



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

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 17th August 2016

Week 4 of Term 3

Term 3 Calendar			
Week 4	Wed 17 th Aug		Scholastic Book ONLINE ordering CLOSING TODAY
	Friday 19 th Aug		Southern Zone Swimming
	Friday 19 th Aug	2:15pm	Assembly – Classes Presenting 2, 4 and 6
	Friday 19 th Aug	3pm	BAKE SALE outside Karaka - Room 4
Week 5	Wed 24 th Aug	6:30-8:30pm	Targeted Learning Programmes Evening at HVS
Week 6	Thurs 1 st Sept	7:45pm	DanceSplash at MFC (rehearsal at 11am at MFC)
Week 7	Tues 6 th Sept	1pm	<i>Paid School Staff NZEI Union Meeting at MFC</i>
	Fri 9 th Sept	8am	Principal Breakfast - Kahurangi
Week 9	Thurs 22 nd Sept		School DISCO
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, Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

We had a fantastic turnout to the Ma Whanau group Principal's breakfast last week. Thanks to everyone who got up extra early to attend. I always enjoy this opportunity for a chat and love seeing people meeting others they haven't had a chance to meet before. There'll be one more this term on September 9th so watch the newsletter and e-mails for the invitation if you have children in Kahurangi Whanau Group.

Organisation for the fair is well underway now – thank you to everyone who has already volunteered their time. This Friday there'll be a bake sale to support two organisations who are contributing to the fair. See the Home and School section in this newsletter. I know your baking contribution would be appreciated, otherwise come and purchase afternoon tea.

I hope you can attend our parent information evening coming up next week. It's a great chance for you to find about more about the programmes we offer here at Houghton Valley School to support children's learning.

Once again we're offering a reward for newsletter readers – write your children's name whanau group on a piece of paper to place in the box in the office or e-mail with NEWSLETTER WEEK 4 in the subject line. There'll be 5 K.C. cards added to the appropriate whanau box (so 5 whanau points) for every name!

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Tumuaki

Busy Wheels Day Today –
 32 Children With Scooters Having Fun!



TARGETED LEARNING PROGRAMMES

Parent Information Evening Week 5 - Wednesday 24 August
Put this date into your calendar now.



You are invited to our information evening to tell you about some of the special programmes we run at Houghton Valley School. This is your chance to learn more about the range of specialised programmes we have in place to support learning.

- 6.30pm Yolanda Soryl Junior Phonological Awareness System. *Nicola O'Halloran, Whaea Monnie and Junior Team.*
- 7.00pm Rainbow Reading/Spring Into Math. *Lara Nemet and Jo Graham*
- 7.30pm Banks (Math Knowledge). *Gabrielle and Stephanie*
- 8.00pm Switch on to Spelling – Middle/Senior Joy Allcock Spelling Programme. *Matt Titcombe & Joe Ready*

On Tuesday 6 September School Staff will be attending a Joint NZEI-PPTA paid union meeting from 1pm.



NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA are calling joint whole-of-sector paid union meetings to get informed about the proposals and decide on our next steps. The bulk funding "Global Budget" proposal is being described as the single biggest threat to quality teaching in many years. The concern is that it could drive schools to hire fewer teachers, increase class sizes, narrow the curriculum and casualise the teaching workforce. NZEI and PPTA believe both teachers and parents have a shared interest in rejecting this proposal and are strongly encouraging all NZEI members to attend the meetings and to communicate the significance of them to parents.

Normal classroom instruction will not be continuing during the half-day of the paid union meetings as all NZEI members have an entitlement to attend them. In order to meet the requirements of the Act, the school will remain "open" for the afternoon with supervision provided for children who have no other choice than to be at school.

A separate detailed newsletter will be sent home soon explaining this further and asking for an indication of whether your children will be at school for the afternoon so we can organise supervision.



REMINDER SUSHI RUBBISH & YOGURT POTTLES

The class with responsibility for recycling are having a hard time coping with the sushi packaging/soy sauce plastic containers and yogurt pots as these items need washing before they are put into the recycling bins. Our solution is for children to take these items home.



All children will be required to take home their sushi rubbish and yogurt pottles, please.



Library News.... TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR

Ordering: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

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 17th August 2016** to order and pay for your books **ONLINE** at 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.

NGĀTI TOA SCHOOL EXCHANGE

As part of our Olympic Values and Identity Discovery topic, the Houghton Valley Junior School are taking the opportunity put into practice the values of Friendship, Respect and Excellence, by arranging an exchange between our schools.

