



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 15th February 2017

Week 3 of Term 1

Houghton Valley School Website: www.houghton.school.nz

Term 1 Calendar

Week 3	Wed 15 th Feb Fri 17 th Feb Fri 17 th Feb	From 6pm 2:15pm 5pm	Parent Information Evening TONIGHT – see info below Assembly <i>Classes attending only Room 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9</i> <i>Classes presenting Room 1, 3 and 5</i> ONLINE Scholastic Bookclub orders CLOSE
	Sat 18th Feb	10am onwards	HVS Working Bee
Week 4	Thurs 23 rd Feb Fri 24 th Feb	2:15pm	HVS Annual Lyall Bay Beach trip (<i>weather permitting</i>) Assembly <i>Classes attending only Room 2, 4, 6 and 10</i> <i>Classes presenting Room 6</i>
Week 6	Fri 10 th March	2:15pm	Whole School Assembly
Week 7	Mon 13 th March Tues 14 th March Tues 14 th March	6pm	Life Education Van arrives Capital E Arts Festival Trip Board of Trustees Meeting
Week 11	Wed 12 th April Wed 12th April Thurs 13 th April	2pm 2:55pm NO SCHOOL	Performance Assembly Last Day of Term 1 2017 Teacher Only Day
Week 1	Mon 1 st May		First Day of Term 2
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 kia koutou katoa, Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

We've planned our annual beach trip coming up next Thursday so here's hoping we get a well-deserved summery day! Please return the beach slip (green) as soon as possible if you're able to help out. We must also have all the "annual permission slips" (yellow form) back before the trip so your child/ren can participate. Payments can follow later if that's more convenient. There's a separate notice going home with your child this week.



It's been a busy start with a Home and School meeting late last week then a Board meeting early this week. Both groups have had a fantastic start with lots planned to keep Houghton Valley School improving and moving forward. The Board have prepared a newsy pānui which will be given out soon. We'll also add this to the website.

I'm still waiting for timeframes for our classroom upgrades and will let you know as soon as I have more detail. The hold up on Pohutukawa and Kowhai classes, although inconvenient, has resulted in a significantly better project so we're trying to be patient! Nikau and Karaka classes are being attended to from a totally different funding stream from the Ministry of Education so I'm still waiting to find out the scope of that project. Rimu class, housed in the library, is working well and Stephanie is excited in anticipation of the remaining furniture arriving any day. There'll be cubby units for the children's bags and a group table with stools for her to work with small groups. Joanna has been fantastic, keeping the collection 'live' and visiting classrooms. The library was often empty or just being used with small groups previously so she's enjoying the company of Stephanie and Rimu students when she's not out visiting other classes.

Hope to see you on Saturday at the working bee!

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

Parent Info Evening - Wednesday 15 February TONIGHT



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)
– **meet in Ngaio Room 8**
- 6:30pm Year 3 and 4 classes (Pohutukawa, Kowhai, Rimu & Rata)
– **meet in Rata Room 9**
- 7pm Year 5 and 6 classes (Nikau and Karaka) – **meet in Karaka Room 4**



First Working Bee of 2017








Term 1 Working Bee this Saturday, February 18th, 10am onwards. Please come along and help - there will be cake! Jobs will include clearing out storage areas, weeding, and some light maintenance (bring simple tools if you are handy).

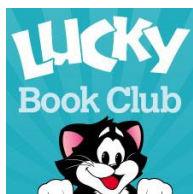
Postponement in case of bad weather will be posted on the HVS website, but unless it is really bad, we will be going ahead. The aim is to finish it all in a couple of hours, so the more people we have, the faster we will go.

Contact Karen to confirm or just turn up on the day. parr.karen@gmail.com / 027 209 4832

NEW WHANAU GROUPS

	Whanau Name	Whanau Colour	Whanau Teacher
	Kiwi	Brown	Monnie/Rekha
	Piwakawaka	Red	Miss Harvey/Miss Nemet
	Kotare	Orange	Mr Holmstead
	Takahe	Blue	Louise
	Ruru	Gold	Jos/Mel
	Kakariki	Green	Jill/Mary
	Kotuku	White	Mr Titcombe
	Karearea	Black	Mr Ready
	Tui	Purple	Miss Bosch
	Kakapo	Yellow	Nicola

LIBRARY NEWS



SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOKCLUB – ORDER ONLINE

Children will have brought home a catalogue from the Lucky Bookclub. If you wish to order, please go to the back page of the catalogue and follow the instructions under LOOP - that's an online ordering and payment system which is really easy. Go to mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz and follow the on-line instructions. **Orders will close on Friday, 17 February.** Books will be delivered to school and given to your child.

