



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

NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 13th October 2016

Week 1 of Term 4

Term 4 Calendar			
Week 1	Thurs 13 th Oct	7pm	Home & School Meeting TONIGHT in the Staffroom
	Fri 14 th Oct	9-1:30pm	Zealandia Day Trip – Seniors Year 5/6
	Fri 14 th Oct	2:15pm	Assembly
Week 2	Mon 17 th Oct	7:30pm	Zealandia Sleepover – Kowhai (Room 2)
	Tues 18 th Oct	1pm till 12:30pm	Orongomai Marae Sleepover – Nikau & Karaka (Rm 3 &4)
	Wed 19 th Oct	6pm	HVS Board of Trustees Meeting
	Thurs 20 th Oct	All Day	Class Photos and Sibling Photos
	Thurs 20 th Oct	7:30pm	Zealandia Sleepover – Pohutukawa (Room 1)
Week 3	Mon 24 th Oct	No School	Public Holiday - Labour Day
	Tues 25 th Oct	6-7:30pm	SWIS Open Evening
	Tues 25 th Oct	7:30pm	Zealandia Sleepover – Rata (Room 9)
	Sat 29th Oct	10am-2pm	HV School Fair
ASB Banking days are FRIDAYS (note change in time) • 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			

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou,

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Welcome back for the final term of 2016. Hard to believe really! There's a lot planned for the term including overnight visits to Zealandia for the middle school, noho marae for the senior school and camp for the year 6 students. Then of course there's the fair – getting close now!



I love this photo of Omara delivering fair flyers. Thank you to everyone who has done this – it gets the word out. It's so close now so the next couple of weeks are going to be really busy with preparation. Have you got a fair job yet? Contact Karen or let us know at school if you can help. There'll be plenty to do before, during and after so please think about contributing somehow. The more hands the better! Thank you so much to everyone who has offered to help so far. Thank you also for all the donations of goods for the fair – clothes, books and toys have been arriving so please keep these coming.

We're planning kids crafts to sell at the fair so if you can help out on Thursday 27 October, there'll be lots of crafts going on in classes. We'd love lots of helpers so we can get items finished and ready all in the one day!

A special welcome this term to Marilyn Bondy who is working in Ti Kouka Class on Thursdays releasing Whaea Monnie. She is replacing Rekha who is now working in Ngaio Class with Jos as our tenth teacher. We also welcome Michelle Pontifex to the staff. Michelle will be working alternate Fridays in Ngaio Class and the other Friday releasing Jill for Reading Recovery, Whaea Monnie to work with te Roopu and kapa haka groups and Jill for her environmental responsibilities.

We launched the term with a visit from the Education Review Office. Ruth Nicholas led the team with two other reviewers, Anne and Kyran. The main focus is educational success for Māori, as Māori as a key indicator of school performance so they looked at that first and foremost in their review. They were interested in:

- the context of the school in relation to Māori in the school and the local community
- the conditions and environment that support educational success for Māori, as Māori
- how we know we are being successful in improving educational outcomes for Māori, as Māori

Every year ERO set National Evaluation Topics and gather information on these topics during their reviews of individual schools and early childhood services, for a specified period. This year they have been contracted to carry out work on behalf of the Education Council auditing and moderating the appraisals for the issue and renewal of practising certificates.

The Board of Trustees, senior leaders, teachers and I prepared the pre-review information, then this week Lara, Monnie and I worked closely with the reviewers, sharing lots of information about achievement and systems. They visited some classes, spoke to some children and held a meeting with teaching staff to learn about how we do things around here, focusing on student achievement and acceleration of those students who need support with their learning. We expect the report to be with us before Christmas and will share the findings then. In the meantime we know from the three days working with them that we're on the right track and feel confident about our direction in planning for 2017. A huge thank you to Lara and Monica, they did a fantastic job and confirmed to me what an awesome leadership team we've developed. Miharo!



