



## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Week 2 of Term 2

**Houghton Valley School Website: [www.houghton.school.nz](http://www.houghton.school.nz)**

### Term 2 Calendar

Week 2	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm	HVS Board of Trustee Meeting
Week 3	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	2:15pm	Assembly – Juniors only (Rm 8, 7, 6 and 5) in Ngaio Class
Week 4	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10-1pm	<b>HVS Cross Country Whole School</b> (PP Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May) Book Sale of Withdrawn Books – 50cents each
Week 6	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> June	No School 7pm	Queens Birthday – Public Holiday Home and School Meeting

### Treemendous Trees Makeover – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August

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

Sushi available Thursdays – go online to [www.wrapitup.co.nz](http://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](mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz)

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

The scaffold finally started being erected on Tuesday. The wrap will follow, after which time the asbestos removal can commence. We have an extensive safety plan in place around this, including it being carried out over a weekend. We'll let you know when the timing is confirmed, but at this stage it is likely to be the weekend of 20/21 May. The builders will continue working on the inside and roofing may commence prior to the wrapping. We're still expecting the classrooms to be ready for term 3. We also have a lobby door for the main entrance being fabricated at the same time as the joinery for Kowhai and Pohutukawa. This will make a huge difference to comfort in the main block offices and corridor – very exciting!

We're getting (slowly) closer to work being carried out to remodel Nikau and Karaka classrooms. I've had a conversation with the architect who has the scope of work planned out, with the Ministry of Education commitment and school commitment mapped out. Once we have this we can plan and budget for the remodel. Watch this space!

As far as our outdoor environment goes, the Treemendous project is our next big thing. We have an amazing project planned and now need you to let us know if you'd be happy to be on a committee to get this planned and underway. We have the proposal which won us this grant and now need to make it happen.



**Our Treemendous Makeover is on Saturday 12 August. There are a lot of jobs to be done in preparation, including some construction of the project like paths and wooden platforms.**

We need to complete the hard landscaping before the makeover day, so the pathways and outdoor space decking will need to be constructed beforehand. We may have 'token' bits of these to finish on the day, including perhaps laying some of the path material.

The Treemendous team get immense satisfaction walking away at the end of the day having achieved something remarkable, so we need to manage it so that on the day there is enough to do, but not major projects. They have told us they're always amazed at how much gets achieved on the day.

The main tasks on the makeover day is planting the natives, mulching them and hopefully installing some of the sculptures if we have completed them in time. Everyone turns up around 8.30am and the day begins with a brief welcome speech. The local Mazda Dealership, National office staff and their PR Company, Boyd PR will be here with Project Crimson staff and all the helpers we can rustle up from the local community – we'd love all of you to come and join in the fun! We also invite local VIPs and any other contributors to the project. We break for morning tea - Mazda provide fruit/drinks and hopefully there'll be donations of baking from school families. The Makeover gets finished in time for thank you speeches, wash up and then Mazda dealer staff provide and manage a BBQ lunch.

Ruud Kleinpaste (aka the Bugman) is a Project Crimson Trustee. He'll be visiting the school on Friday 11 August, the day before the makeover to talk to the teachers and the students. Ruud is very passionate and has lots of knowledge to share of how teachers can use the newly created outdoor space to enhance teaching.



We'll be putting more requests out later in the term for helpers to commit to the actual Makeover day, but right now we need a group interested in joining in with the pre-planning and tasks that need to be completed before the Makeover day. We need to secure donations of plants and materials and purchase what we need to. We need the decks constructed and the giant boulders brought in. We also need to create the pathway along the bank area.

We need to ensure we have everything ready the night before or early in the morning before people start working. The plants and mulch need to have been delivered before the actual day and we'll need mountains of mulch. In terms of the day, there'll be planting, putting mulch out and maybe even laying a final section of the paths and nailing in a few token last boards into the decking. Project Crimson was gifted several 17 year old rata trees (2 years ago!). They have been looked after at Rimutaka Nursery waiting for the right project, which we're very happy to announce, is ours! There are 6 of them in 40 litre bags and they are over 2m tall. There will be a big job to plant them (big holes to dig) but the instant impact of these will be superb.

