



NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 2nd February 2017

Week 1 of Term 1

| Term 1 Calendar | | | |
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| Week 1 | | | No Assembly this week |
| Week 2 | Mon 6th Feb Fri 10th Feb | No School 2:15pm | Public Holiday – Waitangi Day Assembly (generally every Friday) |
| Week 3 | Mon 13th Feb Wed 15th Feb | 6pm From 6pm | Board of Trustee Meeting Parent Information Evening – see info below |
| Week 7 | Mon 13th March Tues 14th March Tues 14th March | 6pm | Life Education Van arrives Capital E Arts Festival Trip Board of Trustees Meeting |
| Week 11 | Thurs 13th April | | Last Day of Term 1 2017 |
| 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 | | | |
| Houghton Valley School Website: www.houghton.school.nz | | | |



IMPORTANT – Please note, the “School Newsletter”

will not be printed after this edition.

From next week Denise will e-mail the link to the newsletter on the school website.

We will continue to have spare copies in the office foyer.

Please contact Denise if you are unable to access e-mail to receive the newsletter.



You'll be receiving a number of special notices today:

- **Stationery lists.** We'd appreciate prompt payment of these so the packs can be distributed as soon as possible.
- **2017 Annual Permission Slip and Activity Fee** for school trips (please sign and return)
- Information about the **2017 School Donation**

Preferred payment is direct to the Houghton Valley School bank account
Houghton Valley School Board of Trustees ASB 12-3481-0045763-00, thanks.

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Welcome to the 2017 school year. I hope at least some of you got to enjoy summer somewhere. I'm still hopeful we'll get some more consistently warmer summer weather through February! A very warm welcome to our new teacher, Louise Conwell who is teaching one of the year 5/6 classes in Nikau. We're happy to have Peter Holmstead back in Karaka this year. We also extend a special welcome also to all our new students.

As always, we've got all sorts planned for the year ahead. This term's learning unit is Ngā Hāpori – Communities, identifying the ways we look after ourselves. We'll be including aspects of What's the Plan Stan (emergency management), Firewise, Sunsmart, Kia Kaha (Bullying unit) and Life Education - Harold the Life Education giraffe arrives with his van in week 7. Nikau and Karaka Classes are involved in the E.M.R programme (Exploring Marine Reserves). We have the bike track and a big project ahead with the Tremendous Makeover. We're planning to install the rest of our playground equipment so look out for a working bee notice at some stage. It's also a production year which is always an exciting venture.

We're hoping to hold our annual trip to Lyall Bay beach but will wait and see if the weather improves before planning this. We'll let you know once we decide and will send more information details and a request for helpers to walk with us and help with supervision on the beach and in the water.



Wednesday 15 February - Come and find out more about how the classes work. The teachers will outline the class programmes and expectations. There will be three combined class meetings

- 6pm Year 1 and 2 classes (Ngaio, Mahoe, Ti Kouka and Harakeke)
- 6:30pm Year 3 and 4 classes (Pohutukawa, Kowhai, Rimu and Rata)
- 7pm Year 5 and 6 classes (Nikau and Karaka)



We're making changes to the Whanau groups this year. We'll have a tenth Whanau group and are renaming them so each whānau group will be named after a bird. The students will be reallocated to these new groups in the next couple of weeks. They'll still have a colour to help differentiate them during events and activities. We'll continue to collect points and have a count up each week with points accumulating throughout the year.

School Patrol Helpers

- ☺ Please contact Peter Holmstead if you are available to go on the school Patrol roster. This involves supervision of the student patrollers from 2.55-3.10pm. If the weather is too stormy for the barrier arms you'll be on patrol yourself.
- ☺ We would very much appreciate your support with this important service.
- ☺ peter@houghton.school.nz



Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

A Special Welcome to our new students...



A BIG WELCOME TO MAHOE CLASS :

- ☺ Abigail Brough ☺ Art Prebble ☺ Emma Adams
 - ☺ Edith Prebble ☺ Etienne Du Toit ☺ Ihaka Tipoki
 - ☺ Kester Rich ☺ Lotte Shuker ☺ Otto levers
 - ☺ Reuben Pearman ☺ Willow Overton
 - ☺ Rza Johnson Satti ☺ Emily McKenzie-Beever
- and in Harakeke ☺ Mabel Cenac and in Karaka ☺ Gus Cenac



Houghton Valley School Dates for 2017

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| Term 1 (11weeks) | Thursday 2 Feb 17 | Thursday 13 April 17 | Waitangi Day Monday 6 Feb <i>In school holidays</i> Easter Friday 14 April Easter Monday 17 April Anzac Day Tuesday 25 April |
| Term 2 (10weeks) | Monday 1 May 17 | Friday 7 July 17 | Queen's Birthday Monday 5 June Teacher Only Day To be Advised |
| Term 3 (10weeks) | Monday 24 July 17 | Friday 29 September 17 | |
| Term 4 (10weeks) | Monday 16 October 17 | Tuesday 19 Dec 17 | Labour Day Monday 23 October |