



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 3rd May 2017

Week 1 of Term 2

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

Term 2 Calendar

Week 1	Thurs 4 th May Fri 5 th May	7pm	Home and School Meeting in Staffroom Chopper Day Appeal – Bring a Gold Coin & wear red or yellow!
Week 2	Thurs 11 th May	6pm	HVS Board of Trustee Meeting
Week 3	Fri 19 th May	2:15pm	Assembly – Juniors only (Rm 8, 7, 6 and 5)
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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

Welcome back for term 2. The first day back certainly gave us a taste of winter coming! Demolition of Pohutukawa and Kowhai classrooms has started with the inside demolished over the holiday break. As you will have noticed, the scaffolding and wrapping of the building have not yet happened. This is due to a delay in procuring the sub-contractors to carry out this work and it is now scheduled to be carried out either at the end of this week or early next week. The contractors have assured us that this re-jigging of the order of the work plan will not affect the end date of the project, and they are confident that the classrooms will still be completed before the start of Term 3 ready for the classes to use. Since the removal of asbestos can only happen after the building is wrapped, no asbestos has been removed so far. Please be assured that asbestos removal will not happen during school time or when Kelly Club are operating and will therefore take place over a weekend by licenced asbestos removers.



The construction site is a sealed work area which means that the contractors will be working only inside the cordon and will have their skip bin within that cordon. This will minimise disruption to the school. Deliveries of materials will be scheduled for early in the morning before children arrive at school, and where this is not possible, vehicles will be walked in. Police safety checks on the contractors have been requested as necessary in accordance with this school access plan and teachers have been fully briefed on the protocols around access.

Joe and Matt are excited about using the hall as a shared teaching space, and have spent time over the holidays setting the hall up as a classroom. The lighting was upgraded in the holidays and couple of parents have already commented on what a bright and cosy place it has become. The Kelly Club afterschool care programme staff have been working closely with Joe and Matt to ensure minimal disruption to the classes and Kelly Club set up at the end of the day.



A huge thank you to Karen Parr who has been coordinating the completion of various repairs around the school. We really appreciate your response to this ongoing project. It is a huge help getting odd jobs done and a fabulous way for you, our supportive community to contribute to the school.

We've been very proud following the antics of our very own Masters Basketballer, Whaea Monnie. Not only did she compete with her team in the World Masters Games 2017, but also had the honourable task of reading the Athlete Oath on behalf of all WMG2017 competitors, as part of the official opening ceremony at Eden Park. Originally, Monica Mercury entered the World Masters Games basketball to play alongside her "inspirational" 75-year-old aunt in the basketball competition, but Games organisers had bigger plans for her!



The World Masters Games is the largest multi-sport event in the world. In terms of athlete numbers, it is bigger in scale than even the Olympics.

Auckland hosted the event from 21 to 30 April 2017 which had more than 28,000 participants competing in 28 sports across 48 competition venues. Monnie was one of the team members representing Morehu, the club her father established more than 30 years ago. Morehu teams won a Gold and a Bronze medal in the C40+ Womens section. Congratulations Whaea Monnie – we're so proud of you.

This term our Assemblies will be staggered due to the hall being used as a classroom. See below for the schedule for this term. They will still be starting at 2:15pm on Fridays as usual.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

A BIG WELCOME TO NGAIO CLASS :

☺ Ronnie Wagstaff ☺ Inés Han ☺ Hunter Wylie ☺ Felix Burgin
and in Kowahi class ☺ Mariana Postlethwaite



Chopper Day APPEAL - THIS FRIDAY!!!

This Friday HVS are taking part in the Chopper Mufti Day fundraiser to help raise funds for the Westpac Chopper Appeal. New Zealand's rescue helicopter services provide a vital 24/7 service for thousands of New Zealanders in need each year, performing lifesaving missions from accidents to search and rescue work. Our support will help to ensure this vital emergency service can stay in the air and carry out life-saving rescue missions everyday.

To support this we are asking all students to wear anything Red OR Yellow and bring a GOLD COIN to donate!

All the money raised by Houghton Valley School will be given back to our local rescue helicopter service.

GENERAL INFO

ASSEMBLY's Schedule for Term 2 2017

Due to the hall being used as classrooms we will be making the assemblies into smaller groups as below for this term. They will start at 2:15 on Fridays.

Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
Junior,	Middle,	Senior,	Junior,	Middle,	Senior,	All -Hall

Junior = Ngaio, Mahoe, Ti Kouka and Harakeke (rm 8,7,6 &5) **will be in Ngaio class.**

Middle = Rata, Pohutukawa, Kowhai and Rimu (rm 9, 1,2 & 10) **will be in the Hall.**

Senior = Nikau and Karaka (rm 3 &4) **will be in Room 3 or 4 TBC.**

Kelly Club Pick Up

Please note that due to the hall entranceway being blocked off due to the building construction; pick up from Kelly club is now through the side hall door. Access is via the main corridor and through the side door, not through Rimu Class (the library).



Sushi Thursday

You never have to think about Thursday lunches again! Ordering is easy, it's all online.

Powered by:  Wrap it Up

Log onto www.wrapitup.co.nz and select from 5 delicious varieties and 3 pack sizes.



