




**NEWSLETTER**

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Week 5 of Term 1

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

**Term 1 Calendar**

	<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><i>Classes attending only Room 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9</i></b> <b><i>Classes presenting Room 3, 7, &amp; 9</i></b>
Week 6	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> March Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am 2:15pm	Lyall Bay Beach Trip 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</b> – 0800 825 583			
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**

We're going to have one more try to get to the beach. Unfortunately this week wasn't possible due to other commitments but with any luck this fine spell will continue well into March! Please see the notice in this newsletter and respond on the Google Form to let us know if you can help and how your child/ren will be leaving the beach. If you don't have access to the internet there will be paper copies in the office for you (or your child) to collect.



We've been informed of several incidents of cars not stopping at the pedestrian crossing when the signs are not in use. If you notice this we do appreciate hearing and if at all possible, please record the registration number. Thankfully there have been no actual accidents and I'm pleased to announce that the poles and signs are now repaired.

We'd love to see lots of you helping out at this weekend's working bee. More hands means a shorter time with more achieved. Storage space is at a premium at Houghton Valley School, so it really helps when things are tidy and items surplus to requirements dispatched of.

Some progress has been made towards the project upgrading Pohutukawa and Kowhai Classrooms. Revised documentation for the project was submitted to WCC for building consent last week. Documentation has also been submitted for a weathertightness review as required by the Ministry of Education. We have a meeting on March 16 to review the final documentation and go over the tenders. Hopefully then, I'll have a timeframe. The wait has been frustrating, however the project is now major with a much improved expected outcome, so worth the extra wait. There is still no news on the project remediating Nikau and Karaka Classrooms. I have been told the drawings have been completed by the architect and that I should have more information in the next two weeks.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

**A BIG WELCOME TO MAHOE CLASS:**

☺ **Sian Walker**



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



Term 1 Working Bee - this Saturday, March 4th 10am

The working bee jobs are mounting up - there is heaps to be done, so please come along if you can spare a couple of hours on Saturday. The jobs include weeding, organising, sorting, painting, carpentry and lots more, so there is something for everyone.

We are looking for someone handy with a nail gun (and the nail gun :) please could you let me know if you fit the bill. [parr.karen@gmail.com](mailto:parr.karen@gmail.com) 027 209 4832.

### GENERAL INFORMATION



#### **REMINDER - Please remind your children not to bring their toys to school**

We've noticed an increase in this and as usual we are dealing with various issues as a result. Occasionally these are brought in for class news, which is fine but they should be kept in their school bag the rest of the time. Thank you for your support.

#### **'Before School Care' Survey**

We have had an increasing number of queries about before school care and as this was something our providers were keen for us to have when we first signed up with them, we are interested to get a better idea of how much demand there now is.

Please e-mail Denise in the office with 'Before School Care' in the subject line, and indicate your requirements - how often? How many children?

### HOME AND SCHOOL INFO



## HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL MOVE-A-THON & SCHOOL PICNIC 2017

**WHEN:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017

**TIME:** 2pm

**WHERE:** School Field

Following with the School Picnic -3pm

Any family member is welcome to take part. We are looking for 2 x pop up tents/gazebos and helpers. If they could contact Sarah or Michelle ([starpeople@xtra.co.nz](mailto:starpeople@xtra.co.nz))

**GET YOUR SPONSER FORM TODAY!!!**

[Move-a-Thon Sponsor Form 2017](#)

**WANTED: Someone to organise the redevelopment of the chicken coop!**



It has been discussed at several home and school meetings that it is time to get some chickens back to roost at HVS. However there are quite major issues around the current coop and run. Home and school have agreed to fund renovations but we need someone to get the project moving. Is there anyone in the school community with the time to make this happen? If you have some interest / knowledge and are able to take this on please contact me on [homeandschool@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@houghton.school.nz)

## **Lyall Bay Beach Trip – Whole School – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

We welcome families to join us at the beach for what is always a fun day out.