There is no back up day. If it rains, we get wet. If it is dangerously cold/wet/windy, then the event will be cancelled (touch wood, they haven't had to cancel yet - been rained on a couple of times, but it makes people work faster!).

I'll be putting up a display on the screen in the main corridor close to the office so come and check out our amazing project plan.

Please get in touch with Raewyn or Jill as soon as possible if you're willing to help out with pre-planning and construction so we can get started.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki



**Chopper Day APPEAL**  
**Thanks for your donations! We collected \$220!**



## GENERAL INFO

### **Home and School and Board of Trustees Family Contact Database**

Home and School and the Board of Trustees, at times, have information to share or requests to make, for example a survey on a particular topic or requests for help. It is therefore helpful for them to have your e-mail addresses. On enrolment you have the opportunity to have your contact details excluded from this database, however we are currently updating this database for them.

If you **DO NOT** want your e-mail address shared with Home and School and the Board of Trustees, please let Denise know by Friday 19 May. [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz)



**Sale of Withdrawn Library Books:** Wednesday, 24 May; (Cross Country Day) All books 50cents each. Parents/students/friends - I have culled the shelves more heavily than usual. Some books are old and tatty, but you never know - you might find your old favourite! Come and browse the tables outside the Library on Cross Country Day. Bring 50c coins if possible. Give your children 50c to buy a book. (If CC is cancelled, the Book Sale will change to the postponement date). Joanna

### **ASSEMBLY 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.

<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Week 9</b>
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.**



## **Reminder OWN BIKES @ LUNCH**



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

### **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](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz) – we have some samples of sizes for you to try on if needed. The cost will be \$26 which can be paid into the HVS BOT bank account once delivered. We will need to know about your orders by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May and the t-shirts will take approx. 2 weeks to be delivered. Thanks Denise



## **HOME AND SCHOOL INFO**

### **Home & School - Next Meeting 8 June, 7pm staffroom**

Thanks to all those who came to last week's meeting. 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 8 June 7.00pm HVS Staffroom - please do come along!

### **Fair Coordinator Required**

We still haven't found 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. If you are not able to take on the role by yourself, we are really keen to help put together a committee of helpers to share the load and make sure the fair still goes ahead. Please do let us know if you would be interested in helping out on that basis. Organising gets going in term 2. If you want to hear more about what is involved, please contact Chris Taylor [homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz) or Karen Parr [parr.karen@gmail.com](mailto:parr.karen@gmail.com)



### **Friday Burgers - Help**

We are also still looking for someone to take on the responsibility of buying the ingredients for Friday burgers - the shopping would need to be done on a Thursday night or a Friday morning, so it's ready to go by 11.00am Friday. Please contact Chris [homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz) or Susan [homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz) if you can help out.

### **Working bee – Date to be advised - and call out for coordinator**

The next working bee will be on soon - we need someone to take responsibility for getting a brief from the school on what needs to be done, and organising volunteers on the day. If you can help please contact Chris or Susan.

### **HVS Fair 2017 - Stuff**

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!



### **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.

### **Home and School FACEBOOK Page**

New parents there is a facebook group for Houghton Valley School. Head to <https://www.facebook.com/Houghton-Valley-School-Home-School-Association-491436954283623/> and click join.



**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](http://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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

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**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](mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **FREE CLASS FOR HOUGHTON VALLEY PARENT**

If you feel like moving and want to have a blast come try Zumba® for free! For beginners. Thurs we are in the Berhampore Centennial Hall, 493 Adelaide Rd. at 12:10pm - 12:55pm \$5-7. Miramar classes are at 9:30am Tues and 7:30pm Wed - 14 Park Rd \$12- 15 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/natzumba/> Text Natasha on 021 258 9580

### **Kids Cross Country Series starts in May**

The Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series is back this winter. Each event has 500+ kids, aged 3 to 13. There are five events through the Wellington region from May to August with the first one in Upper Hutt on Sunday 14 May, and the second in Karori on Sunday 28 May. Your choice if do you one, two, or all five events. Come along, join the fun. Complete them all and receive a commemorative medal and Drink Bottle. Only \$8 to enter. For more info or to enter go to [athleticshub.co.nz](http://athleticshub.co.nz) or [contactjo@athleticswellington.org.nz](mailto:contactjo@athleticswellington.org.nz)



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