



## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Week 10 & 11 of Term 1

**Houghton Valley School Website: [www.houghton.school.nz](http://www.houghton.school.nz)**

### Term 1 Calendar

Week 10	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> April Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	6pm 1:45pm	Home & School AGM Whole School and Performance Assembly ( <i>early start</i> )
Week 11	<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> April Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> April Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>2:55pm</b> 6pm No School No School	<b>No Assembly This Week</b> <b>Last Day of Term 1 2017</b> HVS Board of Trustees Meeting <b>Teacher Only Day</b> Easter and School Holidays

### Term 2 Calendar

Week 1	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May		First Day of Term 2 2017
	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May		Chopper Day Appeal – Gold Coin

**ASB Banking days are FRIDAYS**      • **Bee Healthy Dental Clinic** – 0800 825 583

Sushi available Thursdays – go online to [www.wrapitup.co.nz](http://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](mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz)

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

It's still sinking in that term one is nearly at an end! It's been as busy as always but a great term of learning and adventure. As this is the *final newsletter* of term one, I'd like to thank you all for your support and contributions. We rely on and appreciate your help to enhance our programmes and the experiences we can offer the students.

I'd also like to acknowledge the staff – teachers and support staff for their term's work. They all work incredibly hard, focusing always on the best outcomes for your children's learning, well-being and overall school experience. We're always exploring and learning how to make things better so I thank the staff for their continued dedication and support. They really have earned a break!

Our overarching topic this year is *Kaitiakitanga, what is guardianship?* In term one the focus was on becoming guardians of the classroom and learning - exploring the ways we look after ourselves? This came mostly under the umbrella of Health and Social Science areas of the curriculum. The year 5 and 6 classes were also involved in the EMR (Exploring Marine Reserves) Programme so were focused on looking after Tangaroa as Guardians of the Sea. We of course also made excellent use of the bike track – it's a fantastic addition to the school and I appreciate everyone's support of this, especially the teachers who are making good use of the track with their classes. Joe Ready has been delegated the role of coordinating track use and bike care and has ensured we've been able to get the cycling programme up and running and make use of the Pedal Ready Programme.



In term 2 we will be tying the Tremendous Makeover to our Student Inquiry. The overarching concept is Tawhirimatea - Guardian of the Wind and the Air and Tane Mahuta - Guardian of the Forest and the Birds. The curriculum focus shifts to science - Planet Earth & beyond, learning about the weather - specifically the wind, and Technology (technological practice, knowledge and nature of technology). Our goal is to explore the plant life suitable for the Tremendous Makeover – embracing the wind and also encouraging birds and insects. Each class will be designing a sculpture of a fish to add to a sculpture area at the southern end of the field.

The Tremendous Makeover really needs to commence next term to I'm very keen to hear from anyone willing to help out. This could be with the planting plan, construction of platforms, creation of the limestone path through the trees on the bank or helping with wind sculpture design and construction. Please get in touch with Jill Holmstead or me if you think there's an aspect you can be involved in. We will be counting on lots of support to be able to complete this ambitious but very achievable and exciting project.

Due to the hall being out of action next term, we won't be holding our usual assemblies. We've come up with a pretty exciting alternative that involves classroom visits instead so look out for more detail about this early next term. We're also going to have weekly KC Card draws during the lunchtime! We are going to be counting up the KC Cards each week so the whanau groups can keep track of their progress. We are planning to do a bit of furniture shifting to have one whole school assembly near the end of term.

**AGM** I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Home and School AGM this Thursday night. Come and share your ideas and hear about the successes and ambitions of this important group who support HVS to be the amazing place it is for your children.

Please be aware that Denise will be away from Friday until the end of term, therefore there will be limited office support. E-mails and phone messages will still be checked so you can call or e-mail through absences as usual. For any urgent office matters we, the (staff) will endeavour to assist.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

## PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY



### **FINAL ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK starting at 1:45pm**

Come-along and watch some children perform in our popular Performance Assembly starting at 1:45pm in the Hall.



## WANTED: SECRETARY FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

### **"Wanted - a new Secretary for the Board of Trustees**

After years of impeccably organised and charming service, Mel has decided that it is time to let someone else experience the fun. The position involves attending board meetings, taking minutes, organising board papers and material and making sure that the Board google site remains a well organised place where information can be easily found. The time commitment would be around 4 hours per month (including the two hour meeting) and there is some payment (not huge!). If you are interested talk to Raewyn or Sarah (021494018 or email [BOTchair@houghton.school.nz](mailto:BOTchair@houghton.school.nz)).

## HVS INFORMATION



### **REMINDER - NO TRADING CARDS AT SCHOOL**

We are looking at organising something for the winter term and will be talking to the students about this to come up with a plan to manage trading more safely. In the meantime we will stick to the ban. Unfortunately there are always issues with the cards being traded at school and we notice an escalation of problems when the last, more difficult-to-find cards are being sought. We'd appreciate your support with this as it takes a lot of precious teacher time sorting the problems and dealing with upset and angry children.

### **BURGERS**

In terms 3 and 4 we traditionally offer burgers once a week as a lunch option. Sadly the wonderful Faith who did such an amazing job of organising the burgers for so long is no longer involved with HVS, so we will need someone else to step into this role. The burgers are really popular so it would be sad not to carry on with this. Please let Denise know in the office if you want to know more about the role and/or are willing to take this on. If we are successfully in finding an organiser, we will put out a request for helpers to fill the weekly roster.



