



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 23rd March 2016

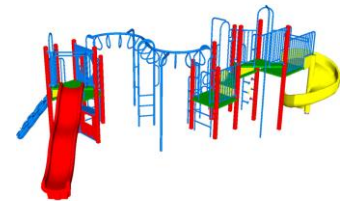
Week 8 of Term 1

Term 1 Calendar			
Week 8	Wed 23 rd March	6-7pm	HVS WHANAU MAORI CONSULTATION HUI in Library TONIGHT
	Fri 25 th March	No School	Public Holiday - Good Friday – NO ASSEMBLY
Week 9	Mon 28 th March	No School	Public Holiday – Easter Monday
	Tues 29 th March	No School	School Holiday – Easter Tuesday
	Fri 1 st April	2:15pm	Assembly – Classes 2, 4, 6
Week 10	Thurs 7 th April	7pm	Home & School AGM
	Fri 8 th April	2:15pm	Assembly
Week 11	Tues 12 th April	7pm	HVS Board of Trustees Meeting
	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 is 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			
Bee Healthy Dental – 0800 825 583			

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou,

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Thank you again to everyone helping with the playground. Some of the replacement parts have now arrived so we can get them installed as soon as possible. We're planning an opening ceremony so keep a look out for confirmation and details and join us if you can. Planning for the bike track is still ongoing with funding applications for grants the main priority at the moment. If you have any good contacts for places to apply for grants do please let us know.



Hopefully you have something nice planned for the Easter break. It's the first time for years we've had Easter outside the school holidays so remember Tuesday is a holiday too. Five days off!

We welcome Michelle and Ross, two trainee teachers to Ti Kouka and Nikau classes. Michelle and Ross are training through Victoria University. Trainee teachers go into schools as an important part of their training. We always enjoy their input and enthusiasm as they also bring the latest and greatest ideas to share as well.

Lara, Monnie and I are away next Thursday and Friday at the Wellington Regional Primary Principals Association conference. The theme of the conference this year is Mission Possible, Energised Leaders, Energised Teams. There's a fantastic range of keynote speakers - Ray Avery, Sam Johnson, Debbie Mayo Smith, Brendan Clark, Andrea Thompson and Ed Timings. The following is from the conference programme and describes what we're in for over the two days so we're really looking forward to it.

"Keeping children at the core of what we do, leading with our hearts and remaining future focused, is certainly a challenge in the current education environment. If we want our teams to face these challenges with energy, we as leaders need to sustain our energy too. "Your mission should you choose to accept it" is to make sure you have the energy to lead your team through the challenges. The planning committee is pleased to be offering in 2016 a great line up of inspiring speakers who have achieved amazing things in their personal and work lives. They are going to share some of the things that keep them energized and on top of their game. It will be an opportunity for you to be inspired and challenged. This conference will re-energize you in your quest to be a great leader."

Remember to consider running for the Board of Trustees or the Home and School committee. Hopefully you can attend the Home and School AGM on Thursday 7 April.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumuaki



TUMMY BUGS AND OTHER ILLNESSES

PLEASE err on the side of caution and keep your children home if they're complaining of a sore tummy. We've had a bout of vomiting bugs and would love to stop this spreading further.

If your child has been sick, especially if they've vomited or have diarrhoea, we ask that you keep them home for at least 24 hours after the last vomiting episode. This usually means an extra day off school if they were sent home during the school day. This will help prevent sending the bug all around the school. Children will quite often feel ok in themselves, but can still spread the germs. We also have to consider the staff as when a child comes to school with a bug and passes it to the teacher he/she has to have time off too.

Our aim is to keep everyone well. We know it's a pain if you are working and have to find child care but please support us in keeping the bugs at bay. No doubt there'll be other colds and flu bugs doing the rounds soon too and this same practice applies for them too.

HVS WHANAU MAORI CONSULTATION HUI - TONIGHT

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI! We invite all of our *Whanau Maori* to attend a hui tonight Wednesday, March 23rd from 6.00pm - 7.00pm in the school library. It is a great opportunity update you on what we are doing in regards to the current te reo me ona tikanga Maori initiatives that the school is undertaking.



Light refreshments will be provided. Nga mihi kia koutou katoa. Monica Mercury



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LAST CALL

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. 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.

We are able to accept entries until the end of tomorrow Thursday 23 March as per the form.

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.



APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME **At Houghton Valley School**

Kelly Club is offering a Holiday Programme for the April School Holidays from Monday 18th to Friday 29th April at **HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL**. The programme focuses on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. It is packed with a wide variety of activities to entertain the children and trips too!

