



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 22nd March 2017

Week 8 of Term 1

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

Term 1 Calendar

Week 8	Fri 24 th March	2:15pm	Assembly <i>Classes attending only Room 2, 4, 6 and 10</i> <i>Classes presenting Room 2, 4, 10</i>
Week 10	Thurs 6 th April	6pm	Home & School AGM
Week 11	Mon 10 th April	2pm	Performance Assembly Auditions (morning tea and lunch)
	Wed 12 th April		Performance Assembly
	Wed 12th April	2:55pm	Last Day of Term 1 2017
	Wed 12 th April	6pm	HVS Board of Trustees Meeting
	Thurs 13 th April	No School	Teacher Only Day
	Friday 14 th April	No School	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

Thank you to the organisers and everyone who turned up to the Move-a-thon on the weekend. It was such a beautiful day which made it all the better. Unfortunately I wasn't able to go, but heard it was a lot of fun.

Classes have been attending the Capital E National Arts Festival over the past week and by all accounts it was fantastic. This annual event always features incredibly versatile artists and provides a variety of dance, live music and interactive storytelling. They have artists from all over the world joining the very best of New Zealand children's theatre.

It's already week 8 so time to encourage your children to prepare to audition for this term's Performance Assembly. We encourage anyone who can play a musical instrument, sing or dance to share their special talents with us. Some children learn piano, guitar or drums at school and others have lessons elsewhere – we'd love to hear a tune or two. In the past we've had gymnastics, singing, dance, theatre....variety makes for an amazing show to end the term. Auditions will be advertised soon.



We had the Life Education Van visiting last week. As always this was a valuable educational experience. Charlotte, the skilled educator, along with Harold the giraffe, helped the students learn more about their brains with the topic of mindset. I am happy to report that neither Charlotte or Harold were injured in the van's unfortunate meeting with the school gate!

The Board of Trustees have been working on a property update to explain more to you about school property projects and plans. Thanks to Karen Parr who has done most of the work preparing this comprehensive report. You can find the report on the school website, [HVS BOT Property Update](#).

AGM

The next Home and School meeting is the AGM. If you don't get a chance to attend any others, this is the one to get to. The core committee work really hard and love having your input and ideas. The AGM is a good chance to find out more about Home and School and how important their role is for Houghton Valley School. They are 'your' committee – you all belong as of right so we encourage you to take some time to get involved in whatever capacity you can. More hands make light work and remember, most importantly, anything Home and School organise is for the benefit of the children. Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki



NOTE: Free Computer Desk - please takeaway asap! (outside Kowhai class Rm2)



Property Update

Find out more about school property with this update from the Board of Trustees [HVS BOT Property Update](#)

FROM THE LIBRARY

I'm hoping to continue the "What's on Wednesday..." lunchtime programme this year, but I need speakers/presenters to make it fun.

If you can:

Talk about a country's culture;

Share a craft you enjoy;

Tell us about your interesting job;

Tell a story;

Do a science experiment/magic;

Talk about animals;

Talk about a charity of interest to children;

etc etc - (I'm sure you can all contribute something)

and if you are available one Wednesday from 12.30 to 1.15, please contact me soonest.

It might be yourself, a family member, friend, neighbour etc who you volunteer!

Let's share our enthusiasm with the students and help them understand the wider world they're part of.

Many thanks, Joanna (joanna@houghton.school.nz)



NEW Children's Literature WEBSITE: I'd like to make everyone aware of The Sapling <<http://www.thesapling.co.nz/>>, a brilliant New Zealand website celebrating children's literature.

"The Sapling is a website all about children's books, because books grow humans. We take kids' lit seriously, and we show it by commissioning essays, interviews, reviews and even crafts from some amazing kiwi writers and illustrators.

You can find us at www.thesapling.co.nz <<http://www.thesapling.co.nz/>>, and follow us on Facebook

@thesaplingnz <<https://www.facebook.com/thesaplingnz/>> and Twitter

@TheSaplingNZ <<https://twitter.com/TheSaplingNZ>>. Join our conversation!"

Anyone promoting and raising the profile of reading for New Zealand children is an enterprise worth supporting and I wish Jane Arthur and Sarah Forster every success.



HOME AND SCHOOL INFO



Home and School: A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Move-a-thon and / or school picnic on Sunday!

It was a beautiful day and well done to everyone who walked / ran / scootered / biked around in the sunshine. Thanks to everyone who came along to help out, support and everyone who donated prizes. Particular thanks to Michelle Bush for the awesome organisation.

All fundraising money should now be collected and either paid directly on line to the Houghton Valley Home and

School account - ASB 12-3481-0049991-00 (note this is NOT the same account you make other school payments to) or put cash in an envelope clearly marked Move-a-thon and hand into Denise in the office.

We have had some interest in being a **chicken project coordinator** but this is a last call for someone to bring chickens back to school, please contact me if you can take this on -

homeandschool@houghton.school.nz

HOME AND SCHOOL AGM 2017 - 7PM THURSDAY 06 APRIL



And finally a reminder that the **Home and School AGM** is coming up on **Thursday 6th April** and whilst anyone can put themselves forward for any of the committee roles there is a vacant secretary role that needs to be filled. If you are interested please contact me for

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