuality.

How amazing would it be for your children to see themselves in the 150th Jubilee photos in 25 years at the 175th Jubilee in April 2051.



Kaikōura Suburban School

150th Jubilee 1876-2026

Thursday 2nd April 2026 - School Celebration

Kaikōura Suburban School

1pm - Welcome

1:15pm - Kapa Haka performance

1:30pm - Children's work display and presentation - The History of Suburban School

2pm - Cake cutting, tree planting

2:30 pm Games

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If you have any difficulty registering, please contact Annie
ring or text: 0274 943 557 or email: office@ks.school.nz



School Docs

School Policies and Procedures

All of our school policies are online. Every policy and procedure comes up for review every three years to ensure they stay current. You can view all of these by logging in with the details below.

<https://kaikourasub.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Community username

kaikourasub

Community password

fyffeforce

Policies for review in Term 1

- Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Harmful Substances Policy (Board)
- Sun Protection (board)
- Digital Technology and Online Safety (board)
- Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices

Uniform

Uniforms can be ordered through our school website at any time.

To order, go to www.kaikourasuburban.school.nz and click on the 'For Whanau' link. In the dropdown menu, click on the uniform shop. After you pay online, you will be notified when items are available.

Police Vetting

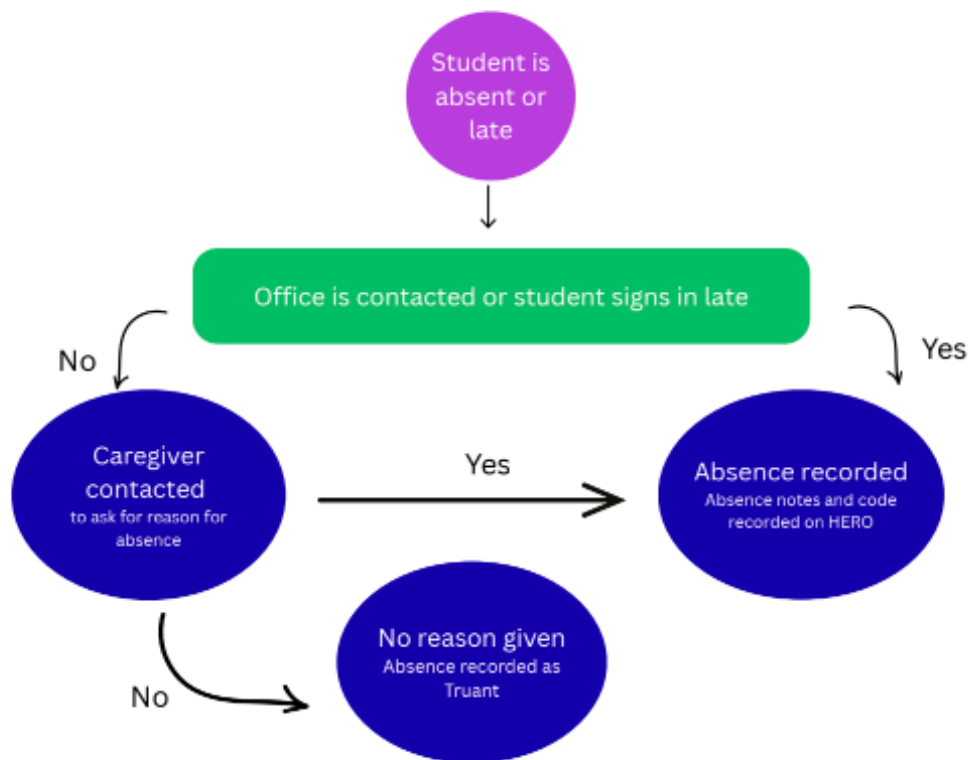
If you are intending on being a parent help at school events or camps, can you please come and collect a policy vetting form from the school office.

All volunteers who work with and around our children require a police vet. This also includes coaching sports teams for our school.

If you have previously had a police vet done by Kaikōura Suburban School, please be aware that they only last for three years, so you may require another one. If you are not sure, please ask Annie.

The Ministry of Education requires us to have a stepped Attendance Management Plan to help us meet this target. Please see our stepped management plan for whānau below.

Kaikōura Suburban School Attendance Procedure - For Whānau



More than 5 days absent in a term - 80-90%
Worrying Attendance - Possible Actions

- Contacted by office for reason of absence.
- Caregivers contacted by class teacher to discuss absences and next steps.
- Referral made within school to the Principal for monitoring.

More than 10 days absent in a term - 70-80%
Concerning Attendance - Possible Actions

- Contacted by the Principal to discuss referrals, positive behaviour plan etc
- Student added to Attendance Register and monitored weekly.
- Positive behaviour plan created in collaboration with whānau.
- Referral to Health Nurse, Te Whare Putea, Mana Ake.

