



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

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 19th October 2016

Week 2 of Term 4

Term 4 Calendar			
Week 2	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)
	Fri 21 st Oct	2:15pm	Assembly – Classes presenting 2, 4 and 6
Week 3	Mon 24th Oct	No School	Public Holiday – Labour Day
	Tues 25 th Oct	9-2pm	Kapa Haka Festival – St Patricks Kilbirnie
	Tues 25 th Oct	6-7:30pm	SWIS Open Evening for Year 6
	Tues 25 th Oct	7:30pm	Zealandia Sleepover – Rata (Room 9)
	Fri 28 th Oct		NO ASSEMBLY
	Sat 29th Oct	10am-2pm	HV School Fair
ASB Banking days are FRIDAYS • 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

I had a fantastic time helping with the Kowhai Class visit to Zealandia for a sleepover on Monday night. We had an amazing walk starting around 8.30pm, once it was dark enough. Glow worms shone and ruru called their distinctive “more-pork” while we looked at eels and looked for kiwi and tuatara.



Luckily we saw kiwi and tuatara – very exciting! Supper and sleep followed (yes we did get some sleep), then another walk in the morning revealed tieke (saddlebacks), kaka, robins, papango (New Zealand Scaup, and New Zealand's only true diving duck and also the smallest). There were lots more including shags, tui and kereru and another highlight was seeing a kereru nest - as I have several kereru around home it was good to hear how they nest and look after their young. We all got to touch a tuatara and finished with a look around the visitor centre. Pohutukawa and Rata classes are also

visiting for sleepovers so I know they're going to love it!

We're all looking forward to the fair in just a couple of weeks now. Thank you for the offers of help, I know Karen will appreciate even more, so even if you can help out for just a while, please get in touch.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

HVS Bike Track Update

Great news with some successful funding applications confirmed in the last week or so, the bike track project is now fully funded (including a contribution from the School, and the funds from the Walkathon). We are working towards a construction start date of 7 November and, if we get a good run of weather, the tracks should be completed by the last week of November. The container (to house the new fleet of 50 bikes) will arrive on Monday 31st October or thereabouts. We'll also be getting delivery of the 50 bikes around that time. We will need help assembling the bikes – look out for a call to action in future newsletters! We'll have an official opening too – more on this later once we get a better idea of timing.

Finally, Pedal Ready is booked to return to HVS to run cycle skills training in Term 1 next year, and we're also speaking with WORD Mountain Bike club to come and speak to any keen mountainbikers (again this will probably be Term 1 next year).

Thanks to all those who have helped get the project to this stage. Contact Anna goannac@hotmail.com if you want to know more.

School Photos – TOMORROW - 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 were 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 Phot 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 - 2x 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.



School Fair - October 29th – only days away!

October 29th is creeping up on us. Thank you so much to all those people who have volunteered for set-up on Friday or Saturday, working on a stall on Saturday, or post fair pack-up. We still need more help, so please get in touch.

Craft Night The last craft night will be held this Friday, October 21st. 7pm onwards at 14 Arun Crescent. We will have a couple of new things on the go, and will also be packaging/pricing the craft we already have. If you have made craft at home, please drop at school before Friday if you can. Otherwise, we would love to see you at craft night - no need for any skills, just come along and help out.



Baking The cake stall is always really popular at the HVS fair - thanks to the fantastic baking from the school community. The goodies sell fast, so the more the better!

Next Tuesday all the kids will be given plates, a bag and a label - and we ask that everyone contribute something sweet or savoury for the cake stall or teashop.

The cakes and sweets can be delivered to the HALL on Friday, October 28th, after school, or to ROOM 2, where the cake stall is being held, on the morning of the fair.

There will also be lots of small bags for smaller items like cookies and fudge outside Denise's office - sweets always sell really well, especially fudge, so for all those master sweet makers out there, you can never make too much!

Also, if you make anything that is dairy/egg or gluten free, please indicate that on the label. Any queries, please contact Deb, debtapp@hotmail.com.

Donations We'll be accepting donations of books, toys, clothes, plants, crafts, silent auction items, vouchers, etc, right up until fair day, so please keep them coming.

THINGS WE STILL NEED - Can anyone kindly lend us any of the following for the fair: - large pots for curry, rice cookers, microwaves, a fridge (!), 2 dry powder fire extinguishers.

