

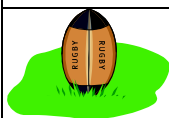


**NEWSLETTER**

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016

Week 2 of Term 3

**Term 3 Calendar**



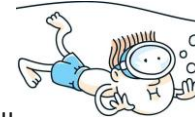
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August – Wear “Black and Yellow Day” to support the Hurricanes Super Rugby Final**



Week 2	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2:15pm	Assembly – Classes Presenting 7, 8 & 9
	<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Second WORKING BEE at HVS Forest Clearing</b>
Week 3	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9-12.30	Year 6 visit to EBIS
	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	7pm	Home & School Meeting in the staffroom
	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8am	Principal’s Breakfast in the Library – <b>MA</b> Whanau
	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2:15pm	Assembly – Classes Presenting 1, 3 & 5
Week 4	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug		ICAS Maths
	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	All day	Regional SportFest - Year 5/6
	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6pm	Board Meeting - <i>Everyone is welcome to attend Board Meetings. At this meeting the Trustees will decide to co-opt Anna Ririnui onto the board for a specific period to manage the bike track project</i>
Week 6	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	7:45pm	DanceSplash at MFC (rehearsal at 11am at MFC)
<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>			

Kia ora koutou,

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children



The swimming started smoothly this week with assessments ready to start lessons next week. Well done everyone for remembering swim gear. Teachers have made comments about un-named clothing as this always causes issues. We’d love it if everyone made this small contribution to the smooth running of this programme. It really does help!

Our school roll is creeping up again this year so please help us out by ensuring siblings are enrolled and anyone you know who is interested in attending get their pre-enrolment completed. This really helps us with planning and gives me more information to share with the Ministry of Education as we manage our property.

On the property front, we have continued to make progress on the planning for the renovations of Pohutukawa and Kowhai classrooms. The tenders are out and there’s been interested parties visiting the site to check it out for their tenders. We’re still waiting on the timing for Nikau and Karaka classes but at least now know this is happening!



Thank you to the people who helped Jill Holmstead on the weekend clearing more blackberry and preparing the holes for tree planting. As fruit tree guardians we now have extra responsibility for some feijoa trees – YUM!

Welcome back to Denise who has returned from her overseas adventure. A big thank you to Jo Graham who covered the office in Denise’s absence. We really appreciated her support.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Tumuaki



**IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM WGTN REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE**

As you may have heard the Porirua Arena Aquatic Centre has been closed recently due to cases of cryptosporidium being linked to the pool. We need to protect our users and facility from the risk of this disease so **we need for anyone who has had diarrhoea in the last 14 days to not swim.**

## A BIG WELCOME TO:

☺ Renee Laking and ☺ Averley Williams in Ngaio  
☺ Dagan Meredith in Karaka and ☺ Sage Meredith in Pohutukawa

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Charlie Potter from Wellington Asphalt who recently remediated the asphalt after our major sewer repair. Charlie donated extra time, labour and materials to re-asphalt the path beside the driveway alongside Kowhai Class. This extra work and extension of the main job has made the area so much tidier. It was also great to have the dip left from poor work done previously sorted as well. Hopefully no more tripping over! We thank Charlie for his kind donation.  
<http://www.wellingtonasphalt.co.nz/>



## ICAS SCIENCE and DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES RESULTS

Congratulations to these students who sat the **ICAS Science Assessment** last term:

**Year 4:** Noa Ellis, William Witcombe and Fraser O'Regan Smit; **Year 5:** Ewan Brighton-Mills, Harry Cregeen, Lucy Downes and Manawa Matthews; **Year 6:** Edward Burne, Eli Cuming, Niamh Fyfe, Stevie Halasz, Bessie Martin, Zarin Mir and Hamish Williams

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science assesses students' skills in the key scientific areas of Observing and measuring, Interpreting data, applying data, investigating and Higher-order skills including reasoning and problem solving.

**A special mention and congratulations to the follow students who gained awards in the Science Assessment:**  
**Distinction:** Lucy Downes; **Credit:** Fraser O'Regan Smith, Ewan Brighton-Mills, Harry Cregeen, Eli Cuming, Stevie Halasz and Hamish Williams; **Merit:** Bessie Martin;

Congratulations to these students who sat the **ICAS Digital Technologies** assessment last term:

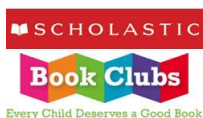
**Year 4:** Noa Ellis and Catalina Stevenson. **Year 5:** Ewan Brighton-Mills, Harry Cregeen, Lucy Downes and Jimmy McKirdy.  
**Year 6:** Niamh Fyfe and Bessie Martin

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Digital Technologies assesses skills and knowledge in the areas of databases, graphics and multimedia, internet use and email programs, networks and other communications systems, operating systems and computer hardware, programming and scripting, spreadsheets and word processing.

