



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 6th April 2016

Week 10 of Term 1

Term 1 Calendar			
Week 10	Thurs 7 th April	7pm	Home & School AGM - Tomorrow
	Fri 8 th April	2:15pm	Assembly – Classes Presenting Rooms 1, 3 and 5
Week 11	Mon 11 th April	9:30am	Trip to Te Papa Marae – Whole School
	Tues 12 th April	7pm	HVS Board of Trustees Meeting
	Fri 15 th April	2pm	Performance Assembly
	Fri 15 th April		Last Day of Term 1 2016
Week 1	Mon 2 nd May		First Day of Term 2 2016
Week 2	Frid 13 th May	No School	Teacher Only Day – No School
Week 6	Mon 6 th June	No School	Queens Birthday Weekend – No School
Week 10	Fri 8 th July		Last Day of Term 2 2016
ASB Banking days is Thursday		•	Bee Healthy Dental – 0800 825 583
Sushi available Thursdays – go online to www.wrapitup.co.nz before 9am on Thursday to order			
Kelly Club After School Care – Adam Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz			
HV School Fair - Term 4 2016 – Saturday 29th October 2016			

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou,

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Lara, Monica and I had a beneficial time away at the Wellington Principals Conference last week. The speakers were outstanding and it's always good to network with colleagues.

Monday was a highlight this week with performer Bernard Mangakahia visiting the school. I managed to see some of the show and was absolutely thrilled to see his skills with poi and loved hearing his stories and the interesting information he shared.

Check out his website

www.bemana.wix.com/mana.



You have no doubt heard through the media there are updated Health and Safety regulations that came into effect this week. We've been working through our policies and procedures for some time now and have some new systems in place to help us stay on top of things. One change for us is more deliberate, regular attention to health and safety matters as a whole staff. We now have a slot in our staff meeting each week to discuss any health and safety matters and we have a new shared system for recording hazards so they are brought to our attention promptly. One of the things being stressed with the new legislation is that everyone is responsible; therefore I also encourage you to bring things to our attention if you have concerns, ideas or contributions to make.

I'm still working through our property issues with the Ministry of Education and hope to have some answers soon as to how to progress the building issues in Nikau and Karaka classrooms. Planning is underway to improve Pohutukawa and Kowhai classrooms and we're also working out improvements to the administration entranceway area. There's a hold up on approving a new classroom due to new policy direction within the ministry. This is very frustrating as we are due a new classroom and are likely to need to use the library again this year as the roll continues to grow.

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RATS!!!! Many of you will have heard the rat discussions (no, sadly not rumours) around the school in the past week. Rats had a grand Easter party in one of our classrooms, demolishing left over Easter eggs, a sunflower and some freshly picked zucchini from the school garden! A big clean up, including a carpet clean were the order of the day on the holiday Easter holiday Tuesday. Sadly we had the same issue on the Wednesday, although not so severe, so launched another clean-up before the school day began. With Dave's (caretaker) help and also extra input from a pest control company, we seem to be getting on top of the little rascals. By all accounts, pests such as rats, mice, cockroaches and others have thrived in our long summer.



Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumuaki

A BIG WELCOME in NGAIO CLASS TO:

☺ Willem Mebus ☺ Milly Umaga



TE PAPA TONGAREWA TE MARAE VISIT

Next Monday, April 11th, 2016, Houghton Valley are going on a whole school visit to Te Papa Tongarewa – The Museum of New Zealand. We will be visiting the *Mana Whenua* exhibits in line with our Te Marae Discovery topic for this term. The students will have an opportunity to participate in a powhiri and learn about some of the important Māori artefacts that are on display, which are an integral part of New Zealand's history. Seniors (Year 6-3) leave on bus at 9:30am and Juniors (Year 1-2) leave at 10:30am. Please checkout the notice sent home yesterday.



Burger Co-ordinator Still Required:

A Co-ordinator is required for the Friday burgers. Burgers are sold each Friday in term 2 and 3, a roster is organised so the burgers are cooked by 2 parents with assistance from the year 6s. The co-ordinator role is to ensure there are sufficient supplies for Friday and that all the helpers know what to do - usually by phone in the days before their duty. Faith has done this for the last few years and is stepping down but is on hand to pass on the knowledge needed! If you can do this or want to know more please let Sarah know - homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz If no-one takes on this role there can't be any burgers so please think if you have some time to spare and could take this on.

Burger Roster will be up on noticeboard in the foyer asking parent volunteers to cook burgers in Term 2.



