



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 29th March 2017

Week 9 of Term 1

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

Term 1 Calendar

Week 9	Fri 31 st March	2:15pm	Assembly Classes attending only Room 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 Classes presenting Room 1, 7 and 9
Week 10	Tues 4 th April Thurs 6 th April Fri 7 th April	6pm 1:45pm	Performance Assembly Auditions (morning tea and lunch) Home & School AGM Whole School and Performance Assembly
Week 11	Wed 12th April Wed 12 th April Thurs 13 th April Friday 14 th April	2:55pm 6pm No School No School	No Assembly This Week Last Day of Term 1 2017 HVS Board of Trustees Meeting Teacher Only Day Easter and School Holidays

Term 2 Calendar

Week 1	Mon 1 st May		First Day of Term 2 2017
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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



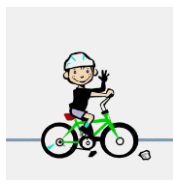
REMINDER – Safe pick up and drop off!

NO VEHICLES are allowed to park in the staff car park before school or at the end of the school day. Please keep the driveway area free.

ALSO - Please **DO NOT** use the driveway above the school (next to the bus stop) to turn around in. **These are serious safety messages so we'd appreciate your cooperation.**



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



It's been an exciting week with the Pedal Ready Team in to teach cycling skills to the year 3 to 6 students. We've heard some real success stories from these sessions and last week's junior sessions. Pedal Ready is a FREE programme. The instructors teach cycle skills compliant with the New Zealand Transport Agency Cycle skills guidelines. There are many benefits to learning to ride a bike and by participating in the Pedal Ready programme, students are supported by a team of trained and accredited instructors to improve their motor skills, experience a wide range of cycling activities, learn important road safety skills and develop independence and consideration for others.

We had good news this week on the building front. Ministry of Education project approval has been received for the Block A – Classroom Redevelopment – Pohutukawa and Kowhai classes. The builders are planning to start the project in the school holidays so we'll be relocating the two classes into the hall in week 11. If you have a child in one of those classes and can lend a hand, let Joe or Matt know. The project is expected to take 11 weeks and we're hoping that the work on Nikau and Karaka classes will be able to follow.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

BIKES IN SCHOOLS

This term students are able to bring their bikes to school for use at lunchtime as follows:

Monday: Seniors (Y5/6) **Tuesday:** Middle (Y3/4) **Wednesday:** Juniors (Y1/2)

GENERAL INFO



KELLY CLUB Teachers Only Day Programme

End of Term ONE is Wednesday 12th April. TEACHERS ONLY day is Thursday 13th April. We will be running a programme at the school on THURSDAY 13th APRIL from 8:30am – 5:30pm. The usual activities will be running and there are session options:

Morning Half Day	9:00am – 12:30pm	School Day	9:00am – 3:30pm
Afternoon Half Day	12:30pm – 3:30pm	Full Day	8:30am – 5:30pm

Bookings for this can be made online at www.kellyclub.co.nz.

Sushi will be CANCELLED on the Teacher Only Day the Thursday 13th April and there will be **NO school bus** on this day!



URGENT Emergency Food REQUEST

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

HOME AND SCHOOL INFO



entertainment

Entertainment Books for Sale Houghton Valley School is selling Entertainment Books for a fundraiser again this year. Entertainment Books include hundreds of discounts for activities, shops and restaurants around Wellington. The books are \$65 but there are thousands of dollars worth of discounts. Watch out for the flier coming home with your eldest child with more information.

To order your book online visit: www.entbook.co.nz/1097k91 Orders before 24 April receive early-bird bonus discounts. Feel free to pass this link to family and friends - Houghton Valley School gets funding from every sale. More the merrier! Any questions, please contact Kate on 383 5234 (Te Maihi and Manawa's mum).

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 details: homeandschool@houghton.school.nz

COMMUNITY NEWS



Play Rugby this Winter The Ponoke Rugby Club is looking for a couple more players for their Under Nine "Pythons" team, girls or boys. 8-9 year old boys or 8-10 year old girls. No experience needed. Ponoke are based in Kilbirnie, are really well organized and run good safe training. Contact David Johnston: david@johnstonebett.co.nz

Island Bay United Holiday Football @ Wakefield Park, Tuesday 18th April – Friday 21st April 2017, 9am – 3pm \$35 per day. Kick start your football season with our fun filled football week. This holiday programme is loved by primary and intermediate boys and girls, aged 5 – 12. Get in quick to work with our Coaching and Developing Manager, Martin Garcia and enjoy 4 days filled with fun and football. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** - Registration is on the IBU Junior club website www.ibujuniors.org.nz. Email queries toevents@ibujuniors.org.nz

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