**A special mention and congratulations to the follow students who gained awards in the Digital Technologies Assessment:**  
**High Distinction:** Jimmy McKirdy; **Distinction:** Harry Cregeen and Lucy Downes; **Credit:** Bessie Martin;  
**Merit:** Niamh Fyfe

*Note: Awards are granted as follows for each year level in each participating country: High Distinction – the top 1% of participants, Distinction the next 10% of participants, Credit - the next 25% of participants, Merit - the next 10% of participants. Participation - all remaining participants*

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



### Library News....

#### **Scholastic Book Club ONLINE – Issue 5 – A new way to buy great books!**

Flyers for the Book Club are going home today. You have until **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016** 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.

## PRINCIPAL'S BREAKFAST – Ma Whanau Group

If you have a child in MA Whanau Group, you and your children are invited to join me on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 8am** in the school library. I'll provide a light breakfast of tea/coffee and muffins - or similar (and something suitable for the children to drink as well!). Please RSVP indicating the number of adults and children attending and any dietary restrictions.

## SPORTS NEWS



**Please remember your SWIMMING Togs every MONDAY until the end of term.**

### PSW NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, the Nikes netball team went to the ASB centre. For what you ask? A netball tournament! There weren't enough players in the Nikes so we got some eager Pandas to join our team for the day! At 9.10am, we split up and went in 2 cars to the ASB. There were lots of different teams there from all around Wellington. Well to be exact 51. We found our spot, put our stuff down and started warming up. We were pretty amazing out on the court! We played 6 games, won 3 of them and had A LOT of FUN! But all good things come to an end! At about 2.20pm we started driving back to school. A big thanks to Matt Titcombe and Tamrah Titcombe for organising and coaching us! It was an amazing event and we look forward to doing it again! - Nikes Netball Team (And a few Pandas!) By Laetitia and Holly



### YUMMY STICKERS

Remember to bring your stickers for the charts. We will be collecting these until the end of September 2016. Every year Yummy! Fruit Company offers a fruit sticker/labels for Sports Equipment promotion. This enables Houghton Valley School to provide PE equipment for each classroom. All you have to do is eat fruit and collect the Yummy Stickers. You can find the sticker sheets in front of the school office

### Sports Dates to diary for Term Three

- Tuesday 16 August PSW Sports Fest Year 5/6 - We are competing in MiniPolo at the WRAC and Netball at the Haitaitai Courts
- Friday 19 August Southern Zone Swimming WRAC
- Friday 16 September Interzone Swimming WRAC

If you take any stories or photos at 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).



## **\$3 Healthy BBQ Burgers – 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

Thanks to the people who have signed up to help so far. Weeks 7, 8 and 9 still need parent volunteers. Please add your name to the list in the foyer.

## Enviroschool Update Term 3

### Forest clearing – **Second Working Bee this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

Many thanks to the parents and teachers who helped last Saturday with clearing the blackberry roots and vines in the forest. Siobahn, Charlie, Aaron, Joanna, and Peter H.



Thanks for the delicious muffins Miss Bosch, we enjoyed getting an energy boost. We have continued the work started by Siobahn and the WCC team. This will give us a larger area for tree planting next autumn.

grubbers, spades, loppers and leather gloves for this prickly job. It is not suitable for children although older children may enjoy playing nearby on the playground.

Please let Jill Holmstead [jill@houghton.school.nz](mailto:jill@houghton.school.nz) (Harakeke Class) know if you can help.



We are having a second working bee on Sunday, by special request for those parents who would like to help out. We have tools such as



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## **Home and School Information**

The next **Home and School meeting is on  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 7.00pm in the staff room.**

Everyone is part of home and school - all it takes is to have a child at HVS, so come along, hear what is going on and what you can do to support your child and be part of the community!

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



### Craft Evening

Next Wednesday, August 10th. Come and learn how to make cool crafty items like decorative birds and bunting for the fair. Materials and refreshments provided, no skill required. 7-9pm, school library. Friends and relatives also welcome.

### DONATIONS FOR SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction is a huge earner at our School Fair. We are looking for donations from local businesses but also artworks, retro items, etc that you may have sitting at home. Please contact Mary Bond on [maryibond@gmail.com](mailto:maryibond@gmail.com) or 021976400. Items can be left at school office or I am happy to pick up.

For fair-related enquiries, you can contact any of the coordinators or contact Karen on 027 209 4832 or [parr.karen@gmail.com](mailto:parr.karen@gmail.com)

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## **Community Notices**

**Instep Dance Studio** - Offering ballet, jazz and contemporary dance classes for ages 3yrs to adult. Based in Houghton Bay we have qualified and experienced teachers with over 20 years experience in teaching children. Taking new enrollments this term for ages 3-8 years in ballet and jazz, and adult jazz on a Thursday evening. Take advantage of a no obligation free trial class. For more information visit [www.instepdancestudio.co.nz](http://www.instepdancestudio.co.nz) e: [instepdance@hotmail.com](mailto:instepdance@hotmail.com) p: 973-STEP or 021 202 7750

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