



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 14th Sept 2016

Week 8 of Term 3

Term 3 Calendar			
Week 8	Fri 16 th Sept	8am	Kahurangi Breakfast in the Library
	Fri 16 th Sept	8:45am- 1:30pm	SWIS Open Morning – Year 6's
	Fri 16 th Sept	2:15pm	Assembly Classes presenting 7, 8 & Senior Art (Rm 4,3,1,2,9)
	Fri 16 th Sept	3pm	Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser for Myles
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	2pm	Performance Assembly
	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			

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou,

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

It's hard to believe we're almost at the end of term 3! We had a fantastic planning session on Monday evening mapping out term four. As always, it's going to be busy but we have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned and of course the end of year fun. We're keen to have our BIG FUN DAY again so you're welcome to let us know of ideas you have to make this even better this year.

Our Discovery topic next term is mini-beasts so the students will be finding out lots about the creepy crawlies around our environment – good and bad. The curriculum focus for this is science and technology and as always integrated with literacy and math. The year 6 students are preparing to attend camp in week 7 so will soon begin their fundraising activities to help pay for this exciting annual event. Please look out for the fundraising events and support them. Also let Stephanie or Matt know if you have an amazing fundraising idea they can use.



There continues to be a lot of behind the scenes work around property at Houghton Valley School so we're going to make more information available on the school website soon. Unfortunately the remodelling of Pohutukawa and Kowhai classes has been delayed, but that is hopefully a good thing as I've pushed for a more satisfactory outcome. The funds allocated to property are limited and the use of other school funds for property projects a complex issue. I'd like to assure you we are progressing with planning and hope to have both this block and Nikau/Karaka block remodels completed ready for the 2017 school year. I'm in discussion with the Ministry of Education over our property, including the fact they have no plans to build an extra classroom any time soon. Thanks to Chris from Home and School who is going to help me create an information section on this for the website. In the meantime, if you have questions about property, please email me or even come and see me. I'm happy to discuss and explain how it all works!



With limited funds and in the spirit of recycling and community, we take any opportunities to achieve more for less and are really pleased with the new playground and slides. By recycling pre-loved equipment we have been able to enhance our playground, an important part of the school that benefits the children directly. This weekend's working bee will be a really big help in completing work done to date and get us ready for planning what comes next. We'd really appreciate your help. Check out the notice regarding the working bee in this newsletter.



We're planning some fun in the final week of school with a mini Olympics here at school. Makara School are going to join us for this event so it's going to be a really great finale to the work learning about the values of the Olympics and how these relate to us in everyday life.

At this week's assembly we will be sharing some of the Senior Syndicates artwork (Rm 4, 3, 2, 1 and 9) from this terms art rotation that happened every Thursday. We will also be watching the Dancesplash video of their performance at the MFC a few weeks ago which was also part of the arts rotation.

Finally, thank you for your patience last week as we battled on without the internet and access to our school server. Events like this remind us how reliant we have become on the internet and how much of what we do revolves around having access to online documents and information. This crash also affected our access to local documents so it was a frustrating few days. Thanks to Colin, our computer support person and Peter who got us back up and running in a short time given the scope of the problem.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

PRINCIPAL'S BREAKFAST - Kahurangi Whanau Group

If you have a child in **KAHURANGI** Whanau Group, you and your children are invited to join me on Friday 16 September 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. principal@houghton.school.nz

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.



Working Bee This Sunday from 10am

We have lots of jobs waiting for you, for example....



- Clearing wood and other rubbish from areas under the playground
- Cutting down a couple of surplus posts
- Creating some barriers (may require a trip to Bunnings if we can't use recycled timber available)
- Moving lots of mulch to create safer fall zones
- Relocating the unused playground equipment to a safer area (we have plans coming for this equipment)
- Removing old-hooks (requires a grinder) and replacing with shackles (we have these ready to go)

There are more jobs around the school if we have lots of you turn up or run out of playground jobs – we'd love a tidy up of the library courtyard (sanding of seats helpful here); removal of rogue weeds working their way along the base of the hall and I'm sure we can find more!

Please let Karen Parr know this week if you can help or just turn up on the day. parr.karen@gmail.com
The children love the playground so we'd like to finish this last tidy up for extra safety and looks!



Gastroenteritis Information from Regional Public Health

The winter increase of viral illnesses causing diarrhoea and vomiting has occurred later than usual this year, with outbreaks being reported towards the end of August and beginning of September.

Regional Public Health advise that children and staff who are sick with diarrhoea and vomiting should stay at home until 48 hours after the diarrhoea or vomiting has stopped; and encourage good hand washing and drying.

More information on what to do to stop the spread of viral illnesses can be found in the attached pamphlet. This pamphlet is also available on rph.org.nz (Public Health Topics > Foodborne Illness > Gastroenteritis pamphlet).

Help for Camp Fundraising (Year 6)



Thank you to those fantastic parents who came along to the Year 6 camp information evening last Wednesday. We discussed using some fundraising initiatives with the parents and they agreed they would help with some fundraising to reduce the cost of the Year 6 Camp and also the value of the children contributing towards the cost of their own camp.

