



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 15th March 2017

Week 7 of Term 1

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

Term 1 Calendar

Week 7	Thurs 16 th March Fri 17 th March	9-3pm 2:15pm	Capital E Arts Festival Trip (Rm 1, 2, 9 and 10) Assembly Classes attending only Room 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 Classes presenting Room 1, 5 & 3
	Sun 19th March	2-3pm 3-5pm	Walk/Run/Bikeathon plus Home & School Picnic Note: Postponement Sunday 19th March
Week 8	Mon 20 th March		Capital E Arts Festival Trip (Rm 3 & 4)
Week 10	Thurs 6 th April	6pm	Home & School AGM
Week 11	Mon 10 th April Wed 12 th April Wed 12th April Wed 12 th April Thurs 13 th April Friday 14 th April	 2pm 2:55pm 6pm No School No School	Performance Assembly Auditions Performance Assembly Last Day of Term 1 2017 HVS Board of Trustees Meeting 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

It was fantastic to be able to go to the beach. While the weather wasn't fantastic, it was good enough and we had a great deal of fun. Not being able to swim was disappointing for some but the best decision, given the cooler temperature of the day and the water! Thank you so much to everyone who helped out. The whanau sculptures were impressive, each group making their whanau bird. Thanks to the southerly, there was lots of debris on the beach to add interest to their work.



Hopefully the weather will be kind on Sunday, after last weekend put a stop to the Move-a-thon. At least it has provided an extra week to gather sponsors. If you don't intend joining in with the walking, running, cycling or skating, please join in with the picnic which follows. It's a good opportunity to gather and meet other school families.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki





Supervision of Medicines Information

We understand there are times when students need to take prescribed medicines in school hours. Safe and correct management of medicines at school is essential, therefore school staff will supervise the administration of medicines during normal school hours if it is not possible, or is impractical for parents or caregivers to do so.

Please note that we expect all medications to be stored in the school office, or if required, in the fridge. Children are required to be supervised when they take their medication and the time, dose and person supervising recorded. At Houghton Valley School, this includes children on self-managing medication such as asthma inhalers.

We require you, parent/caregivers, to give written permission for the school to supervise the administration of medicine(s) to your child by completing a Medication Agreement. **Please complete the paperwork in the school office if your child is required to take medication either regularly or occasionally, for example asthma medication.** Documentation includes the dates of required supervision of administration, name of medicine/s, dose, dosage time(s) and any special storage instructions.

Please note:

- The first dose of the medicine must **NOT** be taken at school.
- If the medicine is changed or stopped, please notify the school so the medication agreement can be amended or stopped.
- The verbal consent of parent/caregiver will be obtained prior to any student taking of non-regular medicine, for example Paracetamol.

Medications are taken on school trips complete with instructions. The time, dose and person supervising are recorded the same as for school. If you require more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Teacher Aide Job Available at HVS

We are looking to employ a teacher's aide to work in a Junior class from Monday 20th March until Wednesday April 12th. The teacher's aide hours will be 9.00 am until 1.00 pm. The role will be supporting the teacher in the classroom and supervision at break times. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in this part-time position please contact Lara Nemet (SENCO/Deputy Principal) lara@houghton.school.nz



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



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

WHEN: Sunday 19th MARCH 2017

TIME: 2pm

WHERE: School Field

Following with the School Picnic -3pm

GET YOUR SPONSER FORM TODAY!!! [Move-a-Thon Sponsor Form 2017](#)

HOME AND SCHOOL INFO



Move-a-thon this weekend - Sunday 19th from 2pm

The weather is looking better for this weekend so bring your bike / feet and get moving around the track. Bikes and scooters will be on the bike track, all other moving will be around the marked inner track. Your arm will be marked at the end of each lap so you don't need to count! All sponsorship money can be paid directly into the Home and School bank account "Houghton Valley Home and School Association" bank account – ASB 12-3481-0049991-00 (Note not the HVS BOT account) or put in a clearly marked envelope and left with Denise.

Tent Required: We still need a pop-up tent for some shade for the markers etc, please let me know if you can lend us one. homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz

Home and School Picnic - from 3pm - 5pm

Once the initial move-a-thon frenzy is over settle down to enjoy a picnic on the field, watch the continued moving, bring a ball for a kick around, or just enjoy the glorious sunshine after all the exertion!!



HOME AND SCHOOL AGM 2017 - 7PM THURSDAY 06 APRIL



Did your child enjoy the school disco last year? Does your child use the flying fox, the playground, the bike track, eat the burgers in term 2/3, play floorball. Is your child part of the kapa haka group? Do you enjoy the School Fair or the Quiz Night? Do you come to HVS because it has strong links between the teaching staff, parents and local community?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes" then you appreciate the work that the Home and School association does, as all these things and more have been / are supported or are run by the association.

