



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 17th May 2017

Week 3 of Term 2

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

Term 2 Calendar

Week 3	Fri 19 th May	2:15pm	Assembly – Juniors only (Rm 8, 7, 6 and 5) in Ngaio Class
Week 4	Wed 24 th May	10:30am-12pm	HVS Cross Country Whole School (PP Fri 26 th May)
	Wed 24 th May		
	Fri 26 th May	2:15pm	"Pink Shirt Day"
	Fri 26 th May		
Sun 28 th May		Scholastic Book ONLINE Ordering CLOSSES	
Week 5	Tues 30 th May		Southern Zone Cross Country (PP Thurs 1 st June or Tues 6 th June)
Week 6	Mon 5 th June	No School	Queens Birthday – Public Holiday
	Thurs 8 th June	7pm	Home and School Meeting
Week 8	Tues 20 th June		Interzone Cross Country (PP Thurs 22 nd June)

Treemendous Trees Makeover – Saturday 12th August

- **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 – Melissa Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz

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

If you've been around the school you will have noticed the scaffolding going up around Pohutukawa and Kowhai rooms. The next step is wrapping the scaffold to enclose the building ready for demolishing the external walls and decking. This won't happen on the weekend now due to the rain and as a result the asbestos removal will be delayed until next weekend. We'll confirm next newsletter.

I've had some offers of help with the Treemendous project so Jill and I will be in touch soon to have a meeting and get the various components of the project underway. At that point we'll be asking for help for specific aspects so please look out for requests. Thanks for the support so far and please still get in touch if you're happy to get involved.



New Zealand's Bullying-Free NZ Week is coming up next week, 22-26 May. The national Bullying-Free NZ Week takes place each year, in conjunction with Pink Shirt Day. The Week provides an opportunity for everyone to campaign against and raise awareness of bullying. This year's Bullying-Free NZ Week theme is 'NZ Students with Solutions – Working together to end bullying'.

Bullying can happen anywhere and to anyone, in lots of different ways. It could be in a physical place, such as the playground, the classroom, the sports field or in the park. Or, it might take place in the cyber world, on social networking websites, through online games or by text message. No matter where or how it happens, we all have a responsibility to make it stop.

Internationally, bullying is now considered to be a serious public health issue with long-lasting consequences. Its effects (physical, emotional, psychological) on the target (victim), as well as the initiator (bully) and those who witness bullying (bystanders) are both immediate and long-term. We're getting involved in the Bullying-Free NZ Week by running some of the fun and easy activities provided in the Bullying-Free NZ activity pack. It doesn't matter who you are, or where you are, you can make a difference to someone's life by saying NO to bullying, so that's a message we want students at HVS to hear and understand. We encourage you to talk to your children during the week to find out what they've been learning.



We'll finish up the week with "**Pink Shirt Day**" on Friday 26 May. This is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting positive social relationships. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or cultural background.

On Pink Shirt Day New Zealanders are asked to Speak up and Stand together to Stop bullying. Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students, David Shepherd and Travis Price, took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new year 10 student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink. David and Travis bought dozens of pink shirts and distributed them to their male classmates to wear the next day. The word got out online and hundreds of students showed up in pink, some from head-to-toe, to stand together against bullying.



Pink Shirt Day, led by the Mental Health Foundation, with support from The Peace Foundation, RainbowYOUTH, InsideOUT, New Zealand Post Primary Teachers' Association, Youthline and Family Works, has been celebrated in New Zealand since 2009 and the campaign grows stronger and larger every year. **Please start collecting up all your pink clothing and other suitable items like wigs, hats, sun glasses or footwear to get ready for a flood of pink at HVS next Friday 26 May. We'd love it if every student at HVS comes wearing something pink!**

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

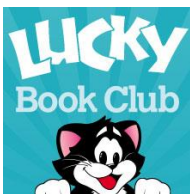
A BIG WELCOME TO Kowahi CLASS : 😊 Brahma Ung

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

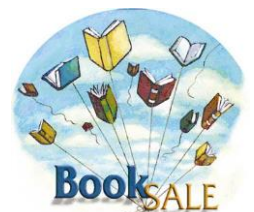


SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB - ORDERS ONLINE ONLY mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Your child will have brought home the Issue 3 catalogue. Please note the closing date for orders is Sunday, 28 May. Please follow the instructions for LOOP ordering in the inside back cover of the catalogue; this is all done on-line. No need to fill in the form, or send anything to school. Books will be delivered to school 2 - 3 weeks after orders close. Please send a fabric/reusable bag to school with your child to collect their books.

Thank you for your support. The school benefits from all orders. Joanna – Librarian

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.

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

HVS Blue Sports T-Shirts

If you would like to order a blue tshirt for general wear or sports, Please let the school office know what size and how many via email admin@houghton.school.nz by Friday 19th May – 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.



SPORTS INFO



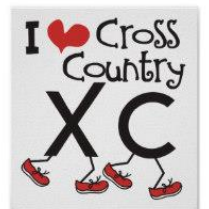
HVS Cross Country:

On the Wednesday 24th May Houghton Valley School Cross Country will be held (postponement Friday 26th May). The children have been getting fit and many are reaching their goals in getting ready for this celebration of running. Parents are very welcome to support and even help, especially being a course marshal.

This is our first big whanau sporting event of the year so remember to wear your whanau colours.

The Parent's Gutbuster Challenge will move into its third year. I'm sure you have heard about the wonderful challenge of running the GUTBUSTER from your children. You can be part of the GUTBUSTER legend!

5 Whanau points for each parent and teacher entered. Just turn up on the day ready for this fun challenge.



HVS Cross Country Schedule

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Parent Gut Buster Challenge
10.30am	10.40am	10.50am	11.00am	11.10am	11.20am	11.40ish

Please pack an extra change of clothes for the children to change into after the race!

Sports Dates to Diary for Term Two

- Southern Zone Cross Country @ HVS Tuesday 30th May (postponement 1st, 6th June)
- Interzone Cross Country Tuesday 20th June (postponement 22nd June)
- Regionals Cross Country Tuesday 4th July (postponement 6th July)

If you have any stories or photos at sports-related events that we can use in the newsletters and are happy to share them with everyone else, please e-mail me on matt@houghton.school.nz.

Home & School - next meeting 8 June, 7pm staffroom

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 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 ROSTER

We may have a burger coordinator! We're now looking for volunteers to fill the cooking roster. This requires 2 parents each Friday. Please contact Susan if you can help: homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz or the roster will be up on the office noticeboard.

HVS Fair 2017 - Stuff

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

HVS Fair 2017 - Storage Space for Stuff

Really glad to say that we have found storage for the fair. Huge thanks to Fiona Swarbrick who has answered our call!

KELLY CLUB INFORMATION



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

Job Advert: Part-time OSCAR Programme Co-ordinators available at two of Kelly Club's sites. Please contact Janine@kellysports.co.nz or Janine Taylor (021) 436759 for further information.