KELLY CLUB Holiday Programmes (18 Apr-29 Apr) – Kelly Club offers full time Holiday Programmes during all school holidays. Our programmes focus on giving children between 5-13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. They are packed with variety to entertain, inspire and challenge children and most of all to have fun! We operate from the following venues; ****NEW** Houghton Valley School and Island Bay School.**



Performance Assembly

Next Friday 15th April starting at 2pm in the school hall

Home and School Information

Home and School AGM Thursday 7th April 7pm
in staffroom all parents welcome.



The Walkathon made \$2,827.58. Great effort.



School Fair Update – Saturday 29th October 2016



We are still looking for someone to look after games and activities at the Fair. This is one of the most fun areas of the fair, so if you think you can do it, please let us know, or contact Karen for more information. We still need 'key' coordinators for other areas too. It would be awesome if newer families to the school could get involved, to ensure the Fair thrives in the future when all us oldies have moved on to Intermediate. Huge thanks to Sally Aitken, who has volunteered to look after Food this year, and to Mary Bond, who will be running the Silent Auction.

We are always after chutneys and jams to sell on our deli stall at the Fair (we sold out in record time last year!). If anyone has fruit trees growing with unwanted fruit, or if anyone can turn unwanted fruit into something yummy in a jar, please let us know.

For any fair-related questions or offers of help please contact Karen Parr - 027 209 4832.
parr.karen@gmail.com

Community News



KELLY SPORTS TERM 2

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that 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.

Autumn Action (Yrs 1-4) – Thursdays 3:05-4:05pm - Come and try **Football, Athletics, Hockey and Basketball**. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time! For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

FOOTBALL April Holiday Workshops - (Yrs 1–6) Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Wilton (all weather indoor surface) - Improve technique by working on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling & shooting with head coach Martin. We are running the following workshops; **Week 1**; 19th, 20th & 21st Apr-9.30am-12.30pm **Week 2**; 26th, 27th & 28th Apr 9.30am-12.30pm **Girls Only Workshop**; Wed 20th Apr -1.00-4.00pm.

NETBALL April Holiday Workshop - Onslow College Gym. Get ready for the 2016 Netball season! Increase your child's skills & confidence with our netball workshop, focusing on the key skill areas. **Week 2**; 27th & 28th Apr 9.30am-12.30pm

INSTEP DANCE STUDIO - Taking enrolments for Term 2 now. Free trial classes available. Offering dance classes at the Houghton Bay hall in ballet, jazz and contemporary for ages 3yrs +. For more information visit our website: instepdancestudio.co.nz or phone Lesley on 973 7837 email instepdance@hotmail.com

“OLIVER” showing for Upper Hutt Musical Theatre- Myles (Karaka class, Room 4) is playing one of Fagans Gang on in school holidays 14th – 23rd April. For tickets ring 04 527 2186 or www.ticketdirect.co.nz

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS AND STUDENTS

Project Title: Bikes in Schools Evaluation
Researcher: Mackie Research and Consulting Ltd

Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Malo Lelei, Ni hao, Greetings Parents/Caregivers & Students

We invite you to participate in the evaluation of 'Bikes in Schools'.

What is Bikes in Schools?

Bikes in Schools aims to give students regular and equal access to bikes, and the opportunity to learn and practise riding in a safe environment. The programme usually involves a bike track (or tracks) within the school grounds and a set of bikes and helmets.

What is the Bikes in Schools evaluation?

Mackie Research is evaluating the Bikes in Schools programme for the next 3-years (on behalf of ACC). *Your school has started thinking about establishing a bike track over the next 3-years, and has agreed to support the evaluation.* This evaluation will be used to understand the effects of Bikes in Schools and to further improve the programme.

We will investigate:

1. How Bikes in Schools is being delivered in different schools across New Zealand
2. The effect of Bikes in Schools on:
 - bike access, cycle safety knowledge & skills, cycling participation levels of the school community
 - students' physical activity levels and students' engagement at school

What does the evaluation involve for me and my child(ren)?

- A questionnaire for students to be completed in 2016, 2017 and 2018. This will be completed at school and will take approximately 15-minutes.
- The researchers visiting the school to observe Bikes in Schools lessons and get feedback from students
- There may also be a survey or focus group for parents/caregivers approximately 1-year after the bike track has been built.

Your name and your child's name will not be used in any reports or documents and all information will be stored securely. You and your child(s) participation in this evaluation is voluntary and can be withdrawn at any time, without any consequences. Your school will be provided with a summary of results in 2018.

What do we need to do?

If you and your child are ok with being involved in this evaluation you don't need to do anything.

If you **do not want** your child to be involved in the evaluation you can either **contact Greer Hawley** on the details below or let your child(s) teacher know.

Contact: Greer Hawley, Mackie Research & Consulting

Phone: 09 5792328 Extn 109

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Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.