



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

**NEWSLETTER**

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Week 5 of Term 4

Term 4 Calendar			
Week 5	Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1:10pm	HVS Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle– “Pre-Order before school “
	Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7pm	Home and School Meeting in Staffroom
	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2:15pm	Assembly – Classes presenting 1, 3 and 5
	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3pm	Cake Stall Fundraiser
Week 6	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	From 5:15pm	HVS Rogaine – Nikau Class Room 3
	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6pm	HVS BOT Meeting in school library
Week 7	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov		Interzone Athletics (PP 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov)
	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	9:30am	Assemble Bikes in the Hall
	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Year 6 Camp at Camp Kaitoke
Week 10	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm-7pm	Poroporoaki - Year 6 celebration
	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1:30pm	Last Day of Term 4 2016
ASB Banking days are FRIDAYS • Bee Healthy Dental Clinic – 0800 825 583			
Sushi available Thursdays – go online to <a href="http://www.wrapitup.co.nz">www.wrapitup.co.nz</a> before 9am on Thursday to order			
Kelly Club After School Care – Phillippa Cell 022 010 9981 or email <a href="mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz">houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</a>			

**Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou,**

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

We received the very exciting news yesterday that we were successful in our application for a Treemendous School Makeover.

We are one of five schools receiving a \$10,000 grant from Project Crimson and the Mazda Foundation. The project will begin in 2017 and will require lots of input from you to help with planting and creating the very exciting development along the south eastern border of the school field. A very big thank you to Adam Ellis who came up with the idea of a ‘Rata Laboratory’. Following is an extract from the vision section of our application *“Our aim is to create a dynamic forest restoration environment where hidden ecological stories can be uncovered over time. An outdoor laboratory, walk and sculpture garden are designed for maximum engagement and interaction from students and community. Locally rare Northern Rata is the amazing forest cousin of Pohutukawa. Coming from a family of vines Rata is a hemi-epiphyte meaning it has the remarkable ability to grow its trunk downwards over a host tree, or any suitable object or medium.*



Northern rata, *Metrosideros robusta*

*Our restoration proposal enables an outdoor classroom or laboratory environment where Houghton Valley students and community can experiment with and observe the incredible lifestyle of Rata and other epiphyte communities within a more general coastal forest and wild lands restoration project.*

*The elevated planting frames integrate invertebrate hotels and bird feeders so that animals and plants can be observed in the actual environments they occur. The plantings have instant, engaging sculptural impact in the landscape, larger plantings may incorporate climbing and observation platforms added over time.”*

As mentioned previously, there’ll be a limestone path along the bank, a wind sculpture garden to be created by students and some extra large rocks at the southern end. A big thank you to Jill Holmstead who also helped with the application. If you want to know more about Treemendous School Makeovers, check out [www.treemendous.org.nz](http://www.treemendous.org.nz).

Thanks to everyone who came to watch the HVS athletics last week. We were so lucky with the weather, getting nearly to the end before the wind gusts made throwing the vortex almost impossible! We really appreciated all the extra help on the day too.



The bike track construction is about to get underway. Lots of students helped with the layout planning yesterday. The container delivery has been delayed due to the rain and so bike delivery has also been held up. This crazy spring weather is making it really tricky.

**Thank  
You**

A huge thank you again to Karen Parr for all her hard work organising another fantastic school fair! As a small token of thanks and appreciation from H&S, the entire school community and all the students, some lovely flowers were presented to Karen at last week's assembly. This is the biggest fundraising event of the year, and a huge undertaking and commitment! Thanks again Karen.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki



Please remind your children they're **not** allowed to bring small toys and trading cards to school. We do understand trading cards are a lot of fun and school is a great place to trade, but they cause a lot of issues too. Small toys are often brought in for class news and this is ok as long as the item is kept in the school bag or given to the teacher for safe keeping. We really appreciate your support with this.

