



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 5th July 2017

Week 10 of Term 2

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

Term 2 Calendar

Week 10	Wed 5 th July Thurs 6 th July Fri 7 th July	7:30pm 7pm 2:55pm	H&S Quiz Night @ The Pines Home & School Meeting in staffroom Last Day of Term 2 2017 - NO Assembly
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Term 3 Calendar

Week 1	Mon 24 th July	9am	First Day of Term 3
Week 2	Mon 31 st July	11-12pm	Swimming Lessons Monday this term @ Kilbirnie Pool
		12pm -1pm	Seniors School
		1pm-2pm	Middle School
	Tues 1 st Aug	3:10pm-7:30pm	Junior School
	Wed 2 nd Aug	3:10pm-6:30pm	Teacher/Child /Parent(s)/- 15 minutes slots
	Thurs 3 rd Aug	3:10pm-5:30pm	3-Way Conference – whole school
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			3- Way Conference – Seniors only (Rm3 &4)
Week 10	Fri 29 th Sept		Last Day of School

Week 3 - Tremendous Trees Makeover – Saturday 12th August

- **ASB Banking days are FRIDAYS**
- **Bee Healthy Dental Clinic – 0800 825 583**

Sushi available Thursdays – Term 3 - go online to www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am on Thursday to order

Kelly Club After School Care – Melissa Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz

HVS School FAIR – Saturday 11th November



Book your 3-Way Conference
 Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and
 enter the parent code: **bwkw3**

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

It's hard to believe we're in the last week of term. The teachers worked really hard to complete the mid-year National Standard reports that you received last Friday. We hope they've provided a useful insight into your child's learning in reading, writing and mathematics. In week two of next term you'll have the opportunity to meet with your child and their teacher to discuss their learning in the Three-way Learning Conferences. See the details in this newsletter to book your conference times.

We are making good progress with the plans for upgrading Nikau and Karaka classrooms in term 4. After working towards this outcome for so long, it's sad I won't be here to see the project through to completion but the hard part is done and the rooms will be completed ready for use in 2018. Pohutukawa and Kowhai are progressing and are still expected to be completed by the end of week 3 next term.

It was great to have a whole school assembly last week. The syndicates have been doing a great job running their smaller assemblies but it's always good getting the whole school together. The hall will continue to be used as a classroom for at least three weeks next term, after which we will be able to run whole school assemblies again until Nikau and Karaka classes move into the hall while their rooms are being upgraded in term 4.

Please pencil in our Tremendous Makeover day, 12 August, into your calendar. We're really excited about this day but still have a lot of preparation to complete prior to the big day. If you've already offered your help Jill or I will be in touch soon to organise how you can help in the lead up. Do let us know if you have any good contacts for plants, mulch, a digger, decking timber or can offer your skills to carry out the building of decking platforms, creating a path along the bank area or clearing weeds. On the Tremendous Makeover Day we will spend most of the time planting and mulching but could also complete some decking or laying of path material.



Thank you everyone for your support in so many ways over the past term. We really appreciate the opportunities only possible with your help. See you at the Quiz Night.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

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Please fill in the HVS BOT communication survey on the school website www.houghton.school.nz

3-WAY CONFERENCES TERM 3 - WEEK 2

Three Way conferences, for, teachers, parents and children, for all classes with 15 minute timeslots are as follows:

Tuesday 1st August from 3:10pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday 2nd August from 3:10pm to 6:30pm

Thursday 3rd August from 3:10pm to 5:30pm (Seniors only, Karaka-rm4 and Nikau-rm3)



Go to **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz** and enter the parent code: **bwkw3**

Online Bookings OPEN - NOW

Online Bookings CLOSE on Sunday 30th July 2017 at 9pm

Follow the instructions to book a time with your child's teacher. Once booked, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not have access to a computer, please phone Denise in our office ASAP, so that she can book you in.

KELLY CLUB



KELLY CLUB JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES - Kelly Club also has a full time Holiday Programme at **Island Bay School** during the July school holidays from 10th – 21st July 2017. Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email islandbay@kellyclub.co.nz or call 022 198 6316.

SUSHI LUNCHES



Starts TERM 3: Sushi Lunches is moving to a new website, [ezlunch!](http://ezlunch.com) From **Term 3** all orders will need to be placed via **www.ezlunch.co.nz**. It's the same sushi, same varieties and the same price, just a new website for orders.



HVS Quiz Night The quiz is here! Doors open 7pm

Thank you so much to everyone who has registered a team - just a reminder that if you haven't paid you are not confirmed. You can pay on the night if you have already registered, but sorry we cannot accept new teams on the night.

