



## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016

Week 5 of Term 2

Term 2 Calendar			
Week 5	<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>HVS Cross Country (not Thursday)</b>
	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Noon	<b><i>BOT Voting Closes</i></b>
	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	2:15pm	Assembly - Classes Presenting - Rooms 7, 8 & 9
	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	3pm	Scholastic Book Club - Issue 3 CLOSES
Week 6	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	No School	<b><i>Public Holiday - Queens Birthday Weekend – No School</i></b>
	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> June	6-7pm	<b><i>Poi Making Workshop in school library</i></b>
	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> June		Southern Zone Cross Country @ HVS (pp Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June)
Week 7	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm	HVS Board of Trustees Meeting
Week 9			Three Way Conferences – dates to be confirmed
Week 10	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July		Last Day of Term 2 2016
Term 3 Calendar			
Week 1	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> July		First Day of Term 3
Week 2	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Wk 2-9	Swimming every Monday
	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug		ICAS English
Week 4	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug		ICAS Maths
	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	All day	Regional SportFest - Year 5/6
<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 Voting Closes – this Friday 3rd June 2016 at Noon

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

What a disappointment having to postpone our Cross Country event. The weather on Thursday is now also looking awful, so we will now be holding the HVS Cross Country on Friday. Children are to bring a change of clothes and wear whanau colours. Please check the website for updates.

It's been great to see all the voting papers coming in. The ballot box is in the office foyer and you can post them if you're quick. Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a variety of skills and experiences, who can make a positive difference to our children's learning. Make sure your vote counts.

We finally have the first draft of plans for the renovations in Pohutukawa and Kowhai classrooms and have the confirmation that Nikau and Karaka will also be upgraded soon. No doubt there'll be some chaos during renovations but what excitement to know something is finally happening to improve these unsatisfactory learning spaces for our children and staff. I'll keep you posted as I get more detail.

Yesterday, a Houghton Valley neighbourhood child was offered a lift by a total stranger in a car, as the child was walking home. There have been a recent spate of these incidences in the wider area lately and we are asking students and parents to be extra vigilant, especially if children are walking to and from school.

These occurrences are very rare, but are quite disturbing and we strongly encourage parents to speak with their children about this and make sure they know what to do in these particular situations.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumuaki

## Houghton Valley School - Board of Trustees Election

All voting papers have been posted to eligible voters. Please note each voting paper is marked with a unique number to ensure that voters are not able to vote more than once by duplicating forms. The system used does not enable voters to be identified, as this is a secret ballot.

There are five vacancies on the Houghton Valley School Board of Trustees, three vacancies are for a term of three years and two vacancies are for a term of 18 months.

This postal election is for two vacancies on the Houghton Valley School Board of Trustees for the 18 month term. Candidates for the 18 month term are:

Downes, Andrew  
Parr, Karen  
Riddell- Garner, Renée  
Swan, Andrea

Candidate statements are included for all candidates with your voting papers and are also on the school noticeboard.

This is a postal election and the voting paper is valid only if returned in the addressed envelope provided. Faxed or emailed voting papers will not be accepted. Voting papers in a different envelope than the one provided or not enclosed in the envelope provided will not be accepted.

1. If posting your voting paper, you must use the envelope provided and post to:

Returning Officer, Houghton Valley School, 110 Houghton Bay Road, Houghton Bay, Wellington, 6023.

Your vote will not be counted unless the envelope is postmarked before the day of the election 3 June 2016 and received by the Returning Officer not later than 5 days after the date of the election. Ensure that you post it as soon as possible because New Zealand Post has reduced its mail delivery service.

2. If delivering your voting paper please ensure that it is delivered before noon on 3 June 2016 in the enclosed envelope.

It should be taken to: Houghton Valley School, 110 Houghton Bay Road, Houghton Bay, Wellington, 6023. A ballot box is available outside of the office.

Voting closes on 3 June 2016 at noon. Votes will be counted and the results declared on 9 June 2016.

If you have any questions about the election process you can email the Returning Officer: Katy MacLeod ([katymacleod@hotmail.com](mailto:katymacleod@hotmail.com))



### Poi Workshop

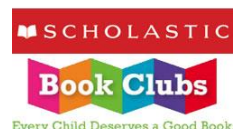
We are holding a Poi making workshop on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June in the library from 6pm-7pm**. We will learn how to construct a poi and how to plait a four strand plait. Materials will be provided. All are very welcome! Gabrielle Harvey is working with a group of children preparing for Dance Splash next term. Some of the children from Year 4 to 6 who chose to participate in Dance Splash which is happening in Term 3 Week 4 in the evening. More to follow. They need more poi and these will also be used for kapa haka. Please let Whaea Monnie or Gabrielle know if you can come. [gabrielle@houghton.school.nz](mailto:gabrielle@houghton.school.nz), [monica@houghton.school.nz](mailto:monica@houghton.school.nz). Thanks

## Library News....

**Ordering: [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz)**

### **Scholastic Book Club Online – Issue 3 – A new way to buy great books!**

Flyers for the Book Club are going home today. You have until this **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** to order and pay for your books **ONLINE** at [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) – sign up to club “Register” then choose Houghton Valley School and your appropriate classroom and enter the book code off the catalog. Any queries about the online book call 0800 266 525. Orders will be delivered to HVS and then we will distribute the books to the children approximately two weeks after the orders close. The school receives 20% in reward points to purchase library books for Houghton Valley School.





# SPORTS



**Postponed Thursday**  
**NOW Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June starting at 10:30am**

***NOTE: New Starting time 10:30am see below***

The children have been getting fit and many are reaching their goals in getting ready for this celebration of running. Parents are very welcome to support and even help especially being a course marshal.

This is our first big whanau sporting event of the year so remember to wear your whanau colours! The Parent's Gutbuster Challenge will move into its second year. I'm sure you have heard about the wonderful challenge of running GUTBUSTER from your children. Now you can be part of the GUTBUSTER legend!

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Parents Gutbuster Challenge
10.30am	10.40am	10.50am	11.00am	11.10am	11.20am	11.30ish

***NOTE: Please pack an extra change of clothes for the children to change into after the race.***

### Sports Dates to Diary for Term Two

- Houghton Valley School Cross Country Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June (postponement Fri 3<sup>rd</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



### Burger Lunches 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 orders. Cash only.***

**Term 3 Burger Roster:** Please fill in the burger roster inside office foyer –  
 Term 2 is now complete - Thanks

## Hurricanes Players Visited some Children Last Week



## Ngaio and Mahoe Bike Inquiry

