



Houghton Valley School
INSPIRATION, CHALLENGE and ACHIEVEMENT
HIRINGA, WERO, WHAKATUTUKITANGA

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 3rd February 2016

Week 1 of Term 1

Term 1 Calendar			
Week 1	Fri 5 th Feb	2:15pm	Assembly
Week 2	Mon 8 th Feb		PUBLIC Holiday – Waitangi Day
	Wed 10 th Feb		Teacher Introduction Evenings (see times below)
	Thurs 11 th Feb	7:00pm	Home and School Meeting in Staffroom
	Fri 12 th Feb	9:45am – 2pm	Whole School Beach trip to Lyall Bay
Week 4	Sunday 28 th Feb	2-4pm	Home and School Walkathon and Picnic
ASB Banking days are Thursday			
Sushi available Thursdays – go online to www.wrapitup.co.nz before 9am on Thursday to order			
Kelly Club After School Care – Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz			

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou,

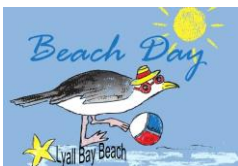
Dear Parents, Caregivers and children, happy New Year.

Welcome back for the 2016 school year. I hope you all enjoyed the change of routine and managed to catch some nice weather.

Thank you for the prompt return of so many forms already! Please keep them coming so Denise can get this big beginning of the year administration task completed. **We especially need the YELLOW permission slip back before next Friday's beach trip so your child/ren can participate. Payments can follow later if that's more convenient.**

After a year off I'm restarting the Principal's Breakfasts. Once again I'll be organising the invitations according to the whānau groups. Look out for your invitation soon if your child/ren are in Whero Whānau group.

This year we're focusing the K.C. cards on RESPECT. Children receive the K.C. cards which are then put into a draw for a wee prize at the weekly assembly. We also keep count of the cards which are equal to a point, to collect in a competition between the groups. This was fun last year so we will keep it going.



We have planned our annual beach trip to Lyall Bay Beach for next Friday see the notice in this newsletter. **Please return the slip as soon as possible if you can help out.** We need a high ratio of adults to children for this trip as it involves swimming and being close to water. It's a fun day so it would be great if you can join us.

Teachers and support staff participated in Cool Schools Mediation training on Monday this week. This programme has been running in the school for a long time now so it was great to update everyone on the programme, which is intended for the whole school, not just the mediators. We're really excited to be able to tweak our programme and get it working even better. Cool Schools is a whole-school proactive programme that teaches essential life skills for peaceful conflict resolution. The skills taught in this programme empower individuals to build positive, caring relationships with others especially in times of conflict.

The Cool Schools Peer Mediation Programme aims to raise awareness of how one's self and others act in conflict situations; teach life-long conflict management skills so that individuals feel empowered to make positive choices towards peaceful conflict resolution; develop leadership in giving service to others and promoting respect for differences and diversity and empower individuals to believe they can make a positive difference in their homes, schools, communities and beyond. The mediator skills will be taught across the school in classes and senior students will have training to carry out mediation in the breaks.



PLEASE TAKE SPECIAL CARE WITH YOUR DRIVING AND PARKING AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY. We have already had concerns raised and really don't want an accident. We have precious children and families crossing the road and getting in and out of vehicles so extra care is needed.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK OPPOSITE THE BUS STOP AFTER SCHOOL as this is a particular danger spot once the bus arrives. We really appreciate your special care and patience to keep everyone safe.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki



A BIG WELCOME in NGAIO CLASS TO:

☺ Sammy Kyle ☺ Andi Moore ☺ Florence Williams ☺ Leonie Zetti
 and in Ti Kouka ☺ Marco Stevenson-Loboa
 and in Kowhai ☺ Catalina Stevenson-Loboa and in Nikau ☺ Lily Hegglun

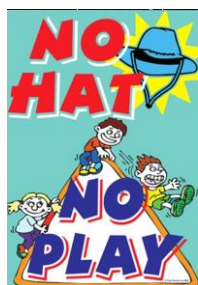
Parent Information Evening – Wednesday 10 Feb.

Come and find out more about how the classes work. There will be three combined class meetings.

5.30pm Year 1 & 2 classes (*Jos Abernethy & Nicola O'Halloran, Monica Mercury, Jill Holmstead & Mary Smith*)

6.15pm Year 3 & 4 classes (*Lara Nemet, Joe Ready and Gabrielle Harvey*)

7.00pm Year 5 & 6 classes (*Matt Titcombe and Stephanie Bosch*)



As always during the summer terms, we implement a 'No Hat, No Play' rule at school.

This year all children are required to wear a brimmed hat.

(no caps unless they're legionnaire style). We'd really appreciate your support with this important health measure. Most junior children and lots of older children already wear brimmed hats so we'd now like to see them on everyone. Children without hats

will be required to spend their breaks on the decks in the shade. HVS hats \$18.

THANKS.

From the Library....

I hope you've all enjoyed reading over the holidays.

Can I please have ALL Library books returned to school this week please.

