



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 15th June 2016

Week 7 of Term 2

Term 2 Calendar			
Week 7	Fri 17 th June	8am	Principal Breakfast – Whanau - KOURA
	Fri 17 th June	2:15pm	Assembly - Classes Presenting - Rooms 1, 3 & 5
Week 8	Tues 21 st June	6pm	HVS Board of Trustees Meeting
	Wed 22 nd June	6-7pm	Poi Workshop in the Library
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	7:30pm	QUIZ NIGHT @ 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

There was great excitement last Thursday as our talented cross country runners competed against students from other Southern Zone schools. We were lucky with the weather! Congratulations to all our runners – you should be proud of your achievement. Several runners will now go on to compete at the Interzone competition.

Congratulations to the successful candidates for the Board of Trustees. This is such an important role in any school so the commitment to taking on this role is appreciated. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing board members, Kevin Hales, Renée Riddell-Garner, Geoff Hume-Cook and Jill Gower for their amazing work. They've achieved a lot as an effective team and will be missed. Congratulations to Andrew Downes who has remained on the board and will provide invaluable support for new members in their transition.



Following suit of some other schools, we're going to trial different timings for our lunch break. Starting Monday June 20, children will be allowed to go out to play at 12.30pm instead of eating their lunch. At 1.10pm the bell will ring and everyone will return to the usual spot to eat their lunch. (outside on court on fine days, inside if wet). The schools that currently operate this report positive outcomes with respect to learning in the afternoon. They've also seen improved social interactions as children who take a long time to eat usually have to find their friends who are already off playing and joining in already established games can be difficult. Children eat their lunch eagerly and quickly as they're actually hungry! Interestingly, parents have also reported improved mood and less tiredness after school. Of course we'll support the children in this transition and we'll evaluate at the end of term. We'd also appreciate your feedback once the system has been given a chance for a couple of weeks.

NOTE: Because of the burgers, Fridays will remain as current.

If you've been around school lately you'll have noticed the 'big dig' on the driveway. We've had drainlayers working trying to remedy an on-going issue with our sewer that has recently caused several blockages. They've now managed to get the required fall for the pipes and as a bonus discovered a stormwater drain. They've been able to add a sump to divert the rainwater that usually flows down our driveway.

Milo baby vests are the current knitting rage and my Mother has been going crazy knitting a bunch of these for the school fair. (I haven't been able to find out where their name comes from but the patterns are all over the internet!) Being a clever sewer as well, she's made wee merino tops to go under them and matching hats. Because they're ideal for winter we're selling them early. They're a bargain \$30 a set and there are only 5 sets left. 100% proceeds for the fair. Come and see me if you want to check them out.



Thanks you so much to Anna Ririnui who has taken on our bike track project. If you want to read more about Bikes in Schools, they have an informative website www.bikeon.org.nz. If you're out and about you can also check out the established tracks at Westpark School, Johnsonville, Karori West Normal School and Holy Cross School, Miramar. Anna has requested your help with this exciting project. Along the way there'll be various tasks and as always more hands make light work! We've already had an offer to help out with the bikes but need lots more help at this early planning stage. One outcome we're looking forward to is being able to get all year round use of more of the field. Careful planning will ensure all weather access to the flying fox and of course we're also planning around the various events, like cross country and athletics, which rely on our field. We don't want to jeopardise this important use of our amazing space! Let me know if you're interested in finding out more or want your details passed on to Anna.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumuaki

PRINCIPAL'S BREAKFAST – Koura

PRINCIPAL'S BREAKFAST - this Friday at 8am in the school library

It's KOURA Whanau Group's turn. Hopefully you've received your invitation and can join me. I've had a good response so far and would love as many of you to join in as possible. These breakfast get-togethers give families the opportunity for an informal chat over tea/coffee and muffins - or similar (and something suitable for the children to drink as well!). If you can, please RSVP by the end of tomorrow, otherwise just turn up – I always make plenty of food!

THREE WAY CONFERENCES - WEEK 9

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.

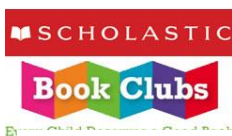
Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the parent code: kcx8z

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.

Library News....



Scholastic Book Club

All books ordered have been given to students today, to take home. Please check your child's bag. Thank you for your orders. There will be another catalogue in Term 3.
Joanna

**Houghton Valley School - Board of Trustees Election
Parent and Staff Election results
Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results**

I hereby declare the following duly elected for the 18 month term:

Andrew Downes

Karen Parr

Declaration of election results for parent representatives for the 3 year term:

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required for the 3 year term to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected for the 3 year term:

Sarah Graydon

Anya Satanyand

Phil Walker

Declaration of election results for the staff representative:

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received I hereby declare:

Jos Abernethy duly elected.