To continue this work there needs to be a group of people willing to help out, turn up at monthly meetings, or have a role on the home and school committee.

Last week's March General Meeting did not achieve quorum, so unfortunately the meeting could not transact any business. It is really important to come along to the AGM with enough numbers to be able to hold the meeting, we are also looking for one officer position to be filled. AGM quorum requires nine community members: two officers and seven other members. This should not be a big ask with the size of our community! Come along to the meeting and please take the time to consider what you can do to support Home and School.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Every year elections are held for the officer positions at the AGM and we welcome all interested individuals to come and talk to the current officers about what the roles involve. All positions are open for nominations every year, even if the current officers are happy to continue their role for another year, everyone is encouraged to put their names forward if they are interested in taking on any role.

If you are interested in undertaking one of these roles then please contact Chris Taylor homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz or 0272574112 for further information. If you are unable to attend the AGM and want to be nominated then please send an email expressing your interest in a position to: homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz

SECRETARY URGENTLY WANTED

There is a vacant position for Secretary as Sarah Duncan will be stepping down from this position at the AGM as this is the last year at HVS for Sarah and Andrew's daughter Lucy in year 6.

There are three officers elected onto the committee: Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Chair role

1. Oversees and directs the business and affairs of Home and School, including the work plan
2. Chairs meetings, sets agendas in consultation with other officers.
3. Provides monthly H&S reports to the BoT.
4. Keeps in touch with the Principal and BoT, to ensure good communication from H&S to the BoT & Principal and vice versa.

Treasurer role

1. Responsible for the bookkeeping for Home & School, and preparation of yearly accounts
2. Very easy online Xero system, with lots of training provided
3. Would suit someone not necessarily experienced, but with an aptitude for numbers
4. Nominated Finance co-ordinator for the school fair.

Secretary role

1. Takes minutes at the monthly meetings, stores and distribute them via email
2. Deals with any correspondence received - letters or emails
3. Ensures meetings are publicised via the newsletter and email
4. Ensures there are biscuits for the Home and school meetings (optional)!!

We welcome all new families to come along and get to know other parents, Board of Trustee members and teachers. Light refreshments will be provided. - see you there!

Home and School Officers



Chicken Project Co-ordinator

Can anyone help with rejuvenating the chicken coop so we can return some chickens to HVS? Please contact me if you can

homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz

COMMUNITY NEWS

Weetbix Tryathlon this Sunday 19th

Hello everyone, we again have a good group of children entering this year. We will set up an HVS area so come and join us - we are usually over towards the breakfast tent (!)

Houghton Valley Wetland Project Working Bee: Volunteers needed.

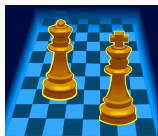
As you may or may not know plans are afoot to develop the swampy area up the hill a bit from the lower playground as a wetland habitat.

Currently we are at the weed clearance stage, so on Saturday the 18th at 10am, a working bee has been planned. If we get enough helpers it is hoped that we could get through this in a couple of hours. If this sounds like the sort of thing that you would like to get involved with then please meet us at 10am Saturday by the lower playground at the school. Any help would be greatly appreciated. You'll need to bring some kind of cutting implement i.e. loppers, blackberry resistant clothing, gloves and probably some gumboots as we have had a bit of rain recently! Something to assist with dragging the cut weeds around would be helpful as well.

Also there has been some talk in our household about bringing some baking along. Anyone else who feels that way inclined please feel free to bring something!

Currently the weather forecast is looking good, but in the event of rain we will be postponing the event for one week.

If anyone would like to contact me please feel free to on 021973330 or iamdavewave@hotmail.com. See you there! Dave Laking (Friends of Buckley Road Reserve planting group co-ordinator and school parent)



Sarapu Cup Chess Tournament to Wellington. It is a great event for kids to experience and enjoy Chess. As you may be aware, Chess helps kids improve their focus, logical thinking and imagination which in turn helps their learning in the classroom.

The next event is on Sunday 2 April. We would like to offer your students a 50% discount to this event. Can you please put this offer in your school newsletter. You can use the blurb below... I have also attached flyers for your use and a logo you can use in the newsletter.

The Sarapu Cup

- * A fun, social chess tournament just for kids
- * 6 games at 15 minutes per player
- * Suits all player levels - perfect for beginners!
- * Lots of fun activities, puzzle challenges + our world-famous lollie scramble

Venue: Wellington Bridge Club, 17 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington

Date: Sunday 2 April 2017

Time: 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Entry Fee: Normally \$20. Get a special 50% discount* Enter "FIFTY" in the voucher box.

Enter Online: www.chesspower.co.nz/welly-events

Enquiries to: wellychess@chesspower.co.nz

* Discount offer valid for this event only

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:

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