



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

NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 8th Sept 2016

Week 7 of Term 3

Term 3 Calendar			
Week 7	Thurs 8 th Sept	7:30pm	Home & School Meeting TONIGHT in Staffroom
	Fri 9 th Sept	POSTPONED	KAHURANGI WHANAU BREAKFAST POSTPONED
	Fri 9 th Sept	2:15pm	Assembly Classes presenting 2, 4, & 6
Week 8	Tues 13 th Sept	6pm	HVS BOT Meeting in the Library
	Wed/Thur	14-15 Sept	Noho Marae Overnighter Year 5/6 at Orongomai Marae
	Fri 16 th Sept	8:45am	SWIS Open Morning – Year 6's
Week 9	Thurs 22 nd Sept	6pm-6:45pm	School Disco - Year 0, 1, 2 and 3's in the Hall
	Thurs 22 nd Sept	7-8pm	School Disco - Year 4 5 and 6's in the Hall
	Fri 23 rd Sept	2:55pm	Last Day of Term 3 2016
Week 1	Mon 10 th Oct	9am	First Day of Term 4 2016
ASB Banking days are Thursday • Bee Healthy Dental Clinic – 0800 825 583			
Sushi available Thursdays – go online to www.wrapitup.co.nz before 9am on Thursday to order			
Kelly Club After School Care – Phillippa Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz			
HV School Fair – Saturday 29th October 2016			

Due to the Houghton Valley computer server faltering on Tuesday and is still under repair. We are working with limited access to the internet. Anything important please telephone the school office ph 939-3318 – the school offic email admin@houghton.school.nz is still being monitored.



Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou, Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Thank you for your support in enabling the staff of Houghton Valley School to attend the joint NZEI-PPTA paid union meeting on Tuesday afternoon. More than 1450 educators - 900 NZEI Te Riu Roa members and 540 PPTA members - filled the Michael Fowler Centre, showing what a strong feeling there is about getting better funding, not bulk funding. There'll be information to come about next steps once the series of nationwide meetings is over and the National Executive have had their follow up discussions. We'll keep you posted.

The junior school welcomed the junior classes from Ngati Toa school yesterday. This was the organised follow up from the very successful visit by our junior classes to Ngati Toa School last week. Well done to our junior teachers for organising this fantastic exchange and a huge thank you to Whaea Monnie for arranging the Powhiri to welcome our guests. It was an amazing day.

A working bee is currently being planned for Sunday 18 September to complete parts of the adventure playground and generally tidy up around the place. We have quite a few projects so please consider how you can help when we put together the plan. Karen Parr has kindly agreed to coordinate this so look out for more information soon or watch out for your shoulder tap!

Due to a range of unforeseen glitches, including me being sick, My Principal's breakfast planned for tomorrow is being postponed until next Friday. See the notice in this newsletter for the details.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

Kahurangi Principal's Breakfast POSTPONED Now Friday 16 September

Tenā koutou katoa: If you have a child or children in Kahurangi Whanau Group, you and your children are invited to join me on **Friday 16 September at 8am** in the school library for a snack breakfast and a chat. These breakfast get-togethers have proved a popular forum for a chat with me and also to meet other school whanau. 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 Thursday 15 September for catering purposes. Please indicate number of adults and children attending and any dietary restrictions.

A BIG WELCOME in NGAIO CLASS TO: ☺ Harry Barton

LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Club: If you receive your Scholastic Books in a red shopping bag. Please return the bag to the Library immediately in time for holiday renewals. Thanks Joanna

Home and School Information

Reminder **Home and School Meeting TONIGHT - Thursday 8th September**, from 7pm but come when you can! Come along and be part of the discussions!



School Disco - Thursday 22nd September **Gold coin entry for each child**

The year 5 / 6 students have decided this years theme will be "**Tropical Beach**" - so, if you want to, feel free to come as something tropical but anything goes! Music provided by awesome HVS DJ's!

6pm- 6:45pm

Year 0, 1, 2 and Year 3 - Ngaio, Mahoe, Ti Kouka, Harakeke & Year 3 children from Pohutukawa, Kowahi & Rata - pre-school siblings welcome, the music will be aimed at a younger age group and will be followed by a costume parade.

10 minute break to allow for people to leave then:

7-8pm

Year 4, 5 and 6 - Year 4 children from Pohutukawa, Kowahi and Rata and Nikau and Karaka

- ex-HVS students with siblings at school are of course welcome! Costume parade to finish.

There will be glowing things to buy. The BBQ will be firing so buy a sausage. Remember: everybody needs to have a responsible adult present please. Thank you to those that have already offered to help but I need some more offers please - setting up before, tidying up after, helping out on the door, selling glowing things, on BBQ duty and buying sausages/ bread etc for the evening! Contact me via sarahduncan99@hotmail.com

School Playground Working Bee: Sunday September 18th - 10am onwards

Kiaora whanau, We are having a working bee to work on the finishing touches to the school playground. We will have a skip, so it's a good opportunity to have a clear up and get the playground looking pristine. More information to follow in next week's newsletter. Contact Karen for information: parr.karen@gmail.com, 027 209 4832



School Fair - Craft Update

Thank you to those who came to the craft night on Wednesday. Here is a picture of some of the things we made. Next one coming up soon!

Community News

September/October Holiday Programme – Kelly Club are planning to offer a programme at school during the holidays from Monday 26th September to Friday 7th October. Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. Kelly Club programmes are packed with variety to entertain and inspire children and most of all ensure they have a great time. These holidays we will be visiting Space Place and we are off to the movies to see the Secret Life of Pets, plus a trip to the pool each week too! For more information and to make your booking visit www.kellyclub.co.nz or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz. Please note that if there are insufficient numbers the programme will relocate to Kelly Club Island Bay.

Artrageous Kids Holiday Programme Bookings are open www.artrageouskids.co.nz

We focus on extending children's creativity through many different medias. Our aim is to draw out your child's creative expression to develop confidence and self esteem and also to have heaps of fun. Sept 2016 Holiday Programme 26–30 and 3–7 October 2016 5-12 years Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington

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