



**NEWSLETTER**

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

Week 4 of Term 1

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

**Term 1 Calendar**

Week 4	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15am 2:15pm	HVS Annual Lyall Bay Beach trip ( <i>weather permitting</i> ) Assembly <b>Classes attending only Room 2, 4, 6 and 10</b> <b>Classes presenting Room 2, 6 &amp; 10</b>
	<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>10am onwards</b>	<b>HVS Working Bee</b>
Week 5	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	2:15pm	Assembly <b>Classes attending only Room 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9</b>
Week 6	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	2:15pm	Whole School Assembly
	<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>2-3pm 3-5pm</b>	<b>Walk/Run/Bikeathon plus Home &amp; School Picnic</b>
			
Week 7	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> March Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> March Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm	Life Education Van arrives Capital E Arts Festival Trip Board of Trustees Meeting
Week 11	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> April	2pm <b>2:55pm</b> NO SCHOOL	Performance Assembly <b>Last Day of Term 1 2017</b> Teacher Only Day
Week 1	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May		First Day of Term 2
<b>ASB Banking days are FRIDAYS</b> • <b>Bee Healthy Dental Clinic – 0800 825 583</b>			
Sushi available Thursdays – go online to <a href="http://www.wrapitup.co.nz">www.wrapitup.co.nz</a> before 9am on Thursday to order			
Kelly Club After School Care – Phillippa Cell 022 010 9981 or email <a href="mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz">houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</a>			

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

It was very exciting this morning to welcome Dotty to school. Dotty (a beautiful caravan) has been loaned to us by the Barton family. Lovingly restored from its former purple and shag-pile carpet glory, she now boasts pretty blue furnishings and of course dots! We're absolutely thrilled to have this extra work space and already have many ways lined up for her use. For example, I'm personally excited to have somewhere for the Now News magazine group to work. Teachers can have meetings and teachers and teacher aides will have plenty of instances where they can work with groups of children. A huge thank you to Alex, Charlie, Sophie and Harry, for sharing Dotty with us.



We're really looking forward to our beach trip tomorrow, BUT, the weather's not looking that great – it will be such a shame after such an amazing week. We're not giving up yet though and will advise as usual through the website tomorrow morning. If it's off, we'll arrange a postponement for next week – look out for a new notice with details.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

**School Car Park = No Drop-off Zone**

For safety reasons, please do not use the car park as a drop off or pick up zone at peak times, i.e. 8.30-9am and 2.45-3.15pm. We've recently been advised of near misses with children when several cars have been trying to navigate in and out of this area. Thank you.



**A BIG WELCOME TO MAHOE CLASS:**

😊 **Eleanor Hayman**

**BEACH TRIP**

**Lyall Bay Beach Trip – Whole School – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Families are welcome to join us.

**We will leave school at 9.20am and walk to Lyall Bay.**



- Safety briefing on arrival at Lyall Bay Beach
- When not swimming, children can play games on the beach or build their own sand sculptures.

ROOMS	Arrive 10-10.30am	Arrive 10.30-11.30am	11.30—12.00	12.00—12.30	12.30—1.00	1.00—1.30	1.30—2.00
Mahoe and Ngaio Rm 7/8	Beach Briefing and Morning Tea	Whanau sand sculptures	Change SWIM	Dress	lunch	Tug of War Flag Races Play	Clean UP Play
Harakeke, Ti Kouka Rm 5/6	Beach Briefing and Morning Tea	Whanau sand sculptures	Change SWIM	Dress	lunch	Tug of War Flag Races Play	Clean UP Play
Pohutukawa, Kowhai, Rata Rm 1/2/9,10	Beach Briefing and Morning Tea	Whanau sand sculptures	Tug of War Flag Races Change	SWIM	lunch	Dress Play	Clean UP Play
Karaka, Nikau Rm 3/4	Beach Briefing and Morning Tea	Whanau sand sculptures	Tug of War Flag Races	Tug of War Flag Races Change	SWIM	Dress Lunch	Clean UP Play

*Classes will leave the beach around 2pm to walk back to school  
(if not being picked up directly from the beach – refer green beach trip notice)*

**Pick up From the Beach is at 2:15pm**

If you have informed us that you are taking your children home from Lyall Bay Beach, you must inform the teacher(s) in charge at the beach, so they can be marked off the class lists. Children can be picked up from school at the normal time.

To ensure the safety of our children we will:

- have teachers and parents in the water with the children to ensure they stay in shallow water
- make sure children are wearing sunblock
- request that parents who accompany us to the beach help by supervising children both in and out of the water

**Children need to wear a sun hat and good footwear for walking. They must bring, a nourishing lunch, a drink and warm clothes to wear after swimming.**

**Note: WrapitUp SUSHI will be delivered to Lyall Bay Beach**

**School Working Bee – Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>**

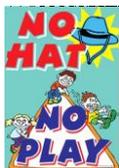


A big thank you to those who were prepared to come, or indeed who missed the note and went along to school on Saturday. The weather would have been perfect, which is more than a little frustrating, but we had to make the call on the skip hire on Friday morning, hence the postponement.