Library News...

I'm really enjoying working from my corner of Rimu classroom. The Library books are still on the shelves and students are coming to the Library to borrow books at morning tea and lunch time. Every class has had their first regular weekly half hour visit from me and I love seeing the work the students are producing. Remember, books can be returned before school, at morning tea or lunchtime and after school. Parents are still welcome to join the Library and come in after 3pm.

All in all, pretty much business as usual, thanks to the wonderful Ms Bosch and Rimu class.
Joanna Librarian

SPORTS NEWS

Floorball

Floorball got off to a great start yesterday with 11 HVS teams running rampant at the ASB Sports Centre.

Fees are DUE NOW for Term 1!

**Please pay \$35 into the HVS BOT - school account (ASB 12-3481-0045763-00)
or cash in a labelled envelope to Denise by Tuesday February 28th.**

Reference: Family Name Floorball e.g. Ready Floorball T1 2017



HOME AND SCHOOL INFO

From Chris Taylor, Home & School Chair

The first H&S meeting for 2017 was held last Thursday and was great success, with a great turn out thank you.

2017 events in planning

We ran through an events plan for 2017 and decided to put on the following activities for 2017. These will be put into the H&S calendar shortly:

- Bike-athon & Picnic term 01
- Quiz term 02
- Disco term 03
- Fair term 04
- Big Fun Day BBQ term 04
- Year 6 Poroporoaki BBQ term 04
- Working bee - one per term

We will need volunteers to help out with all of these events to make them a success so keep an eye out.

New ideas

If you have any ideas for new school community and / or fundraising events, we would love to hear from you, either drop us an email, or better still come along to the next meeting, we promise you will not walk away having to organise the 2017 Fair....

Teachers Report - what would you like to hear about?

On the agenda at every meeting is the Teacher's Report which is always a great opportunity to hear more about what the teaching staff and students get up to at school, including the programmes for learning.

Please drop me a line at homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz with any subjects you would be interested in hearing more about from the teaching staff, for consideration for presentation.

Chris Taylor



Just wanted to let you know Myles did amazing in the Gold Coast. Winning 4 gold awards for his 4 dances. With also winner for the 'Mr Showcase' for his age group coming home with a trophy

We would like to thank the Houghton Valley School children and families for their fundraising support. Thanks. Michelle and Myles

INSTEP DANCE STUDIO BOOK A FREE TRIAL CLASS! Based in Houghton Bay, we offer dance classes for children ages 3 - 18yrs. Dance styles include ballet, jazz and contemporary. Qualified, experienced and registered teachers. Adult rock n roll class for beginners starting March. Classes commence Monday 13th February. For more info visit www.instepdancestudio.co.nz or email instepdance@hotmail.com

Wellington Music Centre (at Island Bay School). There's still time to enrol for children's Saturday music lessons, this Saturday 9.30 – 11.30am. Classes start this Saturday and run term time all year. Many instruments, plus choirs, for primary school beginners; affordable (MOE subsidized) and fun! See their Facebook page.

All Star Victory Cheerleaders 2017 Enrolments still open. We offer free trial classes. A fun all round activity including tumble, jumps, stunts, pyramids and a little bit of dance. Classes and teams to suit all ages and abilities both girls and boys. Classes held at The Circus Hub 11 Hutchison St and also at Capitla Gymsports next door. Cheerleaders develop good listening and co operative skills while having fun and learning new physical skills. Contact: Julie 027 6526021 - 04 4773107 - allstarvictory@gmail.com or via enrolmy.com/all-star-victory. www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz Find us on facebook Facebook Victory All Star Cheerleaders.

**NOTE: Term 1 2017
Teacher Only Day - Thursday 13th April 2017
So last day of the 1st school term will be
Wed 12th April 2017 - prior to Easter Weekend**

2017 Annual Permission Slip and Activity Fee 2017

School Donation and class Stationery lists available online – www.houghton.school.nz "news".

Please pay direct to the Houghton Valley School bank account:
Houghton Valley School Board of Trustees ASB 12-3481-0045763-00