



Houghton Valley School
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NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 4th May 2016

Week 1 of Term 2

Term 2 Calendar			
Week 1	Fri 6 th May		CRAZY Hair Day
	Fri 6 th May	2:15pm	Assembly - Classes Presenting Rooms 7, 8 and 9
Week 2	Tues 10 th May	7pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Thurs 12 th May	7:00pm	Home and School Meeting
	Fri 13 th May	No School	Teacher Only Day – No School (no assembly)
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 – Philiipa - Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz			
HV School Fair - Term 4 2016 – Saturday 29 th October 2016			
HVS SWIMMING will be Term 3 Week 2-9 on Mondays			

Teacher Only Day - Friday 13th May 2016 - No School

See Community Notice for possibility of the option for Kelly Club on this day !

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou,

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children



Welcome back everyone. It's hard to believe it's May already and the sun is still shining.

We've had the go ahead to use the new play equipment so over the next three days different year groups will be rostered on to use the playground during the breaks. There's a bit more tidying up to do before the slides can be opened but we're nearly there! Thank you so much to everyone who has turned up to help Dave with this project. Dave had a vision for the area and has been working really hard to create a fun space for the children and community. There's a bit more still to do so please let Dave know if you can spare some time to help with the clean up as he finishes the landscaping.

For your interest, planning has started for the refurbishment of rooms 1 and 2. We're hoping to start this by the end of term, if not before. I'm still working with the Ministry of Education to progress the refurbishment of rooms 3 and 4. I'll hopefully have news within the next couple of weeks.

Progress is also being made on the bike track project. We still need to secure more funding and there's still work to be done fine tuning the plans to ensure this community asset benefits everyone and to ensure the final design allows us to continue to use the field for all our sporting activities. Please let me know if you're interested in helping out with the planning and/or organisation of this project.

Our first school holiday programme was a great success. Kelly Club have been great to work with and hopefully the programme being held at the school was helpful. It sounds like they had lots of fun.

If you were able to attend the Performance Assembly at the end of last term you would have enjoyed the impressive performance by the school choir. A big thank you to Kathryn Hunt who has been leading the choir. Congratulations to you all.

We have some interesting activities planned this term, including sessions next week around staying safe with electricity and the next week St Johns are leading workshops on first aid. Later in the term Footsteps Dance Company are taking workshops. Our Discovery topic this term is around "Schoolgen Energy Efficiency"

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumuaki

A BIG WELCOME in NGAIO CLASS TO:

☺ Anna Puddick & ☺ Charlotte Thomas
☺ Benjamin Young in Mahoe & ☺ Samuel Young in Pohutukawa



'CRAZY HAIR DAY'

Houghton Valley have registered to be part of an exciting fundraising day for the WESTPAC CHOPPER APPEAL – LIFE FLIGHT TRUST this FRIDAY!



This is a one-day event and Houghton Valley has chosen a 'CRAZY HAIR DAY' theme. The students can come to school with 'CRAZY HAIR!' and bring a koha of a gold coin. Every child who donates a koha gets a special WESTPAC CHOPPER sticker!

They are an extremely important community service and need constant funds to keep going. Please be generous with your donation. All proceeds from the fundraising will go to the LIFEFLIGHT TRUST.

Houghton Valley School - Board of Trustees' Election

Parent Election Notice - Board of trustees' election

Nominations are invited for the election of **five** parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations has been posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself (make sure you sign both parts of the form).

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 20 May 2016 and may be accompanied by signed candidates' statements.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection on the school noticeboard.

Voting closes at noon on 3 June 2016.

Katy MacLeod - Returning Officer

Library News....

"What's on? Wednesdays" in the Library....

The Wednesday Lunchtime activity got off to a good start today. It was based on all the popular books we have commemorating wars/peace and ANZAC Day. Major Logan Vaughan was our guest and the children were fascinated by his stories of helping out in Fiji after their recent cyclone, the rigorous training soldiers do, what's in a ration pack and how heavy their packs are!



Next Wednesday will be a Teddy Bear's Picnic - bring your teddy. Each up-coming Wednesday will be advertised in the Library window under the clock, in the newsletter, and student Librarians will also be promoting them in classrooms. Taking part is voluntary.

I hope to cover a huge range of activities related to books in the Library. I'm still needing to fill in some Wednesday's (Terms 2 & 3) so if you (parents) have a talent of interest to children, please contact me. (joanna@houghton.school.nz)

Thank you.

Joanna Librarian

Get to School Safely

We've had a concerned member of our community call about children on the footpath passing her driveway at high speed on scooters and also running.



Please remind your children to take care as they pass driveways as cars may be exiting and it can be impossible for drivers to see anyone coming down the road until they're already on the footpath. This is manageable with walkers but the children are travelling really fast and the concern is someone will be hurt.