### Bike Track Update and Change of Date:



Due to the wet conditions on the field the delivery of the container has been delayed. This also means we need to delay the bike assembly workshop (meant to be Tues 15th). This will now be held on now Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 9.30am (parent helpers welcome). If the container still isn't here we'll have to do it on Tues 29th. Fingers crossed for a break in the rain to dry out the field. Contact: Anna goannac@hotmail.com



### Year 6 camp 2016: Fundraising needed

To help raise money for this year's Year 6 camp, all the year 6's are going to be doing some fundraising - that includes **Sausage Sizzles, Raffles, and Bake Sales...** all organised by the Year 6's! We would love your support if you could come and buy some things from us! By Maia (Rm3) and Lola (Rm4)



### Sausage Sizzle Tomorrow

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at lunchtime 1:10pm

Price: Sausages \$2 Vegetarian \$4

Pay in the before school from 8:30-9:00 am outside the Library- cash only!



### Bake Sale Friday

On Friday 11th of November Yr 6's (Maia, Holly, Edie and Scarlet) are holding a bake sale in front of Karaka Rm 4 (if raining, the deck of Rm 4). We are helping raise for the Yr 6 camp. Please bring along \$1-3 dollars if you want to get something yummy after school:)

### HVS Raffle

As part of year 6 camp fundraising we are holding a Raffle. If you want to get some awesome prizes go outside the library from Tuesday the 15th to Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Tickets are \$3 each, and all the money will go to year 6 camp. Thanks

# SPORTS NEWS

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## Southern Zone Athletics

The crowd was deafening as we ran round the track, our hearts raced as the starter gunshot BAM KAPOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Everyone watched as relay team after relay team breached the boundaries of speed. HVS winners came round after round in the High jump, long jump, sprints, Quoits, and 1000 metres. Overall everyone had a great time and left after a fun day! By Niamh Fyfe

### Year 4

Jackson Hill: 1st Quoits, 3rd Vortex, 2nd 100m Sprint, 2nd Long Jump

### Year 5

Leah Sumner: 1st High Jump & 1000m, 3rd 150m & 80m Sprint

Cara Vermaak: 2nd Quoits

Harry Cregeen: 1st Long Jump, 2nd 150m Sprint,

Bruno Joli: 2nd Vortex, 3rd Long Jump

Stanley Legge: 1st 1000m

Fenn Restieaux : 3rd Vortex

Boys Relay 1st

### Year 6

Josh Ryan: 2nd Vortex, 3rd Quoits

Niamh Fyfe 1st 1000m

Kano Hill: 2nd 1000m

Zach Snow : 3rd 1000m

Bessie Martin: 3rd High Jump

Relays: Girls 2nd



## Sports Dates to diary for Term Four

- Interzone Athletics Newtown Stadium Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November (PP Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- Regional Athletics Newtown Stadium Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:matt@houghton.school.nz).

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*For Sale* - We have a few sets of these gift cards left from the School Fair. If you would like to buy a set of 6 for \$10, please email [katymacleod@hotmail.com](mailto:katymacleod@hotmail.com) to arrange pick up and payment. All funds raised will go to Home and School.

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## Community News

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### 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 17<sup>th</sup> but it is likely to fill up before then so register soon! Any questions look on the website or contact me [sarahduncan99@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahduncan99@hotmail.com)



We're just sending out an invite to everyone to join us at the **OWHIRO BAY COUNTRY FAIR** on Sunday 27 November, 10.30-2.30pm. The fair is being held at Owhiro Bay School and Kindergarten. We have cheap helicopter rides, [click this link](http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country_fair_portal.html) to make a pre-booking: [http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country\\_fair\\_portal.html](http://www.owhiro.school.nz/country_fair_portal.html), horse rides, fun fair rides including hot rods and bouncy castle, kids games, Santa, clothing, books, jewellery, bric-a-brac, crafts, baby boutique, toys, plants, entertainment, coffee, home baking and HEAPS of yummy food. Come along rain or shine.