We have the staffing to start 2017 with ten classes and as you know we don't have a tenth classroom. We've come up with three class combination scenarios so far and teachers are sharing their ideas for accommodation. It's always tricky to work out and this year more so due to where the numbers are. We'll let you know as soon as we work out how we're going to manage this. The likelihood is we'll need to use the hall but we're still looking at options, trying to be creative! I'm finally meeting with a planner regarding Nikau and Karaka rooms tomorrow so will hopefully know more about the scope of the upgrade of these classes. There's no more progress on the planning for Pohutukawa and Kowhai classes which went back to the drawing board after concerns were raised about the limited scope of cladding replacement.

At the end of term we carried out two fire drills, one during a lunch break and the other during kapa haka when the whole school were gathered in the hall. You'll be happy to hear that everyone was gathered on the bottom court assembly area in less than 2 minutes! At some stage soon we'll be holding a fire drill during an assembly so we can be sure of evacuating when we have a hall full of children and visitors.

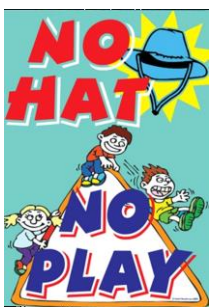
Lastly, an almighty thank you to Karen Parr for organising the recent working bees and to everyone who stepped in to help. I know Karen, her workmate and Chris, home and school chair, were at school last Sunday until around 7pm finishing up and WOW it looks amazing! Thank you.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

A BIG WELCOME in NGAIO CLASS TO:

😊 Pablo Beard 😊 Gwen O'Callaghan
😊 Ruby Miller 😊 Billie Spicer 😊 Thea Grose



SUNHATS

As always during the summer terms, we implement a **'No Hat, No Play'** rule at school.

This year all children are required to wear a brimmed hat.

(no caps unless they're legionnaire style). We'd really appreciate your support with this important health measure. Most junior children and lots of older children already wear brimmed hats so we'd now like to see them on everyone. Children without hats will be required to spend their breaks on the decks in the shade.

HVS hats \$18. THANKS.

Road Patrol Parent Volunteers Required



Every road patrol session has to have an adult to supervise the students.

Teachers do this role every morning and we ask parents to volunteer for an afternoon each week.

We are short of parents for Monday AND Wednesday afternoons Term 4.

It would be great if you could assist for the term in 2016. You need to be there from 2.50pm until about 3.10pm. If you can do this, could you please contact Matt at matt@houghton.school.nz, or phone the school on 9393318.

Reminder: NO FRIDAY Burgers until Term 2 next year!



School Photos – Thursday 20th Oct – All Day



Important: Sibling Photos/Pack

Flyer needs to be filled in and returned to the school office before Thurs 20th Oct please!

Please note, there is a different system for sibling photographs. The cost for a sibling pack is \$30 and the FLYER needs to be returned before Thursday 20th Oct. Flyers will be sent home to all second children. Extra flyers are available for the school office. After photo day you will receive a SHOOT KEY to view and purchase your Sibling Photo Pack ONLINE.

There are 12 items in the sibling pack: 1 x Large 20 x 25cm with mount - 2 x Medium 13 x 18 cm with mounts - 2 x Medium 13 x 18cm black and white - 2 x Postcards 9 x 13cm - 4 x Small 6.4 x 9cm - 1 x Calendar 18 x 13cm

This year the photographs will be taken by PhotoLife Studios Limited and will be available for you to view and order online. There are a range of options available for purchase from the website.

- Every child will be photographed then class and individual photos will be on their online system in around three weeks from photo day.
- Once they are online your son or daughter will bring home an ONLINE slip with their unique SHOOT KEY detailed on it. This Shoot Key will display all the photographs of your child. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and see all the packages and prices and purchase the photographs you want.
- Orders placed within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key will be despatched to school. After this time, orders can still be placed but will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$6.00 Postage & Packing charge. You will see this message when you go online to view and order your photographs.

Home and School Information

Reminder: Home and School Meeting this Thursday October 13 from 7pm

Final term 2016 here we go! A few quick words from H & S....

Firstly, huge thanks for all the support from the community so far this year with the H&S events, & meetings; its been great.



School Disco 2016 - Big thanks to Sarah Duncan and Michelle Bush for organising the Disco at the end of last term. Thanks also to Billie Jo for providing DJ desk, training and mentoring evenings' awesome DJ's, Lucy, Bessie and Kindekel. Big shout out to Grant Sullivan for providing PA & lights again this year. Thanks also to all the BBQ 'ers and 'shiny light thing' sellers!