Kiss the Goat - Back by popular demand, our brave teachers have once again volunteered to kiss a goat on fair day. The candidates are: Matt Titcombe, Monica Mercury and Stephanie Bosch, but who will it be? For 50 cents you can have your vote next week after school (starts Tuesday). The teacher with the most votes (marbles in a jar) will be the lucky winner.

World Cup Don't forget to tell everyone that we will have the actual Rugby World Cup here on our field, on fair day - free photos can be taken by all. There may also be some very exciting news about the Hurricanes and the Super Rugby Cup - watch this space (or our Facebook page).

TE WHANAUNGĀTANGA KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL



The Te Whanaungātanga Kapa Haka Festival is to be held on Tuesday October 25th (the day after Labour Day) and Te Kura o Haewai - Houghton Valley will be one of eight other schools from around Wellington who will be participating.

This primary school kapa haka festival has been organised for the last six years and was originally hosted by the North-Western Wellington schools. In 2015, it was moved to St. Patrick's College for the first time and was hosted by the Eastern suburb schools (Holy Cross, Houghton Valley and Kilbirnie). The event will be held at St. Patrick's College again this year.

The participating schools are: Brooklyn School, Clifton Terrace Model School, Holy Cross School, Houghton Valley School, Kilbirnie School, Karori West Normal School, Northland and Wadestown.

TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

9.30am	Schools to meet in the quad area to start powhiri
10.15-10.30am	Morning Tea – Provided for the staff and adults at the back of the hall.
10.35am	Settled back into hall/performers to positions
10.35-10.50am	Clifton Terrace Model School
10.50-11.05am	Northland School
11.05-11.20am	Wadestown School
11.20-11.35am	Karori West Normal School
11.35 –11.50am	Holy Cross School (They have to leave the Festival straight after lunch)
11.50–12.20 pm	Lunch
12.25pm	Settled back into hall/performers to positions
12.25–12.40pm	Brooklyn School
12.40-12.55pm	Kilbirnie School
12.55-1.10pm	Houghton Valley School
1.15-1.25pm	Poroporoaki - Karakia (Whakataka te Hau) Waiata (He Honore)
1.30pm	Bus pick ups

If you are available to attend, we would love to see you. Ngā mihi

Whea Monnie



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. Children without hats will be required to spend their breaks on the decks in the shade.

HVS hats \$18. THANKS.

Community News

HVS Rogaine - Tuesday 15 November

Run under the Hutt Valley Orienteering Club (gives the event third party insurance). **Houghton and its Hills** is a two hour event for families in daylight and a three hour event for those who want to work out their leg on the hills.

Start/finish is Houghton Valley School playground, half way up Houghton Valley Road. Please park in car park/field below the school and walk up.

Timetable:

- Maps 5.15pm - Briefing 5.50pm - Start of three hour rogaine 6pm - Start of two hour rogaine 6.05pm.
- Finish of two hour rogaine 8pm and pizza. - Finish of three hour rogaine 9pm and pizza.

Prices \$8 for an adult and \$4 for under 21 for the two hour event only. The adult only needs to pay if they are competing and have a map, (i.e. not if they are a chaperone). Please pay HVS office by Tuesday 8th November so we know how many maps to get printed and how much pizza to order. All adults competing in the three hour events pay usual club/adult rates.

Planner Jenny Cossey

Wonderplay Drama Classes are free to try this week. Classes for 4-8 and 9-12 year olds as well Advanced Drama for 11-13 year olds. Classes are on Thursdays at Island Bay Community Centre. First lesson is free to try. Please contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz

Artrageous Kids is bringing back after school sessions on Fridays at The Poneke Dojo in Mt Cook. Oct 28 - December 9th \$161.00 for the 7 sessions all materials and resources provided. 3.30pm till 5.15 There will be a different theme each week and also all our old favourites and most popular activities will be available. Bookings can be made by following this link <https://enrolmy.com/artrageous-kids/activity/8-Artrageous-After-School-Extravaganza> To find out more about us please visit our website www.artrageouskids.co.nz

LIBRARY.....

Thank you to those who have returned their holiday books and bags. Please make sure they're all back this week.



If you receive a slip of paper informing you of an overdue book, can you please:

- remind your child to renew it, or
- return it, or
- pay \$10 if it is lost

Please email me if you have a query (joanna@houghton.school.nz)

Thank you, Joanna - Librarian

Kowhai Trip to Zealandia