## KELLY CLUB INFORMATION



**KELLY CLUB NEW OWNERSHIP** We are pleased to announce that Kelly Sports and Kelly Club has had a change of ownership. Janine Taylor and Mark Sorenson are born and bred Wellingtonians, both having grown up in the Hutt Valley. Mark is a well-known New Zealand sporting identity who has lead the New Zealand softball team to win 5 World Titles and two silvers. Mark has also received the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to softball and the community. He is in the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame and is currently the New Zealand Men's Black Sox coach. Janine and Mark are excited to continue offering our high quality and popular Kelly Sports and Kelly Club After School programmes and After School Care at HoughtonValley School.

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**KELLY CLUB Teachers Only Day Programme** End of Term ONE is Wednesday 12th April. **TEACHERS ONLY day** is Thursday 13th April. We will be running a programme at the school on THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL from 8:30am – 5:30pm. The usual activities will be running and there are session options:

Morning Half Day	9:00am – 12:30pm	School Day	9:00am – 3:30pm
Afternoon Half Day	12:30pm – 3:30pm	Full Day	8:30am – 5:30pm

Bookings for this can be made online at [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz).



**KELLY CLUB APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES** - Kelly Club also has a full time Holiday Programme at *Island Bay School* during the April school holidays from 18th April – 28th April 2017. 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. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) email [islandbay@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:islandbay@kellyclub.co.nz) or call 022 198 6316.

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**KELLY SPORTS TERM 2** Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives children a place to channel their energy.

**Winter Sports** Warm Up (Yrs 1-4) – Thursdays 3.05-4.05pm - Come and try Football, Dodgeball, Basketball and Hockey. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

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**NOTE: Sushi** will be CANCELLED on the Teacher Only Day Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April and there will be **NO school bus** on this day!



### **TERM 2 CHOPPER APPEAL**

We're planning to support the Chopper Appeal on Friday 5 May (End of week 1). We encourage all students to wear red or yellow and bring at least a gold coin to donate to this important service. We're letting you know now so you can search out your red or yellow items in the holidays!

*New Zealand's rescue helicopters provide a vital safety net for all people. Performing over 7,590 missions last year and operating nationwide through 16 local rescue helicopter services, many of the rescue helicopters act as flying intensive care units. Along with remote rescue, the highly trained specialist crews have been called upon to perform critical hospital transfers, attend emergency births, and respond to car and boating accidents. In fact they may attend any type of emergency where rapid response or difficult location is a factor. And they'll do this any time of the day or night, every day of the year, right across the country. The majority of funding for this unique service comes from the community - through sponsors like Westpac and people like you.*

**AGM** And finally a reminder that the **Home and School AGM** is coming up on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April** and whilst anyone can put themselves forward for any of the committee roles there is a vacant secretary role that needs to be filled. If you are interested please contact me for details: [homeandschool@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@houghton.school.nz)



### **Move-a-thon Fundraiser**

We have made over \$1000 – what a great effort – if there is any other money outstanding please pay direct to the “Houghton Valley Home and School Association” bank account – ASB 12-3481-0049991-00 (Note not the HVS BOT account) or put in a clearly marked envelope and left with Denise in the office.



**Entertainment Books for Sale** Houghton Valley School is selling Entertainment Books for a fundraiser again this year. Entertainment Books include hundreds of discounts for activities, shops and restaurants around Wellington. The books are \$65 but there are thousands of dollars worth of discounts. Watch out for the flier coming home with your eldest child with more information. To order your book online visit: [www.entbook.co.nz/1097k91](http://www.entbook.co.nz/1097k91) Orders before 24 April receive early-bird bonus discounts. Feel free to pass this link to family and friends - Houghton Valley School gets funding from every sale. More the merrier! Any questions, please contact Kate on 383 5234 (Te Maihi and Manawa's mum).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **An Awfully Big Adventure**

This ridiculously clever, funny and highly entertaining show highlights the absurdity of war, exploring WWI and its impact on New Zealanders. Amongst the pythonesque absurdity and theatrical performance comes a show that explore the story of two young men; one a keen enlister and the other a conscientious objector meeting on Flanders Fields. Written by Leo Gene Peters for families (due to content we recommend over age 7). Te Papa Soundings Theatre, 23-25 April, 11.30am. Book at [capitale.org.nz](http://capitale.org.nz)

### **Houghton Valley Community Neighbours DAY**

There will be a Neighbours Day activity on Sunday April 30th. Celebrate the 88th Birthday of our valley hall at the Community Hall at 2 pm. There will be activities in the morning including table tennis under the unique 'valley rules'. Further information will be on [www.houghtonvalley.org.nz](http://www.houghtonvalley.org.nz)

**Play Rugby this Winter** The Ponoke Rugby Club is looking for a couple more players for their Under Nine “Pythons” team, girls or boys. 8-9 year old boys or 8-10 year old girls. No experience needed. Ponoke are based in Kilbirnie, are really well organized and run good safe training. Contact David Johnston: [david@johnstonebett.co.nz](mailto:david@johnstonebett.co.nz)

**Island Bay United Holiday Football** @ Wakefield Park, Tuesday 18th April – Friday 21st April 2017, 9am – 3pm \$35 per day. Kick start your football season with our fun filled football week. This holiday programme is loved by primary and intermediate boys and girls, aged 5 – 12. Get in quick to work with our Coaching and Developing Manager, Martin Garcia and enjoy 4 days filled with fun and football. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** - Registration is on the IBU Junior club website [www.ibujuniors.org.nz](http://www.ibujuniors.org.nz). Email queries [toevents@ibujuniors.org.nz](mailto:toevents@ibujuniors.org.nz)

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