



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

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 2nd March 2016

Week 5 of Term 1

Term 1 Calendar			
Week 5	Fri 4 th March	2:15pm	Assembly
	Fri 4 th March	3pm	Bake & Craft Sale (<i>fundraise for Fiji Cyclone outside Karaka</i>)
Week 6	Thurs 10 th March	7pm	Home & School Meeting in Staffroom
	Fri 11 th March	2:15pm	Assembly
Week 7	Tues 15 th March	6pm	Board of Trustees Meeting (<i>note early start</i>)
Week 8	Fri 25 th March		Public Holiday - Good Friday
Week 9	Mon 28 th March		Public Holiday – Easter Monday
	Tues 29 th March	No School	School Holiday – Easter Tuesday – NO SCHOOL
Week 11	Fri 15 th April		Last Day of Term 1 2016
Week 1	Mon 2 nd May		First Day of Term 2 2016
Week 2	Friday 13 th May	NO SCHOOL	Teacher Only Day – No School
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

I'm sorry to have missed the Walk-a-thon and picnic on Sunday. It sounds like it was a lot of fun. Thank you for your support of this fundraising activity. I spent the weekend at my family reunion, catching up with relatives and meeting a lot of the offspring of cousins I haven't seen for 35 years or more! It was great to reconnect.

If your child/ren are in Whero Whanau Group, I hope you'll join me for coffee (tea) and a snack tomorrow morning at 8am. I held these breakfasts in 2013 and 2014 and after a break last year I've restarted them. They've been very enjoyable and popular way to connect.

Teacher Only Day 13 May 2016

We're very excited to be able to work with Bek Galloway, presenter, facilitator and coach of Innovative Teaching and Learning, early in term two. Several of our teachers have been on a course with Bek, a primary trained teacher who has held a range of leadership positions, and now works as an education consultant. She has a strong passion for and ten years' experience in developing 'Innovative Teaching & Learning' in schools. She supports schools to engage their students with a learning culture of inquiry, to enable students through deep thinking & learning, to empower students with authentic agency and to manage innovation in collaborative learning spaces. Bek is in high demand and not available either end of Queen's birthday weekend as we'd hoped. We were able to instead confirm a day to add onto a weekend.

FYI, teacher only days do not reduce the number of the days the school is open for instruction. To have a teacher only day, schools adjust their start and end dates within Ministry of Education guidelines, thus reducing the number of holiday days for staff, not children.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

A BIG WELCOME in NGAIO CLASS TO: 😊 Ashton Cameron



Invitation to Whero Whanau Group Families
PRINCIPAL'S BREAKFAST Thursday 3 March 8am



Hopefully you received your e-mailed invitation to this and can join Lara, Whānau Whero's Leader and I for a chat over tea/coffee/juice and muffins - or similar.

Thanks to those who have already replied, but if you haven't, please still join us. I'll have plenty of coffee (tea) and some extra food in case.



From the Library...

Parents/caregivers - don't forget you are welcome to join the Library to borrow any books you may wish to share with your children. Please come to the Library and sign up. Forms will be available at the Whanau breakfasts or any afternoon in the Library.

Borrowing is from 2.45pm to 3.10pm Monday to Thursday, or by an emailed request to joanna@houghton.school.nz I'll look forward to showing you our collection. Thank you. Joanna

Bake Stall and Craft Stall for FIJI - Friday 4th March at 3pm outside Karaka Class



We are holding a bake and craft stall (children's craft) on Friday 4th March at 3pm to raise funds for the devastation in Fiji after the terrible cyclone. Maartje (Milla and Isaac's Mum) is kindly coordinating these stalls. Please contact her on Cell 021611472 or email: maartjekiwi@hotmail.com or just bring in some baking on Friday and leave in the school library on the tables before or during school – please indicate if there are any nuts in the produce. Thanks.



Home and School Information

Walk-a-thon Thanks



Thank you to everyone who was part of Sunday's first walk-a-thon.

Special thank yous to Michelle Bush for the music and MC'ing, Kendra and whanau for the bake selling, Kevin and Michael for the sausage sizzling and tug of war competition, Ciandra, Gleneska, Kate and Flynn's dad for the lap recording, Erica, Wolfgang and Kirsten for the water table, Karen for organising the juice, Caz for doing what needed doing and caretaker Dave for generally being great and going above and beyond as always.

Thank you also to everyone who helped out in any way - sat and supported, bought yummy food and sponsored the walkers. Thank you too to Burke's cycles for providing spot prizes. Finally a huge well done and thank you to the walkers - adults and especially the children. There were some amazing distances walked - it was a fabulous thing to see and I hear everyone slept very well!



It is time to collect your sponsor money. Note: one lap equalled ½ a km. Please put in an envelope clearly marked with your name and leave in the container in Denise's office or internet bank to the Home and School Account 12-3481-0049991-00 with Walk-a-thon and name in reference. All money raised will be put towards the development of the bike track. We will give you a grand total as soon as we have it.

School Fair



Fitness vouchers still available - Rembuden Karate/Fitness of Brooklyn last year kindly offered the school ten gift vouchers (worth \$60!) 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.

We still have some vouchers left, so if you are interested in a FREE voucher, please let Karen know on parr.karen@gmail.com, or 027 209 4832.

Fair Coordinators - We have filled the Silent Auction job - thank you so much Mary! We are however, still looking for someone to take on what is arguably our biggest and most challenging fair job - that of organising the FOOD. If you think you could liaise with and guide our volunteer stallholders, order supplies, and oversee the food court on Fairday, please let Karen know: parr.karen@gmail.com, or 027 209 4832.



The next **Home and School Meeting** is coming up on **Thursday 10th March 7.00pm** in the staff room. Come along and hear what is going on in the school community.

Community News

Lyall Bay School Fair: Fri 11 Mar 2016, 05:00pm -7.30pm At Lyall Bay School, Freyberg St, Lyall Bay. A fun night out for the entire family. Take a night off cooking dinner and visit our many international food stalls. Spend your pocket money at stalls selling books, cakes, toys and clothes. Plus there will be entertainment, raffles, silent auctions, and games for everyone. Please come and support our fabulous school in our effort to fundraise for an upgraded playground. Its on rain or shine!

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