### **Outline of the day:**

- Leave school at 9.20am and walk to Lyall Bay with morning tea upon arrival.
- Safety briefing on arrival at Lyall Bay Beach
- Then there will be a Whānau Sand Sculpture-building competition – the theme for the sculptures this year will be the Whānau Group birds.
- The children will be divided into groups (Yrs 1/2, year 3, year 4 and years 5/6). Each group will be timetabled to swim for 30 minutes (to avoid having too many children in the water at the same time).
- We'll have lunch together at 12.30pm then gather for sand sculpture judging.
- When not swimming, children can play games on the beach or build their own sand sculptures.
- End of day from 2pm

### **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

**We therefore require plenty of helpers both in and out of the water. If you can help, please complete the Google Form accessed through this link**

### **[Beach Trip Parent Help and Transport Form](#)**

### **Please also complete the Google Form if you intend to**

- collect your child/ren from the beach at 2.15pm or
- have someone else collect your child/ren from the beach at 2.15pm.

**Children with this pre-arranged permission** may be picked up at 2.15pm. Children must be checked off the class lists before leaving.

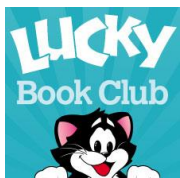
**Children not being collected** will leave the beach at 2pm to walk back to school. These children can be picked up from (or leave) school at the normal time.

### **Please ensure your child comes to school ready for a day at the beach. They will need:**

- Good footwear for walking and their sunhat.
- A nourishing morning tea, lunch, and plenty to drink
- Swim wear, a towel and warm clothes to wear after swimming.

\*\* A paper copy of the form can be collected from the school office, if you are unable to access the form online.

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



### **LUCKY BOOK CLUB**

There has been a slight delay in getting books from Scholastic, but they should arrive early next week. If you have ordered books, it would be great if your child could bring a reusable fabric bag to school to take them home in. I really don't want to use plastic bags. Thank you for your orders. Joanna

## TIMETABLE FOR THE BEACH TRIP

### SAFETY BRIEFING ON ARRIVAL

Arrive 10-10.20am	10.20 Start	ROOMS	10.45-11.15	11.15-11.45	11.45—12.15	12.15-12.45	12.45—1.15	1.30—2.00
<b>Beach Briefing and Morning Tea</b>	<b>Whanau sand sculptures</b>	Mahoe 7/8	<b>Change SWIM</b>	<b>Dress</b>		lunch	Tug of War Flag Races Play	Clean UP Play
		Harakeke, Ti Kouka 5/6	<b>Change SWIM</b>	<b>Dress</b>		lunch	Tug of War Flag Races Play	Clean UP Play
		Pohutukawa, Kowhai, Rata, Rimu 1/2/9,10	Tug of War Flag Races Yr 3 <b>Change</b>	<b>Yr 3 SWIM</b>  <b>Yr 4 Change</b>	<b>Yr 3 Dress</b>  <b>Yr 4 SWIM</b>	<b>Yr 4 Dress</b>  lunch	Play	Clean UP Play
		Karaka, Nikau 3/4	Tug of War Flag Races	Tug of War Flag Races	<b>Change</b>	<b>SWIM</b>	<b>Dress lunch</b>	Clean UP Play

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**ORIOLES JUNIOR RUGBY**  
REGISTRATION DAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2017

WHERE: 22 PARK ROAD, MIRAMAR, WELLINGTON 6022  
TIME: 5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

NOTE: HURRICANES WILL BE @ THE CLUB BETWEEN 6 – 7 PM

"Once an Orië - Always an Orië"



**150 REUNION**  
7-9 April 2017

**Johnsonville School**

FOR INFORMATION:  
[www.johnsonville.school.nz](http://www.johnsonville.school.nz)  
 facebook: Johnsonville School 150th Reunion 2017  
 email: [reunion@conferenceworks.co.nz](mailto:reunion@conferenceworks.co.nz)

2017 Annual Permission Slip and Activity Fee 2017

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