Doors open at 7pm and we hope to finish the quiz by 10.30pm at the latest as we know most of you will have babysitters to get home to. To help make this happen, we are going to start the quiz promptly at 7.30pm, ideally if you could be seated by 7.20pm that would be fantastic.

It's going to be a great night, look forward to seeing you all there! Ande and Team Quiz.

Home & School - next meeting 6 July, 7pm staffroom

Home and School meetings are open to all parents. They are a great opportunity to find out what is going on, and we would love to see you there. Next H&S meeting is on Thursday 6 July 7.00pm HVS Staffroom - please do come along!

Fundraiser T-Shirt

Fundraising Total for T-shirts:

Thanks to your support we raised \$2600 through T-shirt sales.

Please email katymacleod@hotmail.com before the end of term if there are any mistakes with your order. Thank you.

BURGER LUNCHES THIS FRIDAY @ 12:30PM \$3 EACH



HVS School Fair - 11 November 2017

We had a very productive fair meeting last Wednesday night - many thanks to all those who contributed by being there but also by putting notes in the 'ideas boxes'. We have a few new ideas, which we're excited about. Thanks also to those who have offered to take on key coordination roles ... there are a few roles that need to be filled ... details to follow shortly.

Reminder that we are happy to start receiving clothes, toys and books for the fair, do if you are having a clean out keep the fair in mind!

Important note re. clothes ... In previous years we have had a problem with dirty and damaged clothes being donated. This has added to the amount of time spent preparing for fair day, and can make the job unpleasant. Please if you are donating clothes, only drop off washed, decent quality clothes. Thank you!

If you want to hear more about what is involved, please contact Chris homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz or Karen Parr parr.karen@gmail.com

Suggestion Box: There are two suggestions boxes for ideas for the fair, at the school. They are located opposite the noticeboard, near Denise's office; and by the sign out sheet for Kelly Club After School Care If you have any thoughts we'd love to hear them, so feel free to pop an idea into the box!



SWIMMING LESSONS for TERM 3 2017 **MONDAY's**



Starting Week 2 - 9 Lessons – 31/7, 7/8, 14/8, 21/8, 28/8, 4/9, 11/9, 18/9, 25/9

Swimming lessons for the whole school begins on Monday, 31st July (Week 2) for nine weeks. The children travel to the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre by bus. Please help them remember to bring their togs every MONDAY. Lesson timetable is:

SENIORS - Karaka & Nikau (Rm 4, 3) 11am-12pm

MIDDLE - Rata, Pohutukawa, Kowhai & Rimu (Rm 9, 1, 2, 10) 12pm-1pm

JUNIORS - Harakeke, Ti Kouka, Mahoe & Ngaio (Rm 5, 6, 7, 8) 1pm-2pm

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Swimming is a valuable component of our Physical Education programme. If there is a reason for your child not to be swimming, please drop a note to the class teacher or get in touch to discuss. All children will be tested during the first session so they can be grouped appropriately for their swimming ability. Depending on ability, year 5 and 6 students will be in either “learn to swim” or another water based activity.

If you have any queries regarding swimming lessons at any time, please contact **Matt Titcombe** as the Kilbirnie Pool staff do not want to be approached directly.

**PLEASE - it is really important to name all clothing!**

**Junior Classes:** Please ensure Junior children wear appropriate clothing to school on Mondays for ease of undressing and dressing themselves at the pool i.e. no tights or difficult shoes to put on! Thanks

**Payment:** The cost for the 2017 swimming programme is **\$50 per child**. This includes transport, pool entry and instructor costs for the 9 lessons.

We would prefer payment to be made by internet banking to the:

***Houghton Valley School BOT Bank – ASB - 12-3481-0045763-00 (preferred)***

Please use details below and clearly state “HVS Swimming” in particulars column and your child’s name in “reference” column (or similar) however this can be paid by cash or cheque through the class pot system.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any difficulty in paying these amounts. Any such enquiries are treated with strictest confidence and no children will be excluded from the swimming programme.

**Matt Titcombe, Sports Co-ordinator**

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

**INSTEP DANCE STUDIO** Taking new enrolments for Term 3 now. Offering dance classes for children ages 3-18years in Jazz, Contemporary and Ballet. Free trial classes available. Qualified, registered and experienced teachers. Please email us or visit our website for more information.  
[instepdance@hotmail.com](mailto:instepdance@hotmail.com) [www.instepdancestudio.co.nz](http://www.instepdancestudio.co.nz)



**Donation to HVS – Shoe Clinic – “Back to School with School Clinic”**

Thanks to the “Shoe Clinic” who donated \$80 to HVS this week. If students from HVS buy shoes from “Shoe Clinic” \$10 is donated back to their school.  
[www.shoeclinic.co.nz](http://www.shoeclinic.co.nz). Once again thanks.

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