Please pencil Saturday March 4th in your diaries if you are available - same start time - 10am, same tasks, fresh cake. [parr.karen@gmail.com](mailto:parr.karen@gmail.com) 027 209 4832

Contact Karen to confirm or just turn up on the day. [parr.karen@gmail.com](mailto:parr.karen@gmail.com) / 027 209 4832

## GENERAL INFORMATION



**HATS** As always during the summer terms, we implement a 'No Hat, No Play' rule at school. **This year all children are required to wear a brimmed hat.** (no caps unless they're legionnaire style). We'd really appreciate your support with this important health measure. Most junior children and lots of older children already wear brimmed hats so we'd now like to see them on everyone. Children without hats will be required to spend their breaks on the decks in the shade. HVS hats \$18. Thanks.

**SPARE CLOTHES** –The school office needs spare boys and girls shorts, pants and underwear for our "spare clothes" bin. Suitable for the year 3 and under age group. Please drop to the school office if you can help. Thanks

## 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 (HVS BOT: 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

# ANNUAL BIKE and WALK-A-THON



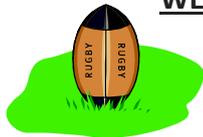
**Walk / Run / Bike-a-thon (from 2pm)**  
**and Home and School Picnic (3-5pm)**



The second annual combined move-a-thon and picnic will be in a few weeks on Sunday 12th March (rain day 19th)

**From 2pm** Anyone keen to take part is encouraged to get sponsors to complete a set number of laps (or per lap if people are feeling rich!) around the walking / running course or bike track depending on what mode of transport you are using. Sponsor forms will be included in next week's newsletter or will be available from the desk by the office. This is a great way for friends and family from outside Wellington and overseas to get involved in supporting HVS. All money raised goes towards maintaining the bike track.

**From 3pm:** People can continue walking / biking but for those that are finished, want to watch all the activity or just feel like a picnic, is welcome to bring food, a picnic blanket, ball games and take part in the annual "tug-of-war" competition! More details next week but if you are able to help out please let me know - [sarahduncan99@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahduncan99@hotmail.com) or say hello at school pick-up.



**WELLINGTON UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATIONS 2017 SEASON (local club based at Newtown Park)**

Registration for new and existing players for the 2017 season is OPEN! Football season starts Saturday 1 April and Sunday 2 April 2017. Mixed grades are played on Saturday, 'Girls Only' play on Sunday. First Kicks play on Saturday at Newtown Park 2 from 8.30am - 9.30am. REGISTER NOW - <https://goo.gl/5T3qEi> TRIALS are being held on Saturday 25 (Te Whaea) and Sunday 26 February (Wakefield Park) - [www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/trials-2017.html](http://www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/trials-2017.html) Please register online for Winter Football by Thursday 23 February: [www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/registration--fees.html](http://www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/registration--fees.html) Please like us on [www.facebook.com/wujfc](http://www.facebook.com/wujfc) to keep up to date.

**Group Singing Lessons - Lyall Bay** - Amazing teachers. Fun Lessons. First lesson free. p. 021565750 The Rock Academy email: [e.geoff@therockacademy.co.nz](mailto:e.geoff@therockacademy.co.nz)

**Harbour City Junior Hockey** - registrations are now open for the 2017 season! We are an established club with players from across Wellington, giving boys and the girls the chance to play hockey in a fun and friendly environment. In 2017 we will have multiple teams for players from Year 3 – 8 and the 'Funsticks' programme for Year 1-2. New players are always welcome! Register on-line at [www.hcjh.org.nz](http://www.hcjh.org.nz). For more information e-mail [harbourcityjh@gmail.com](mailto:harbourcityjh@gmail.com) or ring 0212 763 222.

**Top Outdoor Spot Competition/Top Outdoor Spots** "Both Sides of the Fence" from NZ Walking Access's. The popular school Top Outdoor Spot competition has returned for 2017. Running throughout term 1 and at the start of term 2, the competition encourages New Zealand school children to send in a photo or drawing of their favourite outdoor spot and a short description about what makes it special for the chance to win. The students who send in the "Best Photo", "Best Drawing" and "Best Description" will each win prize packs for themselves and prizes for their schools. All photos, drawings and descriptions sent in between 30 January 2017 and the end of the day on 7 May 2017 will be in to win. All entries will be displayed in the image gallery. Link <http://bothsidesofthefence.org.nz/Top-Outdoor-Spots/Top-Outdoor-Spot-competition> to find out more.

**'Come to the original " Big Dig" Treasure Hunt** on Sunday 26 February, 11 am to 1.00 pm at Freyberg Beach Courtenay Place Rotary regularly organises this event to give families a fun day out, and at the same time raise funds for local community charities. For a \$5 entry fee children get to dig in the sand for buried tokens. Each token earns a prize! Entrants will be given a wrist tag, which will be surrendered when a prize is claimed (but there's no reason why you can't get a second entry!) All prizes have been donated, and are of a greater value than the entry fee. There are bicycles and books, toys and vouchers for all sorts of things!"

**Parking for Weet-Bix Competition at EBIS!!** Looking for a place to park on the day of the Weet-Bix Competition? Look no further!! Come park at Evans Bay Intermediate School for only 5\$! Plenty of parking spaces available. Pay an extra 5 \$ and have your car washed while you enjoy the triathlon! What? 5\$ Parking. 5\$ Car-Wash When? Sunday March 19th 9am? Where? 14 Kemp St, Kilbirnie, Wellington 6022 Why? Help the students at EBIS raise enough to restore their playground!

2017 Annual Permission Slip and Activity Fee 2017

School Donation and class Stationery lists available online – [www.houghton.school.nz](http://www.houghton.school.nz) "news".

Please pay direct to the Houghton Valley School bank account:  
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