Come and play games, cook & bake, do crafts, play sports and make new friends – you name it and they will be doing it these holidays at Kelly Club!

For more information and to make a booking please visit www.kellyclub.co.nz, email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz or call Kelly Club 022 010 9981.

Home and School Information

Home and School AGM 7pm Thursday 7th April

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM next month.

TREASURER URGENTLY WANTED

There is a vacant position for treasurer as Caz Hales will be stepping down from this position at the AGM as her family are moving to England for a couple of years.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Every year elections are held for the officer positions at the AGM and we welcome all interested individuals to come and talk to the current officers about what the roles involve. If you are interested in undertaking one of these roles then please contact Caz Hales (homeandschooltreasurer@houghton.school.nz or 021 301074) for further information. If you are unable to attend the AGM and want to be nominated then please send an email expressing your interest in a position to: homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz

There are three officers elected onto the committee: Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Treasurer role

1. Responsible for the bookkeeping for Home & School, and preparation of yearly accounts
2. Very easy online Xero system, with lots of training provided
3. Would suit someone not necessarily experienced, but with an aptitude for numbers
4. Nominated Finance co-ordinator for the school fair

Chair role

1. Oversees and directs the business and affairs of Home and School, including the work plan
2. Chairs meetings, sets agendas in consultation with other officers.
3. Provides monthly H&S reports to the BoT.
4. Keeps in touch with the Principal and BoT, to ensure good communication from H&S to the BoT & Principal and vice versa.

Secretary role

1. Takes minutes at the monthly meetings, stores and distribute them via email
2. Deals with any correspondence received - letters or emails
3. Ensures meetings are publicised via the newsletter and email
4. Ensures there are biscuits for the Home and school meetings (optional)!!

We welcome all new families to come along and get to know other parents, Board of Trustee members and school staff. Light refreshments will be provided.

Cheers

The Home and School Officers

Burger Co-ordinator 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.

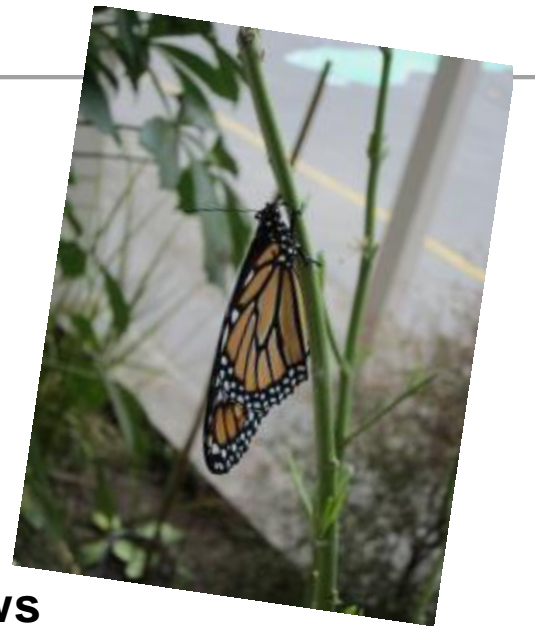




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Community News



The HVS **Weetbix Triathlon** team that competed last Sunday – well done.

BOOT CAMP ATTENTION PARENTS Do you want to get active this term? Come take the risk and find out! 6.30am every Wednesday and Friday this term. 30 minutes high intensity boot camp style training on the top court at school. Don't let this scare you; there are options for all fitness levels. It's free, come one, come all. Drop into Kowhai to see Mr Ready for any questions or queries. **Note: No Boot Camp this Easter Friday.**

ASB Holiday Football @ Wakefield Park, Island Bay, 18 – 22 April 2016. Island Bay United is running a holiday programme – Monday 18 to Friday 22 April, 9am – 3pm. This programme is loved by primary and intermediate boys and girls, aged 5 – 12. The ASB Holiday Programme is NZ Football sanctioned through the Capital Football Federation. Get in quick to work with our Coaching and Developing Manager, Martin Garcia and enjoy 5 days filled with fun and football. Registration is on the IBU Junior club website www.ibujuniors.org.nz. Five days is \$160, or \$35 per day. Email queries to events@ibujuniors.org.nz

Visique is giving away free sunglasses to new entrant students. Houghton Valley School has been given vouchers for these free sunglasses. Simply take the voucher with your child to Visique City to be fitted. Visique also looks after the eye health and vision of older students, visit Visique at 55 Manners Mall to find out more.