



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 8th March 2017

Week 6 of Term 1

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

Term 1 Calendar

Week 6	Thurs 9 th March Thurs 9 th March Fri 10 th March	9:15am 7pm 2:15pm	Lyall Bay Beach Trip – Weather Permitting Home & School Meeting Whole School Assembly
	Sun 12th March	2-3pm 3-5pm	Walk/Run/Bikeathon plus Home & School Picnic Note: Postponement Sunday 19th March
Week 7	Mon 13 th March Mon 13 th March Tues 14 th March Tues 14 th March	2:30pm-2:50pm 6pm	Life Education Van arrives Life Education Trust Parent Session Capital E Arts Festival Trip Board of Trustees Meeting
Week 11	Wed 12 th April Wed 12th April Thurs 13 th April Friday 14 th April	2pm 2:55pm No School No School	Performance Assembly Last Day of Term 1 2017 Teacher Only Day Easter and School Holidays
Week 1	Mon 1 st May		First Day of Term 2 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			



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

What an outstanding turnout we had at last Saturday's working bee. Thank you so much to everyone who rolled up their sleeves on a rare and precious Wellington summer day to get involved. Not only was the basement under Pohutukawa and Kowhai cleared, but the garage and a good start made on the loft as well. It's crazy how the spaces get full over time and very therapeutic to have a cull every now and again.



We all looking forward to the Life Education van visiting next week. The focus this time is on mindset and some classes are already working on this in the lead up to the visit. If you want to learn more about Life Education, check out their website <http://www.lifeeducation.org.nz/>. There's a parent tab for useful information and links.

We're looking forward to our mid-term whole school assembly coming up this Friday. One of the highlights for the students will be a KC Card extravaganza with 6 weeks' worth of KC Cards being drawn out. It'll be fun to see the tally.

It's not looking too good for the beach trip tomorrow but fingers crossed for a change from this cold snap. Look on the website in the morning to check and please join us if you can. Swimming will be dependent on the number of helpers we get.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki



A BIG WELCOME TO MAHOE CLASS:
☺ Rylee Meehan-Coop



Emergency Food Update

It's time for the emergency food store at Houghton Valley school to be updated. So far the updated tins and muesli bars have been donated to a Wellington City shelter where it was greatly appreciated. We now need to restock our emergency food stores of tinned baked beans, spaghetti and tin fruits (peaches and pears).

We are requesting one tinned item from the eldest/only child from years 3-6.

Your child's classroom is the collection point for the Emergency Food.

If your child has special dietary requirements, please provide for this. See your child's teacher to arrange. Thank you for your support. Nicola

'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?

School Working Bee THANKS



A big thank you to all those who came to Saturday's working bee. We re-organised our storage spaces as well as fixing doors, cleaning gutters and tidying up the school grounds. The turnout was fantastic, with about 25 helpers, and it was great to meet some new parents. A big thank you to Dave McArthur, who spent a long hot day working hard under Rooms 1 and 2. If you missed this working bee, do not fear, there will be more opportunities in the future.



SPORTS NEWS



URGENT - Senior Netball Year 5 and 6 Netball Played at EBIS on Saturdays - Term 2 and 3 2017

If your child would like to play in the Year 5 and 6 Motu Kairangi Netball league in Terms 2 and 3 on Saturday's at Evan's Bay Intermediate School, please email Denise admin@houghton.school.nz to register your interest so we can start to organise team(s), new players welcome. We will also be looking for coaches, managers and umpires as well. Thanks

Home and School Meeting this Thursday 9th March from 7pm school staffroom

Hello everyone, I hope you can make it to this month's home and school meeting. It starts at 7pm but come when you can. We talk about all things school related and what we can do to support our tamariki, teachers and school community to be the best that we can be! If you would like to receive the meeting minutes please send your email address to homeandschool@houghton.school.nz

**Move-a-thon this Weekend Sunday 12th March from 2pm, school picnic from 3pm (rain day 19th March)**

We hope you are getting some sponsors together for this annual event to raise funds for the bike track. Get sponsored to complete a set number of laps or per lap. Get around the track in any way you choose, walk, run, bike or what about hopping or walking backwards? The possibilities are endless! Any family member is welcome to take part. Bring food and a picnic blanket and we will start the school picnic from 3pm - that doesn't mean you have to stop moving! We would appreciate some more offers of help for on the day. Sponsorship form sent home today with your child.

We are looking for 2 x pop up tents/gazebos and helpers. If they could contact Sarah or Michelle (starpeople@xtra.co.nz)

Please contact Sarah on: sarahduncan99@hotmail.com or Michelle on starpeople@xtra.co.nz

Note the weather is not looking good for the weekend at the moment so please check the HVS Website www.houghton.school.nz for updates *a final decision will be made by late morning* - the rain day is Sunday 19th.

**HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL
MOVE-A-THON & SCHOOL PICNIC 2017****WHEN:** Sunday 12th MARCH 2017**TIME:** 2pm**WHERE:** School Field

Following with the School Picnic -3pm **GET YOUR SPONSER FORM TODAY!!!** [Move-a-Thon Sponsor Form 2017](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bike KREW Rodeo - this Sunday

As part of "Celebrate Newtown", ReBicycle and Bike KREW are super stoked to present their first official Bike Rodeo. Bring the kids along for some fun, challenges and possibly a few spills (we encourage that kind of thing!).

The Rodeo is a custom built mobile obstacle course, designed for kids bikes. There will be a few spare bikes/helmets to borrow, but bring your own if you can.

This Sunday 12th March, 10am-1pm Carrara Park, Newtown (Regent St or alleyway off Daniell St) Rain or Shine (let's hope for shine)



FOR INFORMATION:
www.johnsonville.school.nz
 facebook: Johnsonville School 150th Reunion 2017
 email: reunion@conferenceworks.co.nz

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

Lyall Bay Beach Trip – Whole School – Thursday 9th 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.

Note: WrapitUp SUSHI will be delivered to Lyall Bay Beach

TIMETABLE FOR THE BEACH TRIP

ROOMS	10.45-11.15am	11.15- 11.45am	11.45-12.15pm	12.15-12.45pm
Mahoe - Rm 7	SWIM			
Harakeke, Ti Kouka - Rm 5/6	SWIM			
Pohutukawa, Kowhai, Rata, Rimu - Rm 1/2/9,10		Yr 3 SWIM	Yr 4 SWIM	
Karaka, Nikau - Rm 3/4				SWIM

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