



Houghton Valley School
INSPIRATION, CHALLENGE and ACHIEVEMENT
HIRINGA, WERO, WHAKATUTUKITANGA

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 8th June 2016

Week 6 of Term 2

Term 2 Calendar			
Week 6	Wed 8 th June	6-7pm	Poi Making Workshop in school library
	Thurs 9 th June		Southern Zone Cross Country @ HVS (pp Tuesday 14 th or 16 th June)
	Thurs 9 th June	7pm	Home & School Meeting in the Staffroom
	Fri 10 th June	2:15pm	Assembly - Classes Presenting - Rooms 2, 4 & 6
Week 7	Tues 14 th June	6pm	HVS Board of Trustees Meeting
	Wed 15 th June		ICAS Writing
Week 9	Tues 28 th June	3:10pm	Three Way Conferences to 8:10pm
	Wed 29 th June	3:10pm	Three Way Conferences to 6:10pm
Week 10	Wed 6 th July		QUIZ NIGHT at the Pines
	Fri 8 th July		Last Day of Term 2 2016
Term 3 Calendar			
Week 1	Mon 25 th July		First Day of Term 3
Week 2	Mon 1 st Aug	Wk 2-9	Swimming every Monday
	Tues 2 nd Aug		ICAS English
Week 4	Mon 15 th Aug		ICAS Maths
	Tues 16 th Aug	All day	Regional SportFest - Year 5/6
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 – Phillipa - Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz			
HVS SWIMMING will be Term 3 Week 2-9 on Mondays			
HV School Fair - Term 4 2016 – Saturday 29th October 2016			

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou,

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend break. Winter has hit suddenly but we're still getting some glorious weather.

Support Staff Day

Today is Support Staff Day and we have taken the time to thank our important support staff with a morning tea and a wee gift. This group, including Denise in the office, Joanna in the library, teacher aides Jo, Jasmine,

Julia, Tania and Megan, and Dave, caretaker and cleaner, are all appreciated for their important roles in the school.

Sadly with the postponement of the Cross Country on Tuesday, I missed this fantastic event last week. I attended the NZ Principals Federation Trans Tasman Conference in Auckland. The range and calibre of speakers was impressive and it's always beneficial to be able to discuss these with colleagues. The highlight for me was the final day when we were addressed by Dr. Chris Sarra, founder and Executive Director of the Stronger Smarter Institute. I have a strong belief in the power of having high expectations and this presentation talked about the transformative power of high expectation relationships; positive sense of cultural identity and positive Indigenous leadership. Although the Stronger Smarter organisation was set up to delivering better outcomes for Indigenous children across Australia, the messages and practices apply to everyone. The NZ Curriculum has as one of its principles, high expectations, a genuine belief that all students can achieve much higher levels than they currently are, and then putting the learning and action plans in place that make sure that students actually get there. Research shows a strong correlation between teacher expectations and student outcomes. If teachers have high expectations for all students, then all students are likely to be challenged and extended, leading to positive learning outcomes for all. Schools and teachers with high expectations unleash the potential of all students, regardless of their background, ethnicities, abilities, or gender. They enable all students to accelerate their learning and achieve personal excellence. I am now enjoying Chris' book and will be sharing some of the key points with the staff in coming weeks.

We've been revising our reporting to parents procedures and one outcome has been to streamline the written reporting cycle, sending home the progress reports and holding the Three-way conferences earlier. For year four to six students, a written report on progress towards the National Standards in reading, writing and mathematics will be sent home towards the end of term 2, in week 8. Achievement against the National Standards is reported again in the end of year reports in term 4. These End of Year reports include information about other Key Learning Areas and the Key Competencies in The New Zealand Curriculum.



Three-way conferencing involves the student, parents and the teacher sitting together to talk about the student's learning, with the student taking an equal role. The conferencing approach gives students an opportunity to share with their parents their growth as a learner and involves the sharing of work to show a range of evidence of learning that the student has selected.

Students accept accountability and responsibility for their progress and achievement, and demonstrate a growing understanding of their development as independent learners.

Three-way conferences are intended to achieve one or more of the following goals:

- to help students demonstrate evidence of learning
- to teach students the process of reflection and self-evaluation
- to facilitate the development of students' organisational and oral communication skills and to increase their self-confidence
- to encourage students, parents, and teachers to engage in open and honest dialogue
- to encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their learning
- to increase parent understanding of their child's learning through improving attendance at and satisfaction with the reporting process.

Written reporting in years one to three is more complex, with students beginning school on their fifth birthday rather than at the beginning of the year, then being assessed against the National Standards after one, two or three years of schooling. To better manage this reporting we will now be sending home the written reports either at the end of term one or at the end of term two, then again at the end of the year. Depending on their birthday, your child's report will either report on achievement of the National Standards or progress towards these. Apart from some New Entrant children, every child will receive two written reports in a year. Check the school website in the coming weeks to read the procedure which includes a spread sheet of the reporting schedule. We're also reviewing the way we report curriculum areas other than reading, writing and mathematics so you can expect to see some positive changes in the end of year reports.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumuaki

THREE WAY CONFERENCES - WEEK 3

Our first round of three Way conferences, for, teachers, parents and children, for most classes will be on Tuesday 28th June from 3:10pm to 8:10pm or Wednesday 29th June from 3:10pm to 6:10pm with 15 minute timeslots. Note: Senior timeslots will go slightly later in the evening.

