



## NEWSLETTER

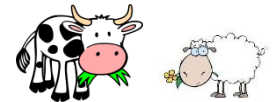
Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Week 6 of Term 1

Term 1 Calendar			
Week 6	Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm	Home & School Meeting in Staffroom
	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> March	2:15pm	Assembly
Week 7	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm	Board of Trustees Meeting <i>(note early start)</i>
Week 8	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> March	No School	Public Holiday - Good Friday
Week 9	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> March	No School	Public Holiday – Easter Monday
	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> March	No School	School Holiday – Easter Tuesday – NO SCHOOL
Week 11	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> April		Last Day of Term 1 2016
Week 1	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May		First Day of Term 2 2016
Week 2	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	NO SCHOOL	<b>Teacher Only Day</b> – No School
<b>HV School Fair – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>			
ASB Banking days is Thursday			
Sushi available Thursdays – go online to <a href="http://www.wrapitup.co.nz">www.wrapitup.co.nz</a> before 9am on Thursday to order			
Kelly Club After School Care – Adam Cell 022 010 9981 or email <a href="mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz">houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</a>			

### Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou,

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children



We've loved our beautiful weather – what a treat. I have to admit though, I was very happy to see some rain yesterday. We're getting very short of grass for our stock so a few days rain will be very welcome!

Sadly, once again, nasty ol' nits are doing the rounds and we need your support to get them under control. Nits love spreading from head to head and clean hair is no barrier to these annoying creatures. I swear by vigorous brushing every day whether they are present or not. There is of course a range of other treatments available and we urge you to be vigilant checking daily. Remember they don't always itch so checking the head carefully is the only sure way to know. Check out <https://www.health.govt.nz/resource/headlice-facts>.

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is next Tuesday, 15 March starting at 6pm. If you've been thinking about joining the Board, attending a meeting will be a useful step in finding out more. Remember also, Boards of Trustees are able to co-opt members for specific roles or projects, so if you have something to offer but don't want the full commitment of being on the board, this may be an option for you too.

The playground is progressing well. We're waiting for some replacement components, then the mulch will be added, the playground audited by the Playground Centre and we should be ready for the grand opening. I'm hoping that will be within the next couple of weeks. Dave has requested help to get the last jobs completed. Please see the request below.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumuaki

## PLAYGROUND PROGRESS



The concrete pour last Thursday removed most of the worst hazards caused by the reconstruction of our grounds and now we can welcome your assistance. Much of the remaining work involves transporting small amounts of rubble; raking areas in preparation for lawns and chips/bark; digging holes for steps and path edges; laying weed-mat; etc. Dave, our caretaker, will be available most week-days 2-4pm and 6-7.30pm, as well as for periods during the next weekend or two. Please feel free to text him 0220962488 if you can assist for a while at any of these times. Many thanks.





## 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Teachers have selected students to take part in the 2016 ICAS assessments. They should have brought home a form for you to return to school. Please check with your child and ensure they return the forms by the date indicated. If you have misplaced the form or would like your child to participate, please talk to your child's teacher. The assessments are very challenging so there is little benefit for children to just sit them for the experience. Please treat them as an extension exercise.

**Entries must be delivered to the school office by Thursday 2 April.**

If you are unable to pay the fees by this time, please still send the return slip back so your child can still be entered in the competition. You may then make arrangements to pay the fees when it is convenient, but prior to the sitting of the test/s. **Late entries cannot be accepted.** Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher or contact Raewyn Watson at the school principal@houghton.school.nz or 9393318 if you have any questions about the competitions.

### Bake Stall and Craft Stall for FIJI - Thanks

Thanks to all who helped bake and purchased items at the Bake Sale and Craft stall.



Bake Sale \$274  
Crafts Stall \$50.70



We made a total of **\$324.70** to donate to the Red Cross Fiji Cyclone Appeal.

## Home and School Information

### Walk-a-thon Monies



Please forward any monies for the Walk-a-thon to the school office by the end of this week so we can get a total. Note: one lap equalled  $\frac{1}{2}$  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 next week.



The next **Home and School Meeting** is coming up on

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm** in the staff room.

Come along and hear what is going on in the school community.

## Community News

**Bike Wanted to Borrow Please** We have a Japanese homestay student coming for 12 nights. He is 13 years old and going to SWIS. We would like to borrow a bike with gears for him to use if you have one spare. Many thanks – Kate (Manawa and Te Maihi's Mum) [kmitcalfe@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:kmitcalfe@yahoo.co.nz) ph 383-5234

The **Weetbix Triathlon** is coming up fast on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, we have 23 entrants from HVS this year which is great. As we have such a big group we will get to have a school photo taken after the event so please stay around, if at all possible, after the prize giving. I hope training is going well and this fantastic weather continues. Sarah

**Lyll Bay School Fair: Fri 11 Mar 2016 - 5:00pm -7.30pm** At Lyll Bay School, Freyberg St, Lyll 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!