



## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Week 2 of Term 2

Term 2 Calendar			
Week 2	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00pm	Home and School Meeting
	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> May	No School	<b>Teacher Only Day – No School</b> (no assembly)
Week 3	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Noon	<b>BOT Nominations Close</b>
	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> May	2:15pm	Assembly - Classes Presenting - Rooms 2, 4 & 6
Week 5	Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> May		HVS Cross Country
Week 6	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	No School	<b>Queens Birthday Weekend – No School</b>
Week 10	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July		Last Day of Term 2 2016
<b>ASB Banking days is Thursday • Bee Healthy Dental – 0800 825 583</b>			
<b>Sushi available Thursdays – go online to <a href="http://www.wrapitup.co.nz">www.wrapitup.co.nz</a> before 9am on Thursday to order</b>			
<b>Kelly Club After School Care – Phillipa - Cell 022 010 9981 or email <a href="mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz">houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</a></b>			
<b>HVS SWIMMING will be Term 3 Week 2-9 on Mondays</b>			
<b>HV School Fair - Term 4 2016 – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>			

### No School - Teacher Only Day – this Friday 13th May 2016

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

We had a lot of fun with our crazy hair last Friday raising funds to support the Westpac Lifeflight Chopper Appeal. I just hope I never need to call on them for help. Living on a farm, with a quad bike and lots of tools like chainsaws, a mulcher, wood splitter and more, I'm aware of how easily things can go wrong. Our previous property owner did require rescue after a quad bike fall so we try to be extra careful! Thank you to everyone who sent in coins.



We're looking forward to our day with Bek Galloway this coming Friday. Several teachers have already been on courses with Bek and have found her amazing. Bek will be leading us in discussions around Innovative Learning Practices and student inquiry, helping us further refine our planning and teaching of the Discovery topics and integration across all curriculum areas.

Once again, thank you for the help on the playground. If you see Dave around and about, take the time to congratulate him on this amazing project as he has been the driver in getting the playground and landscaping completed. Thank you also for your support of the school fair for the past two years as this allowed us to do this upgrade. In the spirit of Houghton Valley School, we were able to, through recycling, and lots of volunteer hours, achieve what would normally cost well over \$100k for a fraction of that. Well done everyone.

We now really need someone to help lead the Bike Project. The plans are not yet finalised as we need to ensure the best use is made of the area and the best outcome for the school and community. We still need to hold sporting events for our school and the others who appreciate our grounds. Please let me know if you're interested or want to know more.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumuaki

**A BIG WELCOME in NGAIO CLASS TO:**

**☺ Rupert Wynands**

## 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.

There is a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection on the school noticeboard, website and on our Facebook page (Houghton Valley School - Home & School Association).

Voting closes at noon on 3 June 2016.

Katy MacLeod - Returning Officer

### 'CRAZY HAIR DAY'



Houghton Valley School have fundraised **\$266.10** for the WESTPAC CHOPPER APPEAL – LIFE FLIGHT TRUST this FRIDAY! Well done to everyone.



### Request for Reading Tutors

Do you have a free 30 to 60 minutes 2 to 3 times each week to support children with their reading?

We need enthusiastic adults to provide a friendly ear for children needing extra support with their reading across all the year groups. A standard police check will be required before we can run a training session.

Last year we tried to provide this programme but unfortunately it did not get underway due to the processing length of the Police Checks. I have been reassured that this process is streamlined now and will take a short time to process the checks. If you would like to be a reading tutor please contact Nicola O'Halloran in Mahoe [nicola@houghton.school.nz](mailto:nicola@houghton.school.nz)

## **Library News....**

### Library "What's on" Wednesday...

Today the Teddy Bears had a happy 'picnic' in the Library. Thank you to all who participated, especially the Student Librarians.

Next Wednesday we'll watch some Science Experiments. Thanks Joanna



### 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Bee Healthy Dental – 0800 825 583



# SPORTS

## Wellington Regional Sportsfest 2016

### We are looking for HELP

Thursday, 25 August 2016 there will be a sport fest in Wellington for **year 5/6 students**. We are looking for parents interesting in helping organise teams as it is a multi-venue event happening on the one day. Please contact Matt by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May with your interest. Note the new sport of Minipolo is on offer this year.

### **SPORTS ON OFFER:**

#### **Years 5 and 6**

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>Badminton</b>	<b>Badminton Hall</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>ASB</b>
<b>Dodgeball</b>	<b>Kilbirnie Rec Centre</b>
<b>Football</b>	<b>Wakefield</b>
<b>Hockey</b>	<b>Hockey Stadium</b>
<b>KiwiVolley</b>	<b>ASB</b>
<b>Netball</b>	<b>Haitaitai Courts</b>
<b>Rippa Rugby</b>	<b>ASB</b>
<b>Table Tennis</b>	<b>Mt Vic Stadium</b>
<b>Minipolo</b>	<b>WRAC</b>



### Sports Dates to Diary for Term Two

- Houghton Valley School Cross Country Tuesday 31st May (postponement 2<sup>nd</sup> June)
- Southern Zone Cross Country Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June (postponement 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> June)
- Interzone Cross Country Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June (postponement 23<sup>rd</sup> June)
- Regionals Cross Country Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July (postponement 7<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### School Fair Update – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016



**CRAFTS:** The craft stall at the Fair relies on family members to ensure we have some top quality goods for sale. Our fair also includes some brilliant items made by the children.

Some fairs are famous for their crafts, and draw the crowds accordingly. We have a pretty arty school community, and our Fair is a great opportunity for people to do their Christmas shopping. If you are at all crafty, and can sew, carve, knit, bevel or stick, please consider i) making some items to sell at the Fair and ii) hosting a craft night to teach your skills to others and make 5 times as many items to sell at the Fair. We can reimburse the cost of materials, and would love to hear any suggestions you might have. Please rope in friends and family members too.

### WANTED - Large Rice Cooker and Clothes Racks

Every year we struggle to borrow rice cookers and clothes racks for the Fair, and have decided to possibly invest in a commercial rice cooker and some clothes racks/rails this year. Before we spend our hard earned cash on them though we thought we would appeal to you - If you are able to donate or sell us (cheaply :) either of these items, you will save us money that could be spent elsewhere.

Thanks, Karen - parr.karen@gmail.com/ 027 209 4832

# Crazy Hair Day



## **Community News**



**Kids Cross Country Series** - come along and have some fun!

Athletics Wellington is again running the Kids Cross Country Series in partnership with Les Mills and the Shoe Clinic over the winter months at various venues around the Wellington region. First up is Karori Park on Sunday 15 May. Other venues are Upper Hutt, Petone, Tawa and Mt Victoria. Races for pre schoolers though to year 8s. This event has grown in the past few years with up to 600 kids taking part, so come along and have some fun. For more information or to enter go to <https://www.athleticshub.co.nz/our-programmes#kidsxcountry>.

**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](http://www.instepdancestudio.co.nz) or contact Lesley on 973-STEP or email [instepdance@hotmail.com](mailto:instepdance@hotmail.com).

**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 Houghton Bay residents join in either as part of our planning process, or to develop a plan for Houghton Bay at the same time.

These meetings will be on **Thursday evenings 19<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> June** at the **Island Bay Bowling Club** on the Parade, **7.30pm – 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.

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