We will be heading to Ngāti Toa School in Porirua on Wednesday, August 31st to meet staff and pupils in the morning and then we will be going to the Pataka Museum from 1.00 pm. If any parents are keen to come with us, we will be sending out a parent help form, so please return it to the class teacher know, if you are interested.

Ngāti Toa Junior classes will then visit us, for the day, the following week on Wednesday, September 7th.

HVS YEAR 5 AND 6 NOHO MARAE

A noho marae has been organised for our HVS Year 5 and 6 students at Orongomai Marae in Upper Hutt from Wednesdayafternoon, September 14th overnight to Thursday afternoon, September 15th. The powhiri/mihi whakatau is scheduled for 2.00 pm. Lots of fun activities have been planned for the trip. They will return to school by 2.30 pm on the Thursday. We will require parent help for this event. More details will be sent out within the next two weeks.

If you have any questions, you are most welcome to contact the Nikau and Karaka class teachers.





SPORTS NEWS



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

Regional Sports Fest:



Minipolo - Kids had a great day today. It looked like they all enjoyed themselves and all represented the school with great spirit. We ended up with a win and a loss in the group match and into the Quarter Finals as second in our group. Lost the quarter final so went into the 5-8 playoffs and won 2 close games there to get 5th out of 12 teams. So 3 wins and 2 losses, a great result for only our second term playing together. I was very proud of the great effort all the kids put in. They played very well together as a team. By David Penfold

- “We learnt that Scots College play professional Mini polo” Eli C
- “We improved our skills as the day when on” Stella D-R
- “I love it when Dad helps out at school. But! please don’t put me in goalie again” Izzy P



Netball - On Tuesday the 16th of August the HVS Nikes had a netball tournament. It was at Hataitai Netball courts. Hayley, Amelia, Scarlet, Lexi, Rosa, Holly, Maia, Lola C and Lucy (the Nikes) played 5 games and won 3 of them. It was heaps of fun! We had lots of confidence!! We came 5th in our grade. Mr T was our ref. Our best score was 9 - 3 to us!! We thought that game was

Brilliant! At lunch we did a massage circle with Scarlet’s mum Julie. Then we played our last game and warmed down. We felt really proud of ourselves. A humongous thanks to everyone who helped: The Netball Nikes, Mr T, Shaun (Lexi’s dad), Denise, Lexi and Rosa for writing this article. This is what some of the Nikes said about the tournament:

- “ I thought it was really fun and I think it helped us to gain skills” Rosa
- “It was a really awesome day and I think we did really, really well. Thanks“ Lexi
- “ It was really cool to meet other people who enjoy Netball just as much we do” Maia
- “ I thought it was a really good experience for the whole team!” Holly



By Rosa and Lexi! Thanks!

Southern Zone Swimming:

Thank you to those children who tried out for the Swimming Team. A notice has been sent home to ask for help and the team list and events will be put on the sports notice board.

Sth Zone children need to be dropped off at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre at 9.00am on Friday, 19th Aug with usual togs/towel/food/water/warm clothes for the day.

Sports Dates to diary for Term 3

- **Friday 19 August Southern Zone Swimming WRAC**
- **Tuesday 6 September Interzone Swimming WRAC** *Note date change

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.

HEADLICE

Please check your child’s hair regularly. If you sight head lice please treat everyone in the family together. A combination of correctly applied insecticide and very thorough nit combing is your best bet for getting rid of headlice.



Home and School Information

School Fair Update – Saturday 29th October 2016



Bake Sale this Friday – 19th Aug @ 3pm

Wellington Free Ambulance are providing us with an ambulance at the fair this year, and the Downtown Community Ministry have offered us books left over from their annual bookfair. To thank these two organisations we would like to make a donation to each, and will be holding a **BAKE SALE** after assembly on Friday. Please bring your coins, and if you are able to drop off any baking on Friday that would be awesome.

Craft: Thank you to Aleksandra and the people who came along to our fun craft night last week - more craft evenings to come - watch this space! If anyone has spare craft materials to donate they will be much appreciated, and if you have the time to craft but no materials, let us know and we can provide you with what you need.

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



\$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 8 and 9 still need parent volunteers. Please add your name to the list in the foyer.



Community Notice



ZUMBA
gold

New Zumba Gold® is a low impact gentle dance class!!! Monday's at 9:30am Berhampore Centennial Community Centre 493 Adelaide Rd, with Natasha 021 258 9580 zumbapartywgtn@gmail.com. Beginners Welcome \$5-7. Only 1/3 of the price! See [nat Zumba Wgtn](https://www.facebook.com/nat.zumba.wgtn) on facebook for other dance fitness classes.

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