



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

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 23rd November 2016

Week 7 of Term 4

| Term 4 Calendar | | | |
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| Week 7 | Wed 23 rd –25 th Nov | | Year 6 Camp at Camp Kaitoke |
| | Fri 25 th Nov | 2:15pm | Assembly – Classes presenting 7, 8 and 9 |
| Week 8 | Wed 30 th Nov | 10am | Assemble Bikes |
| | Wed 30 th Nov | 6pm | HVS BOT Meeting in the Library |
| | Thurs 1 st Dec | 10:30am-2pm | HVS Mini Olypmic with Makara School on HVS school field |
| | Fri 2 nd Dec | 2:15pm | Assembly – Classes presenting 1, 3 and 5 |
| Week 9 | Mon 5 th Dec | 8am | Ordering of Class Photo closes @ 8am |
| | Thurs 8 th Dec | All Day | Big Fun Day @ HVS |
| | Fri 9 th Dec | 2pm | Performance Assembly |
| Week 10 | Wed 14 th Dec | 2:15pm | Footsteps Dance Presentation with whole school |
| | 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 – Phillipa Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz | | | |

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa, Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

It's such a relief to have such a nice day to send the year 6 children off to camp. They were very excited (of course!). They're heading to YMCA Camp Kaitoki and will be enjoying three fun packed days of activities.

Bikes in Schools We're getting very excited as the bike track construction is finally going to start this week. With the weather finally being kind, the container is able to be delivered and the construction team have managed to find a gap in their post flood clean-up duties to get started.

Please keep checking the calendar for event updates as there's a lot happening in the few final weeks of the term. We have Makara School visiting to participate in a mini-Olympics next Thursday and our Big Fun Day is the following Thursday. The children have been having dance sessions with Footsteps dance all term and will be performing on the afternoon of Wednesday 14 December from 2.15pm. You're all encouraged to come and watch.

We've started working out classes for 2017 and will advise you of your child's placement on their school report. We take into account lots of factors to make the best decision for the children. We'll start next year with ten classes (there's an additional year 3/4 class) and have some rearrangements of teaching staff we'll be able to announce soon.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

Update Your Emergency Contacts

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)

A BIG WELCOME TO: 😊 Seb Lake in Ngaio Class



PARKING SAFETY

It's really important for the safety of the children to make sure you drive and park safely around the school. Please don't park on yellow lines and before you park on the opposite side of the road, check there's still room for cars to get past. Reducing the road to one lane has been causing problems. We really appreciate you taking more time to park further away and walk your children to school. Thank you.

Bike Track update - Bike Assembly now Wed 30th Nov 9.45am - Parent Help welcome.

Finally, some dry weather! Track construction should also start at the end of this week, and we've rescheduled the bike assembly workshop to **Wednesday 30th Nov from 10am**. Dan and the Bicycle Junction team will be running this with some of the senior students and also (we hope), with parent help. It's a tricky time of day, but if you are able to lend a hand that'd be great. Contact Anna goannac@hotmail.com or just turn up.



Reminder: HVS School Photos – to be ordered by 8am on Monday 5th Dec www.photolife.co.nz

Helping Children Dealing with Trauma

This link was passed onto us from a parent and may be useful following our traumatic week of earthquakes and floods.

<http://www.theparentingplace.com/johns-corner/helping-children-deal-with-trauma/>

Home and School Information



BBQ volunteers needed!

Home and school support two upcoming school events, the BIG FUN day on Thursday December 8th and the year 6 poroporoaki in the evening of Wednesday 14th December. Part of that support is firing up the BBQ and providing sausages / vegetarian option for the children (and helping adults!). If you are able to help at lunch time on the 8th or the early evening of the 14th please let me know. We need help to prepare, cook, serve and tidy up so even if you can only spare half an hour any help would be appreciated. Please contact me via sarahduncan99@hotmail.com or come and talk to me at school pick up! Thanks

Interzone Athletics on Tuesday



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.