Signed Katy MacLeod Returning Officer



Artsplash/Dancesplash

This term a group of year 4 to year 6 students have chosen to take part in a dance which will be performed in 'Art Splash'. Art Splash is a young people's Art Festivals run by the Wellington City Council that brings together primary and intermediate schools throughout Wellington to celebrate dance, music, drama, visual art and wearable art. Houghton Valley School will be performing in the dance category at the Michael Fowler Centre on Thursday 1 September at 7.45pm (Term 3 week 6). Our dance is inspired by the Olympic rings. There will be a combination of 5 cultural dances which will represent the 5 continents of the world that participate in the Olympics. There will be more information closer to the date, regarding the dress rehearsals times, tickets and transport. Gabrielle Harvey



Poi Workshop

We are holding our second Poi making workshop on Wednesday 22nd June in the library from 6pm-7pm. We will finish making the poi we started last week. We will be learning how to attach the poi to the 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 6 in the evening. They need more poi and these will also be used for kapa haka. Please let Whaea Monnie or Gabrielle gabrielle@houghton.school.nz, monica@houghton.school.nz. Thanks



SPORTS

Southern Zone Cross Country - The Navy and Gold of HVS could be seen flying through the Rainforest last Thursday. We once again performed to an outstanding level. Houghton Valley School had twelve top ten finishers who have qualified to compete at Interzone Cross Country at Grenada North on Tuesday (notice sent home today to participants).

Congratulations to Niamh for winning Year 6 Girls race.

Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
5 th Tallulah Farrow	2 nd Fraser O'R-Smith	3 rd Maaike Day	2 nd Stanley Legge	1 st Niamh Fyfe	4 th Kano Hill
	3 rd Jackson Hill	5 th Leah Sumner	3 rd Fenn Restieaux		8 th Zac Snow
		6 th Lily Heggulun	8 th Harry Cregeen		



Interzone Cross Country at Grenada North Park

Thursday 21st June 2016 (PP Thurs 23rd June)

Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
12:30pm	12.40pm	1.40pm	1.50pm	2:00pm	2.10pm



Sports Dates to Diary for Term Two

- 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.



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.



Home and School Information

HVS Quiz Night - Wednesday 6 July at The Pines 7:30pm



Tickets are now on sale for the annual HVS quiz night so read on for information on how to register your team for what is going to be an awesome night.

All proceeds from this years quiz are going towards the on going maintenance of our Flying Fox – we are so lucky to have the coolest piece of playground equipment in town so lets keep it in tip top shape!

This year we are having teams of six and cost is \$90 per team. So, once you have your team together, nominate one person to email hvsquiz@gmail.com and we will let you know how to register and pay for your team (note, preferred payment option is direct credit into our Home & School account but we will also accept cash). We will confirm your registration and your teams reference code once we have received payment. Not got a full team? That's okay, you can still register yourself as an individual participant (\$15/person) and we will allocate you to a team on the night – it's a fantastic way to meet others from the community and school.

Tickets will be issued on the night but please note there will be **no door sales** so you will have to get in quick to make sure you are one of the 25 teams in the running for the title of HVS Quiz Champions 2016.

We would love to promote your business so if you have something you would like to donate that we could use in a raffle or as a prize, please email ande.childerhouse@gmail.com

School Fair Update – Saturday 29th October 2016



Craft for the Fair Our craft stall makes \$2000 to \$3000 every year so is a vital part of our Fair, and also draws the crowds, since the Fair is the first one of the spring season, and scheduled before Christmas. In previous years we have held monthly open-door craft evenings where parents can come along to help make goods to sell at the Fair.

Since we really need good quality, hand-crafted items at the Fair, and we know that we have an arty and imaginative school community, if anyone can offer to host a craft night and lead us in making cool, saleable items, we would be VERY grateful. If you would prefer to host a craft evening at your house, that is equally great, or if you can just promise us some merchandise for the Fair, please let me know.

We will reimburse materials, provide tea and biscuits, and generally support you as much as we can. PLEASE HELP!
 Thank you, Karen parr.karen@gmail.com 027 209 4832

Community Notice: Jelle, Maaïke and Nynke's dad Stephen has been selected to represent New Zealand at the World Mountain Running Championships in Bulgaria this September. To help get there he and his family are holding a movie fundraiser showing the BFG at the Cuba Lighthouse Cinema on 10 July, 5pm (first Sunday of school holidays). Tickets are \$20. For information or tickets talk to Jelle, Maaïke or Stephen after school one day, email stephenday19@gmail.com, or text/phone 0212900734. There will be prizes for the best-dressed giants and Sophies.

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