Dental Clinic

Parents of children at Houghton Valley School who have pre-schoolers can come and book an appointment with us, for before or after school. The dental van leaves on the 20th May 2016. Bee Healthy Dental – 0800 825 583



Burger Lunches start this FRIDAY



\$3 Healthy BBQ Burgers - every Fridays \$3

Ordering: Between 8:30am and 9am, children to line-up outside the Library with cash to place their burger order. Cash only.

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Burger Roster is up on noticeboard in the foyer asking for parent volunteers to cook burgers to sell to the children on Fridays in Term 2. You will be needed to be available from approx. 11am till 1:30pm. Time slots still to fill week 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. We need the roster full ASAP, so please write your name, phone number and email address if you can help then the Burger Co-ordinators will contact you. Thanks, Faith



Cross Country

It's great to see the children outside using our wonderful grounds to practice Cross Country. There has been steady improvement in times for the children and growing fitness for the winter sports happening next term. We will be having our Cross Country celebration week 5 Tuesday 31st May in term 2. Parents remember to get your training in for the Parents vs. Joe Ready Gut Buster Challenge! He has been in training and even cross training.

PSW Football Tournament

What a fantastic day starting with a refreshing walk in the morning, blue skies and a little bit of football. We entered 5 teams and a total of 55 children from the senior school attended this annual tournament. The clique fits well "The kids were the winners on the day". We won some, drew some and even lost some, but our children played hard, supported one another and had a massive amount of fun. Once again thank you to all the parents who helped. Without you we are not able to offer these opportunities to our children.



Term Two Dates to Diary

Houghton Valley School Cross Country	Tuesday 31st May(postponement 2nd June)
Southern Zone Cross Country	Thursday 9th June (postponement 14th, 16th June)
Interzone Cross Country	Tuesday 21st June (postponement 23rd June)
Regionals Cross Country	Tuesday 5th July (postponement 7th July)

If you have any stories or photos of sports-related events that we can use in the newsletters and are happy to share them with everyone else, please e-mail me on matt@houghton.school.nz.

Home and School Information

Home and School Meeting - Thursday 12th May 7.00pm in the staff room

If you have a child at HVS you are already part of the home and school community. We organise fundraising and community events, decide on how to spend the money that is raised in conjunction with the Board of Trustees and hear what the school is up to! Come along to the meeting and get involved.



Support the Houghton Valley School - order your Entertainment Membership now

We're excited to be fundraising with Entertainment™ this year. Order your NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Books and Entertainment™ Digital Memberships from us today, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our fundraising! Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, café, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and much more! Available as a traditional Entertainment Book - or - Digital Membership on your smartphone, your Membership gives you over \$20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2017!

To order please go to: <http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1097k91> this is a specific link for HVS so they will track how many copies we sell and let us have the money, so please let your friends, work colleagues know as the more copies we sell the more money we raise!

Community News



Teacher Only Day – Kelly Club

On Friday 13th May Houghton Valley School has a teacher only day. Kelly Club will offer a one day programme on that day if there is enough demand for care.

The programme would have the following session options;

Full Day 8.30am to 5.30pm

School Day 9.00am to 3.30pm

Half Day 9.00am-12.30pm or 12.30-3.30pm

If you would like your child(ren) to attend Kelly Club on Friday 13th May can you please advise their names and which session option you would like them to attend no later than this Friday 6th May. Please email this information to houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz and if there are sufficient children wishing to attend Kelly Club will confirm the programme and make your booking for you.

Community Emergency Planning The Island Bay community are coming together to discuss how a significant earthquake will impact them. All South Coast residents are encouraged to come join the conversation too! Interested community members, together with the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office, are holding a short series of meetings to work through a process to develop a Community Emergency Response Plan, and consider other opportunities to build further resilience along the South Coast.

We'd love to have Owhiro Bay residents join in either as part of our planning process, or to develop a plan for Owhiro Bay at the same time.

These meetings will be on **Thursday evenings 5 & 19 May and 2 June** at the **Island Bay Bowling Club** on the Parade, **7.30 – 9.30pm**. Drinks and Nibbles will be provided with the bar open to!

A similar programme is being very tentatively discussed for the wider Kilbirnie / Lyall Bay area later in the year which could also include Houghton Bay too.

Please share with anyone who may be interested.

Instep Dance Studio - Taking new enrollments now. Based at the Houghton Bay Hall we offer dance classes in ballet, jazz and contemporary for ages 3yrs +. Experienced and qualified teachers.

Take advantage of a no obligation free trial class, to see if dance is suitable for you and your child.

For more info visit www.instepdancestudio.co.nz or contact Lesley on 973-STEP or email instepdance@hotmail.com.

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