



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

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 16th November 2016

Week 6 of Term 4

Term 4 Calendar			
Week 6	Fri 18 th Nov	2:15pm	Assembly – Classes presenting 2, 4 and 6
	Fri 18 th Nov	3pm	Cake Stall Fundraiser for Year 6 Camp
Week 7	Tues 22 nd Nov		Interzone Athletics (PP 29 th Nov)
	Tues 22 nd Nov	9:30am	Assemble Bikes in the Hall
	Wed 23 rd – 25 th Nov		Year 6 Camp at Camp Kaitoke
Week 10	Wed 14 th Dec	6pm-7pm	Poroporoaki - Year 6 celebration
	Fri 16 th 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 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

Thank you for your support over the past couple of days as we dealt with earthquakes and torrential rain. We appreciate your cooperation with yesterday's evacuation. This instruction was given by the Wellington City Council under instruction from Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office. (WREMO). It seems like their messages were different for different schools so I've followed up with the Ministry of Education who are clarifying this for us. Regardless, it was a valuable exercise and gave us a few pointers for further refining our procedure.

This evacuation went smoothly, and as there was not an actual catastrophic event and communications were up and running, all children were able to be collected. In the event of communications being down, **children will still only be released to primary caregivers or other emergency contacts as listed on the school database.** We noticed that lots of the children have emergency contacts who aren't school families (or local residents) and now request, to provide more options in the case of a major event, that you provide the name of one or more school families or neighbours who you are happy to take care of your children. Many of you have this already, which ensures further options for your child to be picked up in the case of you or your emergency contacts not being able to get here.



It's important to know that we will take care of the children however long it takes for someone to collect them. If communications are down you can be assured they'll be with someone on your list or here at school. At this stage we are still not planning to implement a text notification system as this is still not proven as a reliable communication tool in an emergency and could cause extra stress if it crashes. It's much better to assume your children are safe at school, or with one of your allocated carers, and for you to take your time to travel safely.

It's been great to see so many hits on our school website – this was updated as soon as we had the information we needed, so it saved us lots of time dealing with phone calls. Please continue to check the website frequently to get information. Also keep checking back for updates as it can take us a while to get the information we need and things can also change. Of course this only works while communications are available. In the case of a major catastrophe, the internet may fail us!

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

Please e-mail your additional emergency contacts to the school office admin@houghton.school.nz

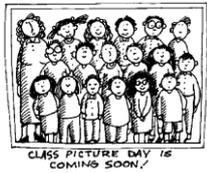
Subject line: **EMERGENCY CONTACT UPDATE**

Please include:

- Your child/ren's full name/s
- Additional emergency contact details for school families (or other local contacts such as a neighbour likely to be at home during the day)

HVS School Photos - Shootkey

Today you would have received your child's personalised "Shoot Key Code" to purchase individual, siblings or class and whole school photos, online. You are able to view the photographs online before purchasing them. Check www.photolife.co.nz for more details. Please order by "**Monday 5th December at 8am**" to receive free delivery via the school.



ICAS ENGLISH RESULTS

Congratulations to these students who sat the ICAS English Assessment:



Year 4: Noa Ellis, Nico Halasz, Ollie Hunt, Lily Scott, Alice Williams, Fraser O'Regan Smith and Catalina Stevenson;

Year 5: Ewan Brighton-Mills, Maaike Day, Suavek Goodfellow, Leah Sumner, Marceline Holden, Fenn Restieaux, Lucy Downes, Harry Cregeen, Zach Brough, Rohan McCarthy and Manawa Mittcalf Matthews;

Year 6: Buster Burne, Eli Cuming, Niamh Fyfe, Stevie Halasz and Bessie Martin.

ICAS – English assesses reading and language skills in a range of contexts. The following aspects of texts are assessed and reported: text comprehension—reading for meaning—in literary and factual texts; the writer's craft in selecting particular text types, vocabulary and techniques; syntax; and vocabulary. The questions require students to locate, identify, sequence, explain, interpret, analyse and infer information in and about texts. Students read a variety of texts which narrate, describe, explain, argue, persuade and review. The types of texts include extracts from picture books, short stories, novels, poems, play scripts, transcripts of interviews, letters, diary entries, advertisements, webpages, feature articles, opinion pieces and comic strips. The texts may include tables, diagrams, maps and other visual information.

A special mention and congratulations to the follow students who gained awards in the English Assessment:

High Distinction: Bessie Martin, Lucy Downes; **Distinction:** Marceline Holden, Fenn Restieaux

Credit: Niamh Fyfe, Stevie Halasz, Ewan Brighton-Mills, Maaike Day, Suavek Goodfellow, Leah Sumner, Noa Ellis, Nico Halasz, Ollie Hunt, Lily Scott;

Merit: Eli Cuming, Harry Cregeen and Alice Williams

Note: Awards are granted as follows for each year level in each participating country: High Distinction – the top 1% of participants, Distinction the next 10% of participants, Credit - the next 25% of participants, Merit - the next 10% of participants. Participation - all remaining participants



Bake Sale this Friday On Friday 18th of November Yr 6's (Leo, Zach, Conor, Oscar, Flynn, Eli, Hamish, Buster) are holding a bake sale in front of Karaka Rm 4 (if raining, the deck of Rm 4) We are helping raise funds 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 Wednesday 16th Nov to Friday the 18th Nov at 3pm. Tickets are \$2 each, and all the money will go to year 6 camp. Thanks

Home and School Information



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. Chris Taylor, Home and School Chair

Kelly Club Houghton Valley will be offering a "**Pre-Christmas holiday programme**" at Houghton Valley School from Monday 19th December through to Thursday 22nd December 2016. 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 activities to entertain and inspire children. The Pre-Christmas Kelly Club Holiday programme includes: baking, crafts, games, Christmas Science Day and much more. The Pre-Christmas programme is now available to book online at https://www.kellyclub.co.nz/kelly_events/zone/Houghton_Valley_Kelly_Club For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz or call 022 010 9981.

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