More than 15 days absent in a term - <70%
Very Concerning Attendance - Possible Actions

- Whānau meet with Principal to create an individual attendance plan.
- Referral to Truancy Services.
- Referral to external services such as Mana Ake, Health School, Te Whare Putea
- Continued monitoring of attendance by the Principal.

Kaikōura Suburban School aims to have 80% of students attending at least 90% of the time. All justified and unjustified codes count towards days absent. It is important to record reasons for absence to help develop plans and support.

Early identification and support are vital to help address absences and ensure students are regularly attending school.

Our process will be:

- Parents report absences via HERO, SkoolLoop, telephone, text, or in person.
- Teachers login to HERO by 9:00 am and again at 1:40 pm to fill in attendance data. Relievers collect a class list from the Office Administrator, and this is returned to the office ASAP.
- Late students report to the office on arrival.
- The Office Administrator contacts the parents of unknown absentees and reports to the Principal daily.
- Attendance is uploaded daily to the Ministry of Education. As a staff, we look at attendance at weekly staff meetings.
- When attendance drops to 91% (more than 4 half days per term), whanau are contacted by the class teacher to make them aware and explain the next step.
- When attendance drops below 85% (more than 10 half days per term) the Principal contacts whanau to organise a formal meeting.
- If there is no improvement and attendance slips below 70%, then the Principal contacts whanau to discuss and then will make a referral to Truancy Services.

Please get your children to school as much as possible. Of course, all cases are unique, and we do understand life happens. We aim to work with and support our whānau to improve attendance across the school for all of our students.

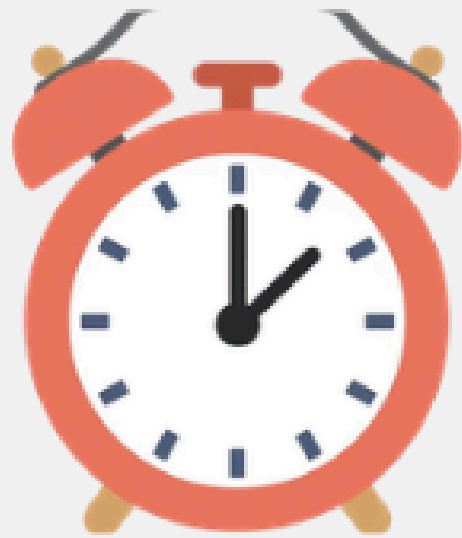
Who's having a Birthday?

Happy Birthday to these people celebrating a Birthday in the holidays. Noah 7th, Mason 12th, Billy 14th, Ruby 15th, and Paddy the 16th of April . We hope your Birthday is extra special.

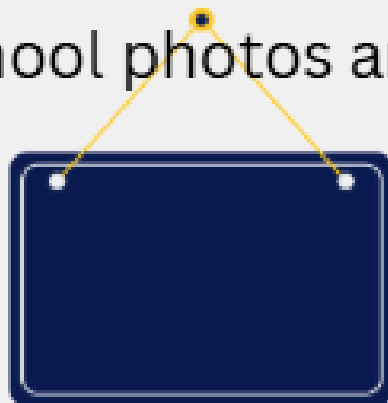


Term 1 Week 9 Newsletter

Recently, we buried a time capsule, which is intended to be discovered in the future. It contains written materials and drawings that capture our current experiences.



Did you know that it is the Kaikōura Suburban School 150th jubilee? Come to Kea class to view school photos and more!



Suburban School has a new sign coming very soon, so look out for it! It looks amazing.

PARENTING SKILLS & STRATEGIES SEMINAR

Saturday 18th April
The Upper Room, Kaikōura

Two sessions:
9am - 12:30pm
2pm - 5:30pm

Morning/Afternoon tea provided

Lynsey, a senior Occupational Therapist for a special needs high school unit, and Jamie, an Osteopath who has a special interest in early childhood, have been married 25 years, have two boys, one with ADHD and the other with ASD. Both have been teaching together for 15 years, around development and children's issues.

This seminar will cover topics many parents with any child will relate to, particularly helping them with practical knowhow to navigate the early years of childhood through to late primary.

Things that parents are dealing with:

- What is neurotypical/neurodiverse?
- What is ADHD, ASD?
- Interoception - body awareness. Interpreting feelings/needs/wants
- Co regulation. Why is it so important? Strategies to help
- Managing the situation. Public spaces/schools/social etiquette/toileting
- Dad's - understanding the situation. Strategies to help.

