



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 29th June 2016

Week 9 of Term 2

Term 2 Calendar			
Week 9	Fri 1 st July	2:15pm	Assembly - Classes Presenting - Rooms 2, 4 (Year 5's only) & 6
	Fri 1 st July	3pm	Bake Sale outside Karaka (Room 4)
Week 10	Mon 4 th July	10am-2pm	Waiata for Te Reo Maori Parade – Room 3, 4 & Roupu group
	Tues 5 th July		Regional Cross Country (pp Thurs 7th July)
	Wed 6 th July	7:30pm	QUIZ NIGHT @ The Pines
	Thurs 7 th July	8am	Principal's Breakfast – Kakariki Whanau
	Thurs 7 th July	7pm	Home and School Meeting in Staffroom
	Fri 8 th July	2:00pm	Performance Assembly
	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			

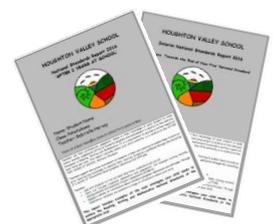
Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou,

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

It has been great receiving feedback from those of you who read the newsletter and added your name into the newsletter draw. Last week's winners were Kelly Thomas, Kate Mitcalfe, Sarah Duncan and Joanna Guelland. Your prize will be coming your way soon.

Congratulations to all the students who've already participated in the three-way conferences. I've been enjoying hearing how well you've been able to describe your learning and discuss your next steps/goals. Many schools in New Zealand now use some form of student-led or three-way conferencing to report to and share information with parents. This reporting procedure, in which the student is very actively involved in the learning and reporting process, is a fundamental shift away from the one-way transference of information from teacher to parents, and is consistent with the characteristics of effective assessment in the NZ Curriculum. They give students an opportunity to share with you, their parents their growth as a learner. They accept accountability and responsibility for their progress and achievement, and demonstrate a growing understanding of their development as independent learners. I hope you enjoyed hearing from your children and learnt a bit more about their learning and engagement at school. Gone are the days where a 'test' at the end of a section of study is the only measure of success and the only time children find out how they're doing. We talk about assessment these days as 'Assessment for Learning'. Assessment for learning provides students with information and guidance so they can plan and manage the next steps in their learning. Assessment for learning uses information to lead from what has been learned to what needs to be learned next. Assessment for learning uses a range of approaches, including day-to-day activities, such as learning conversations, a simple mental note taken by the teacher during observation, student self and peer assessments, a detailed analysis of a student's work, assessment tools, which may be written items, structured interview questions, or items teachers make up themselves. Teachers use the information gathered to improve teaching and learning. They also use this wide ranging information to make their 'Overall Teacher Judgements' against the National Standards for the school reports.

You should have received your child's school report last Friday. For years 1 to 3 this was either an Interim report showing progress towards the National Standards, or a National Standards report, depending on your child's age. Most year three students', and all year 4 to 6 students received an Interim report.



PRINCIPAL'S BREAKFAST – Kakariki Whanau Group

If you have a child in KAKARIKI Whanau Group you and your children are invited to join me on **Thursday 7th July at 8am** in the school library. These breakfast get-togethers give you the opportunity for an informal chat about school. You will receive also an e-mailed invitation. I provide a light breakfast of tea/coffee and muffins - or similar (and something suitable for the children to drink as well!). I'd really appreciate your RSVP by Wednesday 6 July for catering purposes. Please indicate number of adults and children attending and any dietary restrictions.

Please note, Denise is away next week and the first week back after the holidays. Thank you to Jo Graham who will run the office in her absence. Between Jo and me we will still be able to help you with most queries, but please be patient if things take a bit longer.

Hopefully you've got yourself organised into a team for quiz night. The flying fox is an amazing school and community asset so we appreciate the Home and School committee's on-going support of maintenance. Keeping it safe and operational is an expensive exercise with annual checks and replacement components. Cables and rollers were replaced in the last check and we've been advised – it's soon in need of replacement seats. Please support the quiz night so we can keep this amazing asset in good order. See you there.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumuaki



TE WĪKĪ O TE REO MĀORI

Next Monday, July 4th, is the beginning of Māori Language Week, 2016. To celebrate Te Kura o Haewai - Houghton Valley School pupils will be participating in the following events.

Event one: The year 1- 4 students will stay at school and have a small parade (outside if fine, in the hall if wet) and then a waiata sing-a-long in the hall.

Event two: Karaka, Nikau and Te Roopu Kahikatea (the HVS Māori Student Group), will celebrate TE WĪKĪ O TE REO MĀORI by participating in the ĀKINA TE REO PARADE, which runs from Parliament Buildings through Lambton Quay and will end at Te Papa Tongarewa. "ĀKINA TE REO - with you all the way", is the slogan which will be used in the build-up to The Rio Olympics, 2016. The theme is about supporting others in their te reo Māori journey, but also with their athletic pursuits and endeavours.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa Whaea Monnie, Matt Titocmbe, Stephanie Bosch, Jill Holmstead



From the Library...

Next week I'll be issuing books for holiday reading. Please talk with your child if you don't want them to borrow. Parents are welcome to come and select suitable books too. Red Bags and all holiday books are due back Week 1 of Term 3.

Are you reading this newsletter?

Once again we invite you to write your name on a piece of paper and put it in the box outside the office. If you read the newsletter on line ask your child to deliver it for you or let us know by e-mail. We had several appreciate e-mails last week – thank you. We'll draw four more lucky names out for a wee prize.



