



Houghton Valley School
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HIRINGA, WERO, WHAKATUTUKITANGA

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 16th February 2016

Week 3 of Term 1

Term 1 Calendar			
Week 3	Fri 18 th Feb	2:15pm	Assembly
Week 4	Sunday 28 th Feb	2-4pm Walkathon	Home and School Walkathon and Picnic
Week 8	Fri 25 th March		Public Holiday - Good Friday
Week 9	Mon 28 th March		Public Holiday – Easter Monday
	Tues 29 th March		School Holiday – Easter Tuesday – NO SCHOOL
Week 11	Fri 15 th April		Last Day of Term 1 2016
HV School Fair – Saturday 29th October 2016			
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 – Adam Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz			

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou,

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Thank you to everyone who helped with the beach day last Friday – what a fantastic day. The weather was kind, even if the water was freezing! The initially unwelcome wind was actually a relief as the sun shone through. The whānau sandcastle competition was amazing as always with some very clever creations. The swimming, although cold, was a hit and only possible because of so many brave helpers.

There's some amazing progress now happening in the playground, finally! It's really exciting seeing the slides being installed – they are awesome. We've had a digger in today doing various excavation jobs for the playground. Dave (caretaker) is very happy to be taking the opportunity to install long-needed drainage. We've had on-going issues with these playground areas over winter, with rain often closing the playground for days after heavy rain. I've had one offer from someone to help with digging and Dave has lots of this lined up soon, so if you can also put your name in to be contacted, that would be appreciated. Once the slides are installed there'll be lots of landscaping to do. Please e-mail me or pop in to the office. We'll gather names and get in touch when we have some jobs and dates lined up.



The first Houghton Valley School Walk-a-thon is planned for Sunday 28 February, followed by the annual Home and School Picnic. It will be a fun family afternoon for everyone and also a way to support the funding for the bike track. Please support Home and School with lots of sponsors for this fun event.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

A BIG WELCOME in NGAIO CLASS TO:

☺ Lile Uhila

☺ Asher Hansen

HATS 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.



Emailed Newsletter: If you would like the weekly newsletter emailed to you – please email admin@houghton.school.nz with your appropriate email address. We can help save a few trees and environment. Thanks

Home and School Information

The Walk-a-thon and the Home and then School picnic are on Sunday 28th February. (in the case of rain the event will be postponed - rain day TBC)



When: Sunday 28th February 2- 4pm then Picnic

Where: School field

What: Walkathon, around the marked 1km course



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, get your sponsor form, 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, (or baking see below!) have a picnic on the field and enjoy the evening sunshine!

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help, more would be appreciated so let me know.

Also to raise more funds we will be selling baking, so if people could bring something we could sell at the picnic that would be awesome. You can leave it at school on the Friday, at my house on the Saturday or bring it with you on Sunday. Thank you for more information contact me : sarahduncan99@hotmail.com



School Fair - what, already!?

Jelly Beans - The giant jar of jelly beans from last year's school fair is still unclaimed. If you won the beans, or know who won, please let Denise know so that we can hand over the prize.

Fitness vouchers Rembuden Karate/Fitness of Brooklyn last year kindly offered the school ten \$60 gift vouchers for 5 x 30 minute get fit fast classes, a bonus personal health profile and personal nutrition coaching, to be given to Fair volunteers to thank them for their hard work. If you are interested in a voucher, please let Karen know.

Main Volunteers for this year The annual school fair is the school's biggest fundraiser, and is also an event which brings the school and the local community together. The date is set for SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER. It is early days, but we are keen to identify just a couple of key people now. Can you help with this year's fair?

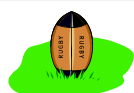
- **Overall Co-ordinator** - does anyone have the enthusiasm and the time to devote to organising the event? If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Karen ASAP, since I would love to hand over the coordination role of if anyone is raring to take up the reins. We also need to fill two of our biggest fair roles this year:

- **Food Co-ordinator** - food is our biggest revenue earner and is a logistical challenge to organise. However the previous awesome coordinator, Bronwyn Kelly, has left a detailed how-to guide, and there are lots of experienced stallholders who know exactly what they are doing to smooth the way.

- **Silent Auction Co-ordinator** - since the amazing Natasha Macaulay has hung up her boots after several years of hard work we need someone to contact/sweet talk local businesses for donations, organise collection, run the auction. etc etc. Again, help and helpers will be provided.

Coordinators will be needed in other areas too so please do get in touch if you are at all interested in a 'big job'. Contact parr.karen@gmail.com (027 209 4832), or homeandschool@houghton.school.nz

Community News



Oriental Rongotai Junior Rugby Mini Magpies Come along and play for the best family friendly club in Wellington.

We have rugby for Nursery Grade (under 4), Ripa rugby (non tackle) under 6 & 7 grades and Tackle rugby under 8-13 grades. Registration days and times: Wednesday 17th February 5:30pm - 7:00pm Hurricanes Night, Wednesday 2nd March 5:30pm - 7:00pm, Wednesday 16th March 5:30pm - 7:00pm - Polo Ground, 22 Park Rd Miramar. For more information email: minimagpies@ories.org.nz

Harbour City Junior Hockey - Registrations are now open for the 2016 season! We are an established club with players from across Wellington, giving boys and the girls the chance to play hockey in a fun and friendly environment. In 2016 we will have multiple teams for players from Year 3 – 8 and the 'Funsticks' programme for Year 1-2. New players are always welcome! Register on-line at www.hcjh.org.nz. For more information e-mail harbourcityjh@gmail.com or ring 0212 763 222.

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HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL WALK-A-THON

Sunday 28th February 2016 (rain day TBC)

Walk-a-thon



The students of Houghton Valley School will be participating in our first ever Walk-A-Thon.

Each student will have 2 hours to complete as many laps as they can or want to. Please be aware that each lap is approximately 1km and some children might only be able to complete a few laps.

Laps

Completed



**YOU CAN EITHER SPONSOR PER LAP
OR DONATE A TOTAL AMOUNT**

\$ per km	OR Donation	SPONSOR NAME	PHONE NUMBER	AMOUNT DUE

*PLEASE USE BACK OF FORM IF YOU RUN OUT OF SPACE

Walk-a-thon

