



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

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 24th August 2016

Week 5 of Term 3

Term 3 Calendar			
Week 5	Wed 24 th Aug	6:30-8:30pm	Targeted Learning Programmes Evening at HVS TONIGHT
	Friday 26 th Aug	2:15pm	Assembly – Classes Presenting 7,8 & 9
Week 6	Wed 31 st Aug	All Day	Juniors to visit Ngati Toa School and Pakata Museum
	Thurs 1 st Sept	7:45pm	DanceSplash at MFC (rehearsal at 10:50am at MFC)
Week 7	Tues 6 th Sept	12:30pm	<i>Paid School Staff NZEI Union Meeting at MFC</i>
	Wed 7 th Sept		Ngati Toa School to visit Houghton Valley School
	Fri 9 th Sept	8am	Principal Breakfast - Kahurangi
Week 8	Tues 13 th Sept	6pm	HVS BOT Meeting in the Library
	Wed/Thurs 14-15 Sept		Noho Marae Overnighter Year 5/6 at Orongomai Marae
	Fri 16 th Sept		SWIS Open Morning – Year 6's
Week 9	Thurs 22 nd Sept		School DISCO
	Fri 23 rd Sept		Last day of Term 3
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

Staff shared their presentations at our staff meeting yesterday so know you'll find them informative. I encourage you to come and find out more about how we're support children with their learning. Some of the programmes are across whole syndicates and others are for individual children or small groups. You are welcome to attend all or some of the presentations but know you'll find them all interesting – see the notice in this newsletter for times.

Tenders have now closed for the upgrade of Pohutukawa and Kowhai classes. We're hoping to have more information and a timeframe for this project by the end of next week. At this stage they are planning to commence at the start of the school holidays. More detailed information about this upgrade and associated safety management will be shared as soon as I have it. Poutukawa and Kowhai classes will be moving into the hall for term 4 and we'll be requesting lots of helpers to carry out the move on the final day of term, following the disco. Look out for more about the disco from Home and School soon.



We're very appreciative of the work Anna Ririnui is doing on the bike track project. We were very excited to receive notification of the Wellington City Council's increased contribution of \$60k and are looking forward to the project commencing. More to come.

You may have noticed the playground development has slowed down but there's more to come. I'm still awaiting a plan from the Playground Centre to use the remaining equipment but this may not happen for a while, it will help with planning. We also need to clean up the building materials, spread mulch, remove a few surplus posts and stumps and finish putting up barriers in a few places. If this is a project you can help with, please let me know. It would be great to get a working bee organised to finish up this project. We're also excited to announce a small group are looking at options to upgrade the chicken coop so we can reinstate our important chickens!

If you're around the city on Friday, look out for our year six road patrollers at the Orange Day parade. This is an annual celebration of schools' contribution to road safety. The Parade begins at Parliament at 10am and students walk along Lambton Quay to Civic Square, under police escort and road closures. This is a great opportunity for all of Wellington, including family and friends, to experience the students' enthusiasm for road patrols and road safety.



Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Tumuaki

A BIG WELCOME TO: 😊 Eli Tod in Ngaio Class



TARGETED LEARNING PROGRAMMES



Parent Information Evening - Wednesday 24 August TONIGHT

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* in Ngaio Class (Room 8).
- 7.00pm Rainbow Reading/Spring Into Math. *Lara Nemet and Jo Graham* in Rata Class (Room 9).
- 7.30pm Banks (Math Knowledge). *Gabrielle Harvey and Stephanie Bosch* in Pohutukawa Class (Room 1)
- 8.00pm Switch on to Spelling – Middle/Senior Joy Allcock Spelling Programme. *Matt Titcombe & Joe Ready* in the school Library.

Update from the Board re Bike Track



Anna Ririnui was co-opted on to the HVS Board at the Board meeting on Tuesday 16th, for a fixed period to manage the Bike Track project. We'll be putting more information on the project up in the foyer in the coming weeks, and will have regular updates in the newsletter, so keep an eye out. Get in touch with Anna if you'd like to find out more goannac@hotmail.com



DanceSplash

For last two terms a group of year 4 to year 6 students have been working hard to develop 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**. 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.

Parents and Caregivers of performers that have ordered and paid for their tickets will be receiving their tickets on Monday 29th August. There will be plenty of tickets available at the door from 4pm at the Michael Fowler Centre.

Gabrielle Harvey



Home and School Information

School Fair Update – Saturday 29th October 2016

Bake Sale Thank You: A big thank you to all those who baked last week for our bake sale. Thanks also to the children doing the selling, and to those who bought the goodies. Altogether, we raised \$375, which we have split as follows: \$125 to the Downtown Community Ministry and \$250 to Wellington Free Ambulance. These two organisations are contributing to our Fair, with books from their book fair, and an ambulance on the day, so it is lovely that we can make a donation to them in return.

Donations: Thank you for all the donations so far - and a huge thank you to the person who separated all their books clothes and toys and folded the clothes :). Unfortunately we can not take household goods, since we do not have a white elephant stall, unless it is something top quality which could go to the silent auction. Also, although we appreciate your donations, please do not leave broken or unwashed items.

Books, toys, clothes, craft and silent auction (vouchers, retro items, new items, etc) donations can be left by the library door in the main foyer.