Performance Assembly Auditions

WEDNESDAY 6th July Lunchtime

Make sure you practise as much as possible before the auditions and bring any equipment, CDs, etc. with you on the day. You will be advised on Thursday 7th July if your audition was successful. Good Luck!

Performance Assembly

This Friday 8th July starting at 2pm in the school hall!



Bake Sale!

On Friday the 1st of July come help Catwalk raise money by coming to our bake sale outside Karaka class (Room 4). Catwalk is a trust that helps people with spinal injuries who can't walk, to get people out of wheelchairs and back on their feet. Children bring your coins to buy some yummy afternoon tea – no more than two items per child. Parents please wait until the end.



KELLY CLUB July Holiday Programme – Kelly Club Houghton Valley is offering a full-time Holiday from Monday 11th- Friday 22nd July. The Programme focuses on giving children between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. It is packed with variety to entertain, inspire and challenge children and most of all to have fun! Kelly Club offers a variety of options, for full details and to make your bookings visit: <https://www.kellyclub.co.nz> email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz or call 022 010 9981

Home and School Information



HVS quiz night – Wednesday 6 July doors open at 7pm – quiz will start at 7.30

With one week to go time is running out register your team for the HVS quiz night and tables are filling up fast!

A team of six costs just \$90. Once you've got your six, nominate one person to email hvsquiz@gmail.com and we'll let you know how to pay (preferred

payment is direct credit into our Home & School account but we will also accept cash). We will confirm your registration and your team's reference code once we have received payment.

Then all you have to do is book the babysitter and get on Wikipedia for some last minute cramming. Not got a full team? That's okay, you can register as an individual (\$15/person) and we'll 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 be one of the 25 teams in the running for the title of HVS Quiz Champions 2016 (and pick up some great spot prizes).

We would love to promote your business so if you have something you would like to donate like a Ferrari or a Unicorn, please email ande.childerhouse@gmail.com

If there is anyone who would be prepared to doing any baking for the night, it would be very much appreciated. If you are able to help, please just drop your delicious morsels off next Wednesday morning to the kitchen at back of the hall.

For those of you who have emailed to register – remember your place can't be confirmed until you have paid. And for those of you who are locked and loaded for the night – remember there will be games and raffles so you might want to bring a supply of loose change!

Home and School Meeting

next week Thursday 7th July 7.00pm staffroom.

All welcome, if you have a child at HVS you are part of Home and School so come and see what is going on behind the scenes!

URGENT: TERM 3 BURGER Roster – We are looking for parents to volunteer for Friday burgers in Term 3. Roster is on the noticeboard in the foyer, please write your name up if you can help! Thanks

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.



School Fair Update – Saturday 29th October 2016



We can now confirm that the funds raised at this year's Fair will be allocated to the purchase of ICT equipment for the school. The computers and some of the technology we use at the school are outdated and in short supply, and teachers have highlighted the need for a serious upgrade.

I've been trying not to bombard you with Fair requests recently, but I do have a couple of things this week that I really hope someone can help with:

- PRINTING We are looking for anyone with printing connections to get our leaflets for the Fair printed. If you are a printer, know a printer, or can just point me in the direction of a printer you think may be sympathetic to our cause for a bit of free advertising, please let me know.

- CRAFT I have had the kind offer of two craft nights in July, but it would be AWESOME if someone could take on another craft night. If you know how to make anything, from hair accessories to egg cosies to macrame underpants, please consider teaching a few others over a cup of tea one evening and creating some goodies to sell at our Fair.

- DONATIONS The letters are about to go out to appeal for goods for our Silent Auction. If you have any top quality goods or services you might donate (such as vouchers for your business, or hours of expertise in your field of work), please consider donating to the Auction.

- BOTTLES We are looking for 20 or so 250ml clear glass bottles (not jars) with a screw cap. They need to be glass so they can be sterilised. If anyone can help, or has any ideas, please let us know.

We are already accepting used toys, books and clothes - you could drop at school, or contact Karen or the relevant coordinator (see list near the office) if you would like to arrange drop off or pick up of goods. The main appeal will come next term, but please don't give any quality goods away in the meantime - we would love to have them for the Fair. parr.karen@gmail.com 027 209 4832

Community Notice

KELLY SPORTS Term 3 - Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives children a place to channel their energy.

Winter Winners (Yrs 1-4) Thursdays 3:05-4:05pm - Come and try **Football, Netball, Rippa Rugby and Mini Olympics**. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking and many more. It's a great way to try new sports but most of all to have fun! For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.



Pak'nSave Kilbirnie July Netball Holiday Programme for girls and boys in Year 3-8

Looking for some fun and netball development these holidays? Online registrations now open - click here to register online. Offered both weeks of the holidays – Week 1: Monday 11th to Friday 15th July and Week 2: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd July at the Kilbirnie ASB Sports Centre.

Week 1: Mornings Only – 9am to 12pm incorporating a variety of netball-specific activities and games. Cost: \$100 for the full week or \$30 per single morning. Week 2: Morning Only & Full Day options - Netball-specific activities in the morning from 9am to 12pm followed by a chance to try other sporting codes, dance, crafts and creativity with an element of choice to accommodate participants' interests from 12pm to 3pm. Cost: \$180 for the full week or \$50 per single day. Take advantage of our discount rate of \$10 off for siblings attending the full week. Great for netballnewbies to gain more confidence gaining an intro to rules and basic skills while also challenging more experienced players to sharpen the skills they already have to boost their performance before the end of the season. No room for boredom with engaging coaching provided by our Development Staff and enthusiastic representative-level players. If seeking after-care from 3.00pm up until 5.30pm we're happy to assist with connecting you in with the ASB Sports Centre holiday programme.