Term 2 & 3 Burgers- Thanks to Faith for organising and coordinating the Friday lunchtime BBQ Burgers & to all the volunteers who served them up.

Playground Working Bee - Great turn out to the working bee, thanks to all those for giving up their time, and for Karen Parr to get all the people there in the first place, and for those folks that came back to finish off a few bits and pieces during the holidays.

Houghton Valley School Fair 2016 - Its only a couple of weeks away: Karen Parr will be looking for more volunteers to help out - keep your eyes on the newsletter for requests for help.

Home and School Meeting this Thursday October 13 from 7pm - The first Home and school meeting of the term is this Thursday evening 13th October from 7pm (but come when you can) in the staff room. It is the last planning meeting before the fair so come along and see what needs to be done for - and how you can help out with - the biggest fundraiser of the school year!



Home and School Chair – Chris Taylor



School Fair - October 29th – only two and a half weeks to go!

Nearly there! There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the lobby near the office. The success of the fair depends on all families being involved with either Friday set up or working on a stall on the Saturday (or both :) - the more people volunteer, the shorter everyone's shift and the more fun the fair is. Please sign up, or contact Karen directly with offers of help.

Marketing: It is not too late to grab some leaflets from the office to put up at work or in your regular shops/cafes etc. We have A4 and A5 versions you can take.

Donations: Keep those donations of good quality clothes, books and toys coming - just pile them up by the library door. Preserves are still needed if you have time to whip up a batch.



Craft night: There will be a craft night at the end of next week or the beginning of week 3. This is crucial for us to pull together all the crafts and package and present what we have made so far. Please come if you can - watch out for further details in next week's newsletter. If you are crafting at home, THANK YOU - you can drop your crafts to the office at any time.



Plants: We need seedlings and grown plants for our plant stall. If you are able to contribute anything, please bring along to school a couple of days before the Fair.

Face Painting and Henna: If anyone has any skill or experience in either face painting or henna tattooing, please let us know - we really need you!

EXCITING NEWS: We will have the rugby world cup (the actual one, with free photos!) at the fair, and possibly some other surprises, so please tell encourage all your friends, neighbours and family to come along for a fantastic day out on the south coast. And if it rains, there'll be less competition for the bargains so all the more reason to come along!

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SPORTS NEWS



THANKS - MK Netball Season

I would like to say a big **thanks** to the netball coaches Anna Matheson (Nikes) and Emma Dawson (Pandas) for their commitment, skills and time throughout the season!

Also to the managers and umpires of the teams, thanks! We also had two ex HVS high school students, Amy Bridges and Ella Russell who helped with umpiring and coaching this year – we really appreciated their time, they were great.

Denise – Netball Co-ordinator

Sports Dates to Diary for Term 4

- Houghton Valley School Athletics Celebration Thursday 3rd November (PP Fri 4th Nov)
- Southern Zone Athletics Newtown Stadium Tuesday 8th Nov (PP Tues 15th Nov)
- Interzone Athletics Newtown Stadium Tuesday 22nd November (PP Thurs 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.



Congratulations to the HVS Heat for their efforts in winning the Term 3 Miniball league! Well done 😊

Community News

Water Babies Swimming classes – for babies from birth to 4 years of age. We take babies from birth and you'll be astonished at what they can achieve. Some of the benefits of taking your baby swimming include improved co-ordination, strength, confidence, learning skills and of course bonding skin to skin with you. Term 4 classes start W/C 10th October and we can take new clients up until the 30th of October. Join our award winning programme and let's teach your baby to swim! Classes running across Wellington 7 days per week. Local pools include the CQ Hotel on Cuba St, Te Aro and the Copthorne Hotel, Oriental Bay. For more information, go to www.waterbabies.co.nz or Tel 04 9799095 or email bubbasurf@waterbabies.co.nz.

Artrageous Kids starts after school classes again!! Poneke Dojo – 21st of October till 9th of December 3.30 till 5.15pm \$156 + GST All materials and equipment provided. For bookings follow this link <https://enrolmy.com/artrageous-kids/activities>

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