Things that can help:

- Co-regulation calm parent - calm child, a child who knows their body can understand their feelings easier. A calm parent can improve stress in an anxious sensitive child and regulate stressful situations for a child
- Breathing and styles of breathing to help relax/calm a child, improve sleep patterns and reduce anxiety and hyperarousal
- Body scan awareness of tension/ tightness reduces stress/ improves emotional maturity and improves focus in a child

Simple exercises to improve:

- Movement processing
- Sequencing movement
- Left and right awareness
- Handwriting/reading

To register your interest

please phone 03 319 5834 or

email osteopathykaikoura@gmail.com



Community News

Book your free visit or drop in today

Tuesday - 9.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday - 9.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday - 9.30am - 12.30pm

Kaikōura Playcentre
The Esplanade, School Grounds, Kaikōura 7300

Email kaikoura@playcentre.org.nz to arrange

Tamariki O Kaikōura SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

April dates:
7th April - 17th April (no program on Easter Monday)

Possible activities:
Wheels day, mini golf, beach walks, bowls, dance class, drama class, arts and crafts, museum, line dancing and movies!

Get in touch to enrol your child!
Contact information:
Program director:
Jill Prebble - Email: tamarikiokaikoura@gmail.com

Admin info:
\$40 per day
Drop off between 8.30 - 9am
Pick up between 3 - 3.30pm
Location: Kaikōura Play Centre

Find us on Facebook
Tamariki O Kaikōura

COME & TRY Netball

FUTURE FERNS YR 1-4 PROGRAMME

KAIKŌURA NETBALL

Developing ball skills through play
Modified games to suit the age
For boys and girls
Term 2 for up to 10 weeks
\$25 per child (due 1st session)
Follow Kaikōura Netball Facebook page for registration details

Mastering the ABCs of netball!

VENUE
Mainpower Takahanga courts

Thursdays 3.30-4.30
Starting 23rd April

Community News



FUN & CREATIVE

Kids Puppetry Workshop!

Let your child's imagination soar this school holidays!





A hands-on workshop bursting with creativity and play hosted by Naranjarte. Dive into the magical world of puppet theatre as you learn the basics of puppet-making and discover how to bring puppets to life through movement, presence and imagination. Build your own "dog rod" puppet, perfect for parades and outdoor performances, and leave inspired with practical skills and a solid foundation for future puppet-making adventures.

We ask participants to bring their own scissors, newspapers, two googly eyes, crepe paper or ribbons (for hair or decoration), and assorted coloured yarn, if possible.

Suitable for kids aged 6-12 years

13 April
9am - 1pm
Pre-bookings essential!

The Mayfair
Te Whare Tai o Kaikoura

The Mayfair Kaikoura
www.themayfair.org.nz
03 - 424 - 9272

Naranjarte

Kaikoura Netball Centre Update:

Don't forget to get your team entries into Kaikoura Netball Centre before 31st of March. Team lists can follow at a later date.

Know that you/your child is playing.... avoid the rush and get those player/umpire registrations started Winter League.

Team Entries to be in to us by 31st March. Our season starts with our two round Senior Grade Preseason Tournament on 2nd May/9th May. Our Junior Grade season starts with their Preseason Games on the 9th May. Opening day and the start of competition games is 16th May. All of these dates are weather permitting.

If your child plays for a school team then please contact them for relevant information. This has been emailed to schools.

Our Year 5/6 Co-ordinator is Sarah Williams

Our Year 7/8/U14 Co-ordinator is Tracey Sinclair

ALL players, umpires, volunteers must register with our Centre. The relevant forms can be found at [Click here](#)

Wanted: Umpire Co-ordinator. We are looking for someone to lead our umpiring space. If you would like more information on this please get in touch.

Want to support our kids and youth to be the best they can be? Calling Coaches, Assistants and Managers for our Future Ferns and Youth Grades! Contact us to express interest and we can match you up to a suitable team and level. Future Ferns 1-4 programme: looking for coaches and helpers. This runs Thursdays after school through term 2. Future Ferns Yr 5-6 grade: If you are interested in coaching or helping one of our primary school teams, please let us or them know. KYNGS Club: KHS Yr 7-13 / Youth players - teams play in Yr 7/8 and Senior A,B and C /development Grades/Teams. Looking for coaches, assistants and managers. Season runs from May to September. Email expressions of interest to

kaikouranetball@gmail.com

Keep an eye on Facebook: Kaikoura Netball Centre for our most updated information.

email: kaikouranetball@gmail.com

Arts On Tour New Zealand presents

Mr Fungus

"New Zealand's Loudest Mime"

★★★★★

Mr Fungus is touring Aotearoa with a thrillingly ridiculous silly show that will delight kids of all ages.

Featuring comedy, juggling and mime with scrumptious, catchy backing tracks, Mr Fungus will bring the fun to town.

A seasoned pro, Mr Fungus has played to packed theatres and festival venues throughout Europe and Australasia in a career spanning four decades.