Rachael Stone, Josh's Mum has offered to help coordinate parent with fundraising in term 4. If you can help and have any wonderful ideas please contact Rachael Stone e-mail rachaelstone@aim.com and [021 264 1425](tel:0212641425).

Performance Assembly Auditions

TUESDAY 20th September - 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 22nd September if your audition was successful. Good Luck!



Performance Assembly

This Friday 23rd September starting at 2pm in the school hall!



Yummy Stickers

We have until **Tuesday 20th September** to collect as many yummy stickers as possible. Remember bring fruit for your fruit break! Last year we collected over 10,000 stickers. 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.

Interzone Zone Swimming:

Kano Hill, Jackson Hill and Maaike Day made the Houghton Valley swim team to represent Southern Zone at the Interzones (Schools from between Tawa, Karori, Seatoun and HVS).

Congratulations to **Kano Hill** for finishing second in both the 50m and 25m Freestyle in the Yr6 Boys Non-championship events.

Term 4 Houghton Valley School Floorball

Do you want to play Floorball next term? HVS has teams in the year 1/2, year 3, year 4, year 5 & year 6 grades. Teams are mixed and players of all abilities are welcome! Games are held at the ASB Sports Centre, Tuesdays between 3:30pm-6:30pm. Sign up sheets for **all players** (new and returning) are on the sports notice board - next to the school office.



New players please take a registration form and get a parent to fill it out and it hand back the school office before **September 21**. Game fees will be \$35 or \$55 (if you don't own a HVS sports shirt) Payment details to come. Email: Billie-Jo - bilka1972@mac.com if you need any more information.



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 check 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. 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

Sports Dates to Diary for Term Four

- Houghton Valley School Athletics Celebration Thursday 3rd November (PP Friday 4th Nov)
- Southern Zone Athletics Newtown Stadium Tuesday 8th Nov (PP Tuesday 15th Nov)
- Interzone Athletics Newtown Stadium Tuesday 22nd November (PP Thursday 29th Nov)
- Regional Athletics Newtown Stadium Thursday 1st December

If you have 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.

Home and School Information

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, 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 and to keep everyone safe, and so we know where they are, please let your child/ren know if they are outside to stay within the "coned off disco zone" of the top courts.**

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 Fair - October 29th - just over 6 weeks away!

Please keep donations of books, toys, clothes (all in good condition), craft and silent auction items coming. No household items please - we don't have a white elephant stall. You can leave items on the drop off zone near Denise's office, or call Karen for pick up if you have heaps.

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.



Southcoast Cleanup this 10.30am - 12 noon Saturday 17th September (backup day Sunday)



Please join us on Saturday at **Houghton Bay** for the annual Wellington Southcoast Cleanup. Children must have an adult with them to supervise near the water, so it's a great time to meet other families at our school. Plastic gloves and large rubbish bags are provided, but feel free to bring your own gloves and smaller bags.

Houghton Valley School has supported this cleanup event for the last two years. It's a great community event supported by so many organisations who utilise our local area. It is part of the Keep New Zealand Beautiful week this year.

There is a photo competition each year for unusual finds, which the children love. Two of our children were joint winners last year and were presented books from Helen Kettles, the key organiser of the event.

The event finishes with a **BBQ, 12.30pm at Lyall Bay**, with a free sausage for participants. All the bags of rubbish are collected for a photo. It's always amazing to see what we have saved from littering our coast and sea life. The WCC takes the rubbish to landfill, and there are surveys for specific types of litter such as cigarette butts.

Please check the **Wellington Southcoast Cleanup** Facebook page: [Wellington South Coast Clean-up](#) or the HVS website for a postponement if the weather is bad. Please let me know if you can come or you can register on the Facebook page. Jill Holmstead, EnviroSchool Leader



Sausages are only \$1 each - this Friday at 3pm. Myles (Room 4) is fundraising to get to the Showcase regionals in Christchurch this school holidays. To then go onto the Finals in the Gold Coast in January. He will be Singing and Tapping.

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.

EXCITING NEWS! Bigair Gymsports is finally opening a centre near you! 14 Landfill Rd, just around the corner from Carlucci Land with onsite parking! Classes start Term 4 and bookings will open from the 5th of September, 2016. Classes include Gymnastics (Preschool & School age), Trampolining, Tumbling, Parkour, along with our famous Bigair Cheer teams. Plus Bigairs popular Holiday Programme and Birthday Parties will be coming too! We teach children fundamental lifelong skills that will benefit their fitness, strength, balance, and their self-belief & confidence in a safe & positive environment that supports them as they achieve and have fun - all at the same time. For all queries and bookings please email wgtm@bigairgym.co.nz

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

"Does your child enjoy playing Minecraft? Come in and see us at ACKO video game centre. We provide console based gaming for all ages. • Variety of gaming choices • Extended opening hours during school holidays • Birthday party bookings Like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ACKOvgc" Run by Jack Baigent

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