Clothing Sale: I would love to have a pre-fair clothing (and perhaps books and toys too?) sale of the really good items we have had donated, early in term 4. Often the volunteers don't get a chance to shop at the fair, and this would be an opportunity to have an early doors rummage. I am envisioning a night out, perhaps with wine. If you would be interested in this, or could help organise, please get in touch, and if you have any fancy items to donate, please leave at school before the end of this term.

If you can offer help for the fair in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us. parr.karen@gmail.com 027 209 4832



\$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 FULL – thanks to all the parent volunteers each week!

Please remember your SWIMMING Togs every

MONDAY until the end of term!



Community Notice



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](#) on facebook for other dance fitness classes.

Capital Trout Centre Open Day

Sunday 4th September 2016

Contact: Strato 387 7878 (wk) 386 3740 (hm)



Kids Cross Country Series Event is a Mini Mountain Run on Mt Victoria

If you haven't already taken part in our Kids Cross Country Series come along to Mt Victoria on Sunday 28 August for a Mini Mountain Run. Our events are open to everyone. You don't have to be a member of a club to take part. We have races for pre schoolers through to year 8s. You can pre enter online or enter anytime on the day from 9.30am on. For more info go to <https://www.athleticshub.co.nz/our-programmes#kidsxcountry> or contact Jo at Athletics Wellington on 021 976116 or orjo@athleticswellington.org.nz

Houghton Valley Playcentre 20th Annual Great Debate –

This Thursday 25th August at the Pines doors open at 7pm

\$20 a ticket contact Jane Gibson on 021747897 or hvplaycentre@gmail.com.



ANZ futureFERNs Junior Netball Season - Term 4 - 2016

Motu Kairangi is now accepting registrations for the term 4 ANZ futureFERNs netball programme for Year 1 to Year 4 players (girls and boys). Further information about the ANZ futureFERNs programme is attached to this letter and is also available on our website: www.mknetball.co.nz

Season dates and times ANZ futureFERNs will be run over 8 weeks in term 4: Saturday, 15 October to Saturday, 10 December (excluding Labour weekend – 24 October).

Year 1&2 Programme – 10.30 am to 11.15 am. **Year 3&4 Programme** – 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm or 1.30pm to 2.30pm. There will be no wet weather contingency days. Cancellations will be notified through the normal channels – Facebook, MK website.

Registration process This term we have developed on-line forms to streamline the registration process. There are two forms to complete to formalise your school's registration. We can accommodate any number of players from your school, from one individual, to several teams. The minimum number to register a team is 5 players for Year 1&2 and 6 players for Year 3&4. Please contact Denise in the school office if you are interested admin@houghton.school.nz or ph: 939-3318 Checkout the www.mknetball.co.nz

IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ
PAID UNION MEETING: Tuesday 6 September

The NZEI has called a paid union meeting, **during the school day**, for all Principals, teachers and support staff of the primary and secondary sector. This meeting has been scheduled for the **afternoon of Tuesday 6 September**.

Although the school will **remain open** with supervision for any children remaining at school in the afternoon. It would be of great support if you are able to make arrangements to collect your child from school at **12.15pm** on this day.

Purpose of the joint Paid Union Meetings.

The Government is reviewing the way the education system is funded. The review does not include increasing the level of education funding. A key proposal Cabinet has approved for consultation is called the global budget. There is concern that this is effectively bulk funding of schools under a new name. Teachers and parents rejected bulk funding years ago. The Government's proposal removes the split between funding for staff and funding for operations. Schools will be forced to trade off the costs of teaching staff against other costs, which could mean:

- fewer teachers and bigger class sizes
- no consistent student:teacher ratios for year levels
- increased casualisation of teaching jobs
- even more downwards pressure on support staff pay
- passing the buck for issues like class size onto schools
- increased inequality — bigger and richer schools can raise funds to hire teachers, while smaller and rural schools will struggle

The purpose of the meetings is to inform teachers, principals and support staff of the key proposals in the Funding Review, and to determine a response. Early childhood teachers have also been invited to attend the meetings.

Please complete the form below and return it to the class teacher as soon as possible to help us with supervision arrangements.

FOR CHILDREN STAYING AT SCHOOL:

Children **staying at school** will be required to assemble in the hall at 12.15pm where they will be briefed about what is to happen for the remainder of the day. Lunchtime will be at the normal time of 12.30pm and there will be staff on lunch duty as normal. Following lunch there will be organised activities for the children.

The After School Care (ASC) programme will be operational from the normal times. If your child normally attends the ASC on Tuesday and you **do not need the service for that day** then please ensure that you **notify Kelly Club of this change**.

Please discuss with your child(ren) about what will happen for them on this particular day, September 6. If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to email me at principal@houghton.school.nz

Mihi nui kia koutou,

Raewyn Watson, Principal

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PERMISSION SLIP - NZEI PAID UNION MEETING, TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Please complete this form and return it to the *class teacher* ASAP (by Wednesday 31st August at very latest).

If your have different arrangements for different children please just make a note this on the form.

Child's name: _____ Room (name or number): _____

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Please TICK one of the options below:

- My child/ren will be collected at 12.15pm by (adult) _____
- I give my child/ren permission to be released from school at 12.15pm.
(This is for children who either walk or scooter or bike home)
- My child/ren will require supervision at school until 2.55pm (normal closing)

Parent/Guardian name (please print): _____ Signature: _____

PLEASE NOTE: If forms are not returned, your child or children will remain at school until 2.55pm.