



## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Week 3 of Term 2

Term 2 Calendar			
Week 3	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Noon	<b><i>BOT Nominations Close</i></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 (pp Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> June)
Week 6	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	No School	<b><i>Queens Birthday Weekend – No School</i></b>
	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> June		Southern Zone Cross Country @ HVS (pp 14 <sup>th</sup> June)
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>			

### BOT Nominations Close – this Friday 20th May 2016 at Noon

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

I thought it about time to give an update on our Ministry of Education property projects. Architects are now finally in the process of planning the upgrade to Pohutukawa and Kowhai rooms that will include double glazing, insulation and improved acoustics. I'm also hoping to hear within the next week from the Ministry of Education regarding the upgrade of Nikau and Karaka classes. I'm sticking by the saying 'good things take time' to help cope with the frustrations of dealing with school property development. Many of you will be aware of changes in educational philosophy that prompted the pulling down of walls, ditching of formal furniture and more flexible teaching arrangements. It has been really interesting watching the development shift from what was termed MLE, 'Modern Learning Environments' to the now more commonly referred to ILS, 'Innovative Learning Spaces'. We've been watching and exploring as schools grapple with this shift and it is very clear that the key to any shift is clearly focussing on the pedagogy, i.e. method and practice of teaching, not just knocking out walls. (I sense a lot of sighs of relief!). An innovative learning environment (ILE) is the complete physical, social and pedagogical context in which learning is intended to occur. Having the right property, and flexible learning spaces (FLS) in particular, is one part of creating an ILE. The Ministry of Education want all schools to have vibrant, well connected, innovative learning environments (ILE) that encourage and support many different types of learning. An ILE is capable of evolving and adapting as educational practices evolve and change. One part of creating an ILE is to modernise the spaces that teachers and students spend their time in. We are now required to plan any upgrades with this in mind and the Ministry of Education have tools and a moderation team to ensure schools do just that. I'll keep you posted as plans evolve.



Our Teacher Only Day last week was excellent. We learnt so much and were also encouraged to know we have been on the right track with our work to date around student inquiry. We're still planning to hold a parent evening this year but want to get our practices embedded first. Part of the focus and discussion was around the definition of an innovative learning environment, what Bek Galloway named **Dr. Cow**.... Making sure our learning tasks are **Deep**, require learners to apply knowledge as they analyse, evaluate, create & consider; **Relevant** to what learners need at any given point in time to reach their personal targets; **Connected** to other curriculum areas or learning; **Open**, doesn't have just one desired or expected answer, pre-determined result or end product and **Worthwhile**, has worth, value & purpose beyond the classroom.

She also talked about why innovative Learning Tasks are important and gave us ten points as a starter:

1. More interesting & engaging;
2. Accessible for all;
3. Build greater understanding;
4. Go beyond knowledge;
5. Connections in the brain;
6. Have value for the future;
7. No right answer;
8. Learn how to learn;
9. Active involvement /construction, and
10. Scope for learner choice & voice.

A big thank you to Monica Mercury, who following her attendance at a course run by Bek, organised this valuable session.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumuaki

## A BIG WELCOME in NGAIO CLASS TO:

😊 Meira Robins Brewer & 😊 Jake Murphy

### 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



### 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)



### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. Bee Healthy Dental – 0800 825 583



# SPORTS

## Wellington Regional Sportsfest 2016

We are looking for HELP - we have already had two offers.



Please note date change Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August

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. For more info <http://www.primarysportwellington.org.nz/>

### Years 5 and 6

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

### 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](mailto:matt@houghton.school.nz).

## Home and School Information



### It's Quiz Time!

For the last few years Home and School have organised a quiz which has been huge amounts of fun and raises money for the school, unfortunately one of the main organisers has departed for the UK so we need a volunteer to help out this year! If you can co-ordinate the quiz or want to find out more information let me know ASAP.

Thanks Sarah [sarahduncan99@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahduncan99@hotmail.com)

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



This weekend saw 30 jars of chutney being made for the Fair. Thank you Alex, Kelly and James for supplying the feijoas. Please bring in any unwanted fruit so that we can make some more.

Thank you to Johanna Sanders for volunteering to look after Games/activities. That means that all of our 'big' coordinator roles are now filled. However, please get in touch if you feel you can do more than just help on Fair day - you are needed! Contact Karen for anything Fair related: [parr.karen@gmail.com](mailto:parr.karen@gmail.com), 027 209 4832.

# Community News

## 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.



## Movie themed Roller Disco on Friday 27th May 2016

"Lights, Camera and Action". Children can dress up as their favourite TV, movie or cartoon character and join us at the Kilbirnie Recreation for our popular Roller Disco! "Get your groove on and dance the night away to your favourite tunes, have a bounce on the inflatables, play a few games and top it off with a bite to eat from one of our delicious food trucks." This is a pre-sale event only. Tickets are available from Monday 9th May at 9am until Tuesday 24th May at 5pm from the Kilbirnie Recreation Centre. Tickets are limited, so get in quick! It is appropriate for ages 4-12yrs.

## Saving \$1 with ASB could score your child a chance to win fortnightly cash prizes.

To enter, just deposit at least \$1 into your child's registered Headstart account through your school's ASB School Banking Programme between Monday 2 May 2016 and Sunday 10 July 2016. Every fortnight is counted as an individual prize draw, so make sure you deposit once every fortnight to enter all five draws.

For more details on Score, how to register your child for the ASB School Banking programme and competition Ts & Cs visit [www.asb.co.nz/banking-with-asb/school-banking.html](http://www.asb.co.nz/banking-with-asb/school-banking.html) or drop into your local ASB branch.

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