



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

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 2nd November 2016

Week 4 of Term 4

Term 4 Calendar			
Week 4	Thurs 3 rd Nov	9:30am-2:50pm	HVS Athletics (PP Friday 4 th Nov)
	Fri 4 th Nov	2:15pm	Assembly – Classes presenting 7, 8 and 9
Week 5	Tues 8 th Nov		Southern Zone Athletics (PP Tues 15 th Nov)
Week 6	Tues 15 th Nov	5:15pm	HVS Rogaine
Week 7	Tues 22 nd Nov		Interzone Athletics (PP 29 th Nov)
	Wed 23 rd – 25 th Nov		Year 6 Camp at Camp Kaitoke
Week 10	Wed 14 th Dec	6pm-7:30pm	Poroporoaki - Year 6 celebration
	Fri 16 th Dec	Time TBC	Last Day of Term 4 2016
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 so much fun on Saturday – even though it was freezing cold, at least the rain mostly held off! Thank you so much to everyone who helped out, whether on the day, setting up, producing goods or donating items for sale, cleaning up and even joining in the fun on the day purchasing the delicious food and – you're all important to the outcome. We had 5 volunteers from ASB helping out – two on candy floss and three with the money side of things. I confirmed yesterday they don't get paid for the day's work so we're especially grateful for their support. We also had several ex-HVS parents helping out which is fantastic! We're obviously really keen to hear the final result so please get any receipts in as soon as possible to help Monique, Home and School Treasurer, work this out. Congratulations and special thanks to Karen Parr our amazing Fair Co-ordinator



Post fair, it's still all go – Jill and I submitted our stage 2 application for a Treemendous Makeover, a \$10 000 grant from Project Crimson and the Mazda Foundation. Fingers crossed as the proposal is for a very exciting development along the south eastern border of the school field, starting under Rata classroom with a 'Rata Laboratory' where we can view the growth of rata epiphytes and the other trees and plants in the plan. A special thanks to Adam Ellis who helped with the concept plan. There's a limestone path along the bank, a wind sculpture garden to be created by students and some extra large rocks in the proposal too. We'll know on November 8 whether we've been one of the successful schools.

The container for bike storage is being delivered next week and construction of the track begins week 6. The students are due to help assemble bikes in the next week or so too.

I had yet another property meeting with several Ministry of Education representatives regarding Nikau and Karaka classrooms and feel a little more confident we're making headway – slow and steady wins the race? The approval for Pohutukawa and Kowhai classes is also underway, making its way through the Ministry of Education property system. I'm really hoping to have this approved soon as we don't want to start the year down these two rooms, given we're already struggling to work out where to put our tenth class!

Here's hoping for a fine day tomorrow for our school athletics. I hope you can join us.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

Bike Track Update:

Construction of the tracks is now due to start Monday 14 Nov, weather permitting. Dan and the team from Bicycle Junction will be assembling the fleet of 50 bikes on Tuesday 15th Nov, either in the hall or top court, with the help of senior students. Parent help is very welcome too. 9.30am start. All very welcome. Contact Dan or Anna for more goannac@hotmail.com

Bikes in School Evaluation

Bikes in Schools

What is the Bikes in Schools evaluation? This is for years 3 to 6.

Mackie Research is evaluating the Bikes in Schools programme over the 3-year period from 2015 to 2018, on behalf of ACC and Bike On Charitable Trust. The main component of the evaluation is to engage with 16 different schools in the North Island.

As your school has shown interest in implementing Bikes in Schools we would like to invite you to participate in the evaluation.

What does the evaluation involve for me and my child(ren)?

- A questionnaire for students to be completed in 2016, 2017 and 2018. This will be completed at school and will take approximately 15-minutes.
- The researchers visiting the school to observe Bikes in Schools lessons and students' bike skills.
- There may also be a survey or focus group for parents/caregivers approximately 1-year after the bike track has been built.

Please read the notice included with the school newsletter any questions please ask your classroom teacher and they will point you in the right direction.

From the Library....

It's nearly time for the annual Library Inventory and before I start, I'd love to have all Overdue Books RENEWED or RETURNED.

If you know a book is missing, please pay \$10. We will refund the money if the book is subsequently found.

There are still **8 Red Bags** missing and I would love to have them returned to keep our set available for the Holiday Lending programme. Thank you. joanna@houghton.school.nz



School Fair - THANKS

A massive thank you to all those who helped at the school fair. Volunteers on stalls and activities, set up/pack up helpers, crafters, cake bakers, silent auction donors, behind the scenes helpers, and everyone in the school and local community who supported us. Your time, your expertise and your enthusiasm were much appreciated.

We are not expecting to break any records for the amount of money made, but considering how bad the weather might have been, and the fact that a good time was had by all, I think we can be very proud of our efforts.

We look forward to hearing what all our hard work buys for the children this time round.

Karen Parr – Fair Co-ordinator



SPORTS NEWS

School Athletics Celebration – Thursday 3rd November



Postponement day is Friday 4th November.

The day's programme is available to view on the Sports notice board.

We start at 9.15am and rotate to a different event every 30 minutes with a break for morning tea and lunch. The programme will finish up around 2.50pm just in time for a 5min nap in the classroom.

Please ensure your children have some extra food, water bottle, sunhat, and appropriate clothes for the day.

Postponement - School Website will be updated by 8.00am on the day of the event.

Southern Zone Athletics:

Next Tuesday 8th November (Postponement Tuesday 15th Nov) we will be sending a team to the Southern Zone Athletics at Newtown Park. A notice will come home this week. We will require parent help to run this fun event for the children.

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 take 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.

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

2017 Weetbix Tryathlon It is that time again, registrations have opened for the 2017 Weetbix Tryathlon. This year the nearest event is on Sunday 19th March at Kilbirnie Park and registrations are open now. So for more information or if your child (minimum age is 7) wants to have a try on their own or as part of a team register at: <https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/12/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/0987013e-5a9f-44fd-8a7a-bb3de462dfae>

HVS has registered again so if we get over 15 kids taking part we can win all kinds of goodies for the school. So don't forget to link into the school group when you are registering. Early bird rates apply until February 17th but it is likely to fill up before then so register soon! Any questions look on the website or contact me sarahduncan99@hotmail.com

Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool Wellington Diving Club has a range of diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up. Why not try something new this year? Visit our website and come along for a free trial! We have many after-school sessions on most days and cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. We also run fun casual sessions on Sundays. For more information, please visit our website www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Barbara on 027-485-8888.

Beginners Tennis every Thursday over November @ Island Bay Tennis Club Been wanting to get back into tennis or always wanted to give it go? We are offering a beginners Adult Novice Class every Thursday over November. 6 – 645pm. \$10 dollars a session. Contact Kathryn if you are interested kathryntennisthebay@gmail.com / 027 470 1796

HVS School Fair Day