Thank you, Joanna



Houghton Valley School Dates for 2016

Term 1	Tuesday 2 Feb	Friday 15 April	Waitangi Day Monday 8 Feb Easter Friday 25 March Easter Monday 28 March Easter Tuesday 29 March NOTE: Anzac Day Monday 25 April is in the school holidays
Term 2	Monday 2 May	Friday 8 July	Queen's Birthday Monday 6 June Plus a Teacher Only Day TBC
Term 3	Monday 25 July	Friday 23 September	
Term 4	Monday 10 October	Friday 16 December	Labour Day Monday 24 October



Junior Netball Year 1 to Year 4 Netball - Term 1 2016

You may be aware of changes to the structure of junior netball throughout New Zealand. Children (boys and girls) can now begin playing a modified form of netball as soon as they start school. The junior netball programme is called ANZ futureFERNs. Schools need to understand that NOW year 4 players are included in the futureFERNs programme from term 1 of 2016 onwards. There will no longer be year 4 teams participating in the Motu Kairangi WINTER competition. At Motu Kairangi,

ANZ futureFERNs netball will run in terms 1 and 4 for year 1 to year 4 children, and our winter competition will run in terms 2 and 3 for year 5 to 8 teams.

When: 8-week programme on Saturdays: 20 February to 16 April (No games Easter weekend).

Time: Year 1 & 2 Combined - 11.00 am to 11.45 am. Year 3 & 4 Combined - 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm.

Venue: Evans Bay Intermediate School, Kilbirnie. **Cost:** \$25 per child, payable on invoice from MK in term 1.

If you would like your child to play this term please email Denise in the school office admin@houghton.school.nz by Wednesday 10th Feb so we can organise teams.

Home and School

First Home & School meeting of 2016: Thursday 11th February, 7.00pm in the staffroom.

If you have a child at HVS you are part of the Home and school community. We organise events to promote a sense of community in our school, we raise funds to meet some of the "nice to have" needs that have been identified and we strengthen links between the teaching staff and the parents / carers of our tamariki. Come along to any of the meetings, they are on the second Thursday each month, and find out what is going on (there is chocolate!)! RSVP Sarah homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz



Home & School Walkathon and Picnic – Sunday 28th Feb 2-4pm

Welcome back to school - the first fundraising event of the term and the Home and School picnic is on Sunday 28th February.

When: Sunday 28th February 2- 4pm Where: School field What: Walkathon, around the marked 1km course

Huh? Encourage your friends, neighbours, overseas relatives etc to sponsor you to walk a number of laps or per lap, whatever you feel like! We will record the total distance of everyone and chart how far we got - let's see if we can walk to Auckland!

What do I need to do? Mark the 28th on your calendar, look for the sponsor forms next week and start getting sponsors, and get walking!

After the finish of the walkathon families are encouraged to be part of the **Annual Home and School picnic**, from 4.00pm, bring your own food, buy a sausage, have a picnic on the field be part of the wonderful HVS community!

To assist with these events we need help: if you can you help with the walkathon, if you can provide coffee / anything for adults to drink, if you can man the BBQ at the picnic please let me know homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz





Fresh and Tasty Lunches
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Sushi Thursday's

Starts Thursday 11th Feb

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Community News

INSTEP DANCE STUDIO- Offering ballet, jazz and contemporary dance classes for children ages 3-18yrs. Adult classes available also. Based in the Houghton Bay Hall, we have free trial classes on offer if you are unsure dance is a good fit for you and your child. Experienced and qualified teachers. To enrol or to find out more please contact us at instepdance@hotmail.com or phone 973-STEP. Visit our website : www.instepdancestudio.co.nz

KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 Kelly Sports is back in Term 1 with their fun classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to build confidence and to give sport a go. Sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives children a place to channel their energy.

Come and try **Football, Cricket, Handball and Turbo Touch** and learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking and many more. Our **Summer Sports** programme starts on Thursday 11 Feb, from 3.05-4.05pm, it is a great way to try different sports while having fun!

For full details and to enrol visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

Lyll Bay Beach Trip – Whole School – Friday 12th February

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are planning a whole school trip to Lyll Bay Beach next week on **Friday 12th February**. We would be very happy for families to join us.



Outline of the day:

- Leave school at 9.45am and walk to Lyll Bay, having morning tea upon arrival.
- Prior to going to the beach, our children will be divided into 3 groups and each group will be timetabled to swim for 30 minutes (to avoid having too many children in the water at the same time).
- When not swimming, children can play games on the beach or build their own sand sculptures.
- Have lunch together at 12.30pm.
- There will be a formal Whanau Sand Sculpture-building competition from 1.00 pm.
- Leave beach around 2pm to walk back to school –
- All junior classes will be bussed back to school – **NO PARENT TRANSPORT IS REQUIRED.** (However, if you are taking your OWN child(ren) ONLY, home from Lyll Bay Beach, you must inform the class teacher(s), so that they can be marked off the class lists).
- Children can be picked up from school at the normal time.

To ensure the safety of our children we intend to do the following:

- have teachers and parents in the water with the children to ensure they stay in shallow water
- make sure children are wearing sunblock
- request that parents who accompany us to the beach help by supervising children both in and out of the water

IMPORTANT

To be able to come on the beach trip the “Annual Permission slip and Activity Fee” form must be signed and returned. (Payment can be made later).

Please reinforce to your child that, due to the large number of children we are taking, it is important that everyone sticks to the rules and the timetable for swimming.

Children will also need good footwear for walking, a hat, a nourishing lunch, a drink and warm clothes to wear after swimming.

As with other trips, we rely on parents helping, so that we have appropriate adult: child ratios. If you can help, please indicate this on the permission slip. Feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

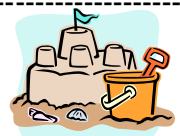
RAEWYN WATSON (*Principal*)

NOTE: Only return this portion if you are able to help out on the day!

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HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL Lyll Bay Beach Trip

Friday 12th February



I can / cannot come on the trip as a parent helper.

Return to school ASAP

I can / cannot help supervise children in the water.

Parent name: _____ My child is: _____ Room: _____

Signed: _____ Phone: _____