School Maintenance Team

We are putting together a list of people handy with tools to help with the odd maintenance job that comes up at school. This register started last term and several jobs have already been completed - thank you so much to those people who put up coat pegs, fixed cupboards, put up new trellis, checked light fittings and measured doors. It is fantastic to see the school community getting involved - a couple of hours of your time can save the school hundreds of dollars, which can be better used elsewhere.

We still have jobs to do, and this type of maintenance crops up throughout the year, so we would love to have a few more people to spread the load. Please let me know if we can add you to the list, or if you would like more information on how it works. For those of you with lots of energy but limited skill (like me!), don't worry, there is likely to be a working bee this term as well ;)

Karen Parr: parr.karen@gmail.com, 027 209 4832

HVS Blue Sports T-Shirts

We are now running low on sizes 6 to 12 blue sports t-shirts. If you would like to order a t-shirt for your child/ren for general wear or sports e.g. Southern and Interzone sports for Year 4-6 and Floorball, Basketball or Touch. Please let the school office know what size and how many via email admin@houghton.school.nz – we have some samples of sizes for you to try on if needed. The cost will be approx. \$26 which can be paid into the HVS BOT bank account once delivered. We will need to know about your orders by Friday 19th May and the t-shirts will take approx. 2 weeks to be delivered. Thanks Denise



HOME AND SCHOOL INFO

Home & School AGM 2017 - Done!

Thanks to all those who came along to this year's AGM, it was a great success with a great turn out with some new parents coming along who have recently become part of the school. We got through business in 35 minutes, so it was pretty swift, so people hung about for a chat afterwards which was great.

We successfully elected a new H&S Secretary - A big welcome to Susan Hall (Evie and Joseph's mum). Susan is stepping into the secretary role as Sarah Duncan (Lucy's mum) is stepping down after two years in the role - Huge thanks for all your work Sarah.

Monique McDougall was re-elected as treasurer and Chris Taylor was re-elected as Chair.

Meeting Tomorrow Night - 4 May, 7pm staffroom

Really looking forward to seeing you at the next H&S meeting on Thursday 04 May 7.00pm HVS Staffroom - please do come along.

Fair Coordinator Required

We are looking for a fair coordinator for 2017. The fair is the most important fundraising event in the school year; but can't take place without a coordinator. Karen Parr is stepping down from the role after doing a fantastic job for the last 3 years. The role involves taking responsibility for pulling all the elements of the fair together, but there are a lot of other people involved who do a lot of the grunt work. If you (or you and a friend or two) are a good organiser and would enjoy helping out the school community, this could be the role for you!

Karen has produced a 'how to manual' and is ready and willing to give advice and assistance to the new coordinator - so you will have support! Although the fair is a long way off in term 04 - the organising gets going in term 02. If you want to hear more about what is involved, please contact Chris Taylor homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz or Karen Parr parr.karen@gmail.com



Friday Lunchtime Burgers

We are also looking for someone to take on the responsibility of buying the ingredients for Friday burgers - the shopping can be pre-ordered by phone then picked up on the Friday morning for Friday. Please contact Chris homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz or Denise admin@houghton.school.nz if you can help out.

HVS Fair 2017 - Stuff

If you're having a clearout between now and the fair in term 04 - don't forget to hang on to those clothes, toys and books which can be donated & sold at the fair.



HVS Fair 2017 - Storage space for Stuff

Do you have a spare garage lying about the place or shipping container - or even just some spare space in half your garage? If you do, and you can spare it for 6 months can you please let us know - we need a pretty big space to store all the donated stuff which starts building up between now and the Fair in term 04 - Can you help? contact Chris.



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).

KELLY SPORT & CLUB INFORMATION



KELLY SPORTS TERM 2 – Starts Week 2!

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives children a place to channel their energy.

Winter Sports Warm Up (Yrs 1-4) – Thursdays 3.05pm-4.05pm - Come and try Football, Dodgeball, Basketball and Hockey. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes

visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

KELLY CLUB HOUGHTON VALLEY offers OSCAR approved After School Care at Houghton Valley School. With a half session to 4.30pm and a full session to 6.00pm. You can enrol online or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz

COMMUNITY NEWS

INSTEP DANCE STUDIO We are a dance school based in Houghton Bay offering classes for ages 3-18yrs in ballet, jazz and contemporary. Qualified, experienced and registered teachers. ***Enrol now for Term 2 or book in a FREE trial class.*** 021 202 7750 instepdance@hotmail.com www.instepdancestudio.co.nz

Wonderplay Drama Classes are free to try this week! Classes for 4-8 and 9-12 year olds as well as Advanced Drama for 11-13 year olds and our teen Young Actors' classes! Classes are on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Island Bay Community Centre. First lesson is free to try. Please contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz

SPEECH AND DRAMA IMPROVE YOUR SPEAKING SKILLS TERM 2

- Learn the skills needed for confident, clear and courteous communication
- Small class sizes means we can focus on individual learning needs
- Speech and Drama skills are transferable to all school subjects
- We use the Speech NZ syllabus to guide our teaching with optional exam
- First class free

Classes are in Lyall Bay on Wednesdays 4.00 – 4.45 pm. Contact: Colleen Foss Mob 021 116 2116 Email: c_fossie@actrix.co.nz Visit my website: Speech and Drama Classes with Colleen.

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