★★★★★
"Hilarious"
- NZ News UK

★★★★★
"Seized by moments of MAGIC AND WONDER"
- Theatreview

SUNDAY 26 APRIL 1:00 PM
THE MAYFAIR ARTS & CULTURE CENTRE
ADULTS \$20, CHILDREN (UNDER 14) \$10,
FAMILY TICKET (2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN) \$40
BOOK: WWW.THEMAYFAIR.ORG.NZ




More Community News

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS LINE DANCING



Tuesday Memorial Hall

10.00am – 12.00am

Beginners, Kids, families and whanau



7.00pm – 8.30pm

All levels/all ages

Thursday Scout Hall

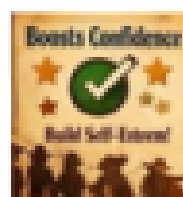


10am -12 pm

Beginners, Kids, families and whanau

Cost:

Gold coin donation



Kick Up Your Heels & Have a Blast!



EVERY STEP TOGETHER

YOUR NEWSLETTER FROM AUTISM NZ



April 2026

Top News

There's still time to order your hoodies and tees!

Our official Hoods Up Volume Down event is on April 29th from 10am this year, so order now to have your hoodie for the day!

You can purchase hoodies and tees here:
<https://www.sas.co.nz/>

\$10 from every hoodie and \$5 from every tee go straight to us at Autism NZ, which helps us to deliver our services nationwide!

World Autism Acceptance Month

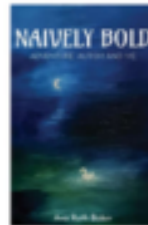
April 2nd has been World Autism Acceptance Day since 2007, designated by the United Nations. Although they still call it Autism Awareness Day, we at Autism NZ have embraced Acceptance instead, and we celebrate for the entire month of April, rather than just a single day.

The official theme for this years Autism Acceptance day is **"Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value"**.

The United Nations write: "the theme "Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value," highlights and affirms the dignity and worth of all autistic people as part of our shared human future. At a time when misinformation and regressive rhetoric about the lives of autistic people is resurfacing, this year's virtual event is a call to action to move beyond limiting narratives and to recognise the inherent dignity, equal rights, and unconditional worth of every autistic person."

Dr. Ava Ruth Baker - Book Launch

7 pm Friday 27 March 2026
Te Ara Sophia Centre, 275 Fifield Tce, Opawa



BOOK LAUNCH

Celebrating Ava-Ruth Baker's memoir
Naively Bold: Adventure, Autism and Me

"Born into a loving family, but a social world where she felt lost and misunderstood, Ava Ruth's search for meaningful participation and voice takes her through earthquakes, volcanoes, and cancer, both physical and metaphorical. Along the way she stumbles upon her 'lost tribe' of fellow-autists. Her story unfolds against a backdrop of change and scandal within the medical field, and the emergence of autistic community in Aotearoa New Zealand and globally. In the 1990s, subtle forms of autism were poorly understood, so when Ava Ruth disclosed her autism diagnosis, it was suggested she abandon her established medical career. Devastated, how did she find her way from there, to creating an autistic-friendly medical practice, co-founding a charitable trust, and her current work helping fellow-autists find peace, healing and an authentic sense of self? As they too struggle to navigate social life without a map."

From reviews:

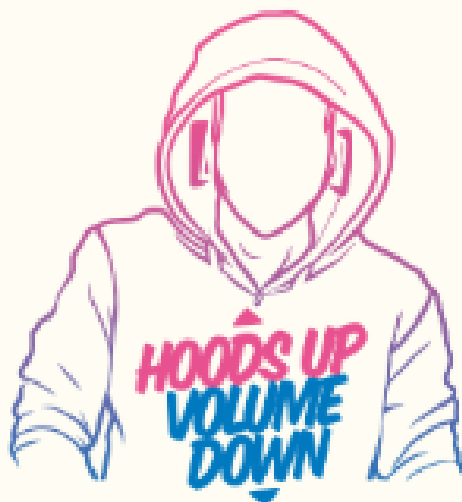
"A unique, captivating and reflective memoir. Throughout this personal account, flows the essence of New Zealand's landscapes and peoples." - Dr. Eve Pleydell.

"A precious gift. With raw honesty and courage, Ava Ruth charts her autistic experience across a lifetime in ways that are personal yet universal." - Jolene Stockman, author.

"An exhilarating memoir: beautifully written, intelligent, funny, sad, shocking, thought-provoking and deeply moving." - Dr. Jess Richards, author and lecturer in Creative Writing, University of Leeds.

Book price \$39.90 (cash or internet banking)

For full reviews see www.avaruthbaker.com where you can also order the book.



HOODS UP AND LIGHTS, THEN DOWN THE ROAD,
JUMP FROM UP AND THE AUTISTIC PARADISE!