Ngaio class (Room 8) will be having their 3-Way Conferences in Week 8, Tuesday 21st June and Wednesday 22nd June due to Jos being away in Week 9 and 10. Please use the same parent code as below.

**Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and
enter the parent code: kcX8z**

Online Bookings OPEN - NOW

Online Bookings CLOSE on Monday 27th June at NOON

Follow the instructions to book a time with your child's teacher. Once booked, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not have access to a computer, please phone Denise in our office ASAP, so that she can book you in.



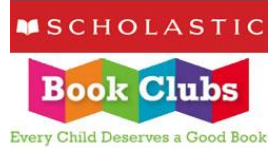
Poi Workshop

We are holding a Poi making workshop **TONIGHT 8th 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, monica@houghton.school.nz. Thanks

Library News....

Scholastic Bookclub

Thank you to everyone who has ordered books through the Scholastic Book Club. I hope you've enjoyed their new system. The books will be delivered to school in about 2 weeks and we will deliver them to each child/family. Please note, if you are buying books as a surprise gift for your child, please email me and I will keep them aside for you to collect from Denise or myself. We will run the Book Club four times a year. The next one will be Term 3. The Library will benefit from a percentage of all sales. Joanna



SPORTS



Southern Zone Cross Country at Houghton Valley School

Thursday 9th June 2016 (PP 14th or 16th June)



Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
9:50am	10am	10.10am	10.20am	10:30am	10:40am

Results from HVS Cross Country

Top 6 will represent HVS at Southern Zone Cross Country

	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1	Tallulah Farrow	Fraser O'R-Smith	Maaike Day	1= Stanley Legge	Niamh Fyfe	Kano Hill
2	Catalina S-L	Jackson Hill	Leah Sumner	1= Fenn Restieaux	Lola Crocker	Zac Snow
3	Mia Camara	Ryco Drawbridge	Lily Hegglun	Harry Cregeen	Kindekel Banda-Moyes	Stevie Halasz
4	Tessa George	William Witcombe	Lucy Downes	Manawa Mitcalfe Matthews	Maia T-G	Eli Cuming
5	Izzy Wallace	Lockie Sainsbury	Lexi Stanton-Barnett	Joe Wood	Scarlet Gianoutsos	Joshua Ryan
6	Noa Ellis Reserve Tabitha St Amand	Zebedee Richardson-Lane	Laetitia Bachler	Suavek Goodfellow	Edie Bussell	Jelle Kiezer

	Year 1 Girls	Year 1 Boys	Year 2 Girls	Year 2 Boys	Year 3 Girls	Year 3 Boys
1	Maddie Hill	Jaxon McFarlane	Maddie Hunt	Marco S-L	Islei Jaillet	Will Cleaver-Paris
2	Nina Mcaulay	Te Maihi Mitcalfe Matthews	Matilda Wallace	Jaxon T-F	Scout Childerhouse	Phoenix Pecko
3	Evie Fry-Hall	Ethan Bell	Malia Heald	Henri Miller	Emily Cregeen	Rueben Maculay
4	Leonie Z	Otto Childerhouse	Rosie Bucyk	Riki St Amand	Hannah Cregeen	Anand Han
5	Indi Brown	Sven Guelland	Samantha Leaderbetter	Vinnie McGovern	Sophie Barton	Stanley Legge
6	Lolita Marsland	Zac Brister	Rewea Ririnui	Zebedee Beri	Siofra Long	Tommy Penfold

Sports Dates to Diary for Term Two

- 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 this Thursday 9th June 7.00pm Staffroom

This months meeting is this week, all welcome. We will be discussing all kinds of school related topics so come along and be part of the action!

Save the Date: Wednesday 6th July, The Pines

The annual home and school quiz is happening in July,
further details to follow.

HVS/Southcoast T-Shirts

A few people have asked if we are printing any more T shirts this year. We hadn't planned to but thought we would see whether people are interested.

Can people let me know:

- Are you interested in a reprint of the HVS / Southcoast T shirts we have done previously?
- Are you interested in a new design being produced instead? If so what kind of thing and would you help with the production / selling?

Let me know via homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz cheers Sarah

School Fair Update – Saturday 29th October 2016 (please add a rap beat)



It's been a few weeks since the Fair had a mention'
I'm writing a poem to get your attention

We still need ripe fruit, veggies and stuff
So that we can make chutney - we haven't enough

Craft is the area where we need to focus
get sewing, get sticking, clever hocus pocus

The main coordinators all are in place
You'll find a list up in the entrance space

Contact us please if you can help out
Or just let me know that you're hearing my shout

parr.karen@gmail.com 027 209 4832

Burger Lunches this FRIDAY



\$3 Healthy BBQ Burgers – every Fridays \$



*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