



**NEWSLETTER**

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Week 4 of Term 2

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

**Term 2 Calendar**

Week 4	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> May	2:15pm	“Pink Shirt Day” Assembly – Middle school (Rm 1,2,9, & 10) in Hall Scholastic Book “ <b>ONLINE</b> ” Ordering CLOSING
Week 5	Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> May Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	2:15pm	Southern Zone Cross Country (PP Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> June or Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June) Friday BURGERS start – cost \$3 (if roster filled) Assembly – Senior school (Rm 3 and 4)
Week 6	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> June Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	No School 7pm	Queens Birthday – Public Holiday Home and School Meeting H&S TShirt Fundraiser closes
Week 8	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> June		Interzone Cross Country (PP Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> June)

**Tremendous 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 – Melissa 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**

If you’ve been around school this week you will have seen the progress of the addition of shrinkwrap to the building. The Shrinkwrap is scheduled for completion on Thursday. The Wellington City Council are scheduled to inspect it on Thursday or Friday prior to any exterior demolition commencing, especially specific to asbestos removal. If everything is in order it is expected that the asbestos removal will commence over this coming weekend. Once that is completed and the site decontaminated, we will see rapid changes with lots of building happening.



The highlight of this week is of course the cross country. I woke up to the good news that it's going ahead. It's pretty cold but I have my gummies and big coat. Classes have been out training for quite some time now and most are looking forward to completing this challenge.

We have a lot of things coming up this term including book week, mid-year reports on National Standards and our annual three-way conferences. We’ve been doing some exciting work with a facilitator Mary Wootton learning how to better support students with their learning through the creation of learning maps. Infinity Learning Maps are a practical in-road into the science of learning-how-to-learn. The approach provides a tool for teachers to support students to draw a picture of how they see the interactions surrounding their learning. The learning maps help grow student agency, develop personalised learning and grow student’s confidence in learning how to learn!



This is Bullying Free NZ week and teachers have been introducing a range of activities provided in a resource from Bullying Free NZ. We’re finishing the week with Pink Shirt Day so please encourage and support your children to wear something pink on Friday. (it doesn’t have to be a pink shirt – anything pink will do!)



I’m very excited about the latest Home and School fundraiser – I’ve seen samples of the t-shirts and have already chosen my favourites to order. You can never have too many t-shirts! See the information in this newsletter.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki



**THIS FRIDAY**

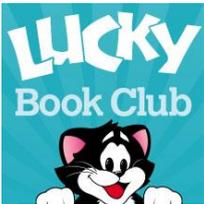


## New Recycling Centre

The Green Geckos have made a Recycling Centre outside PoKo when you go through the hallway past Harakeke and out through the double doors. We would like to thank Miss Bosch's class last year (including us!) for making the awesome signs to label all the different bins, one for Tins one for Glass and one for Plastic. It is now in working order. If you want to talk to Jill, the Green Gecko Leader about it, go to Room 5 or Harakeke!!!  
By Oscar and Lucy



## GENERAL INFO



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

ORDERS ONLINE ONLY [www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz)  
On-line ordering is open for purchasing books from Catalogue 3.  
This will close on Sunday, 28 May.  
Thank you for your orders. Joanna Librarian

### 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 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
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.**

**Spare Clothes** - If you have any spare pants, trousers, leggings or shorts and underwear for the school office "Spare Clothes" box please drop them to the school office. In particular age 8 and under. Greatly appreciated.



### Safety Reminder

Sadly we've had some instances of people being hurt by flying balls before and after school. We've allowed some bouncing ball play only at the far end of the bottom court but no kicking and no use of the hoop closest to Rata class. Please help us by reminding your children of this if they are early to school.

Bikes are not allowed to be ridden in the top areas of the school grounds. Once again this is for safety reasons so we find it frustrating to have to keep reminding children and being grumpy! Thank you for your support.

### Teacher Aide Job Available at HVS

We are looking to employ a teacher's aide to work in a Junior. The role will be supporting the teacher in the classroom and supervision at break times. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in this part-time position please contact Lara Nemet (SENCO/Deputy Principal) [lara@houghton.school.nz](mailto:lara@houghton.school.nz).

**From the Board...**

Whakataka te hau ki te uru  
 Whakataka te hau ti te tonga  
 Kia mākinakina ki uta  
 Kia mātaratara ki tai  
 E hi ake ana te atākura  
 He tio, he huka, he hau hu  
 Tihei mauriora

We hope you're all keeping warm! The first dusting of snow on the Orongorongos this weekend has happened as the building work to make sure our classrooms are warm and dry and enable awesome learning is really getting underway. We know that having two classes in the hall during winter is not ideal, but we have been pretty impressed with how Mr T and Mr Ready have transformed the space. We are a bit worried that their talent may draw interior decorating firms looking to recruit them.....

The work's projected to be completed by the start of Term 3 but these things do tend to run over time- we'll keep you posted about how things are tracking. There has been some good progress on developing the plan for improvements to Rooms 3 and 4 with our Ministry people, but we haven't yet been able to extract a firm commitment about start dates which is a little frustrating for us and the whole school community. We're working hard to get things sorted because we know that these improvements will make a big difference for our kids.

We're also working on how to solve our problem of space right across the school. We are still waiting to hear from the Ministry about whether any extra classrooms in our area will be funded. We also need to nail down what we will need to contribute to Rooms 3 and 4 before we can look at what - if anything - we can do about temporary classroom accommodation. We know that HVS whānau have lots of questions about what is going on around school property so we are going to have a breakfast session on 15 June to provide information and give everyone a chance to ask questions.

Aside from property management we have also been trying to think about learning! During Term 1 we reviewed the School Charter and put the 2017 annual plan in place. These are the documents that set out the vision and strategic direction for the school and then the detail of what will be done during the year to reach these goals. [Houghton Valley School Charter 2017](#) One particular area of focus this year is student acceleration - in other words making sure that children who need support to reach expected learning goals are identified and receive the help that they need.

We are also having a think about how the school communicates with parents and the community. We have great intentions here but Term 1 got away on us a bit! Expect to see a survey out soon and some workshops later in the term.

One of the National Education Priorities is that Māori students enjoy and achieve educational success as Māori. The strategy around this is set out in [Ka Hikitia](#). The Board is currently undertaking a self-assessment which will enable us to chart a way forward together with our community. Talking to whānau and tamariki Māori will be an important part of this over the coming months.

Finally, the terms of two of our current trustees (Andrew Downes and Karen Parr) expire at the end of the year. We'll hold a BoT election toward the end of the year. Please start thinking about whether you would like to make a contribution to our school in a governance role. It's a critical time for our school! Ask any board member - Phil, Sarah, Anya, Karen, Andrew, Jos or Anna - if you want to find out more - or come along to a meeting. They're not too long and often involve baked treats....

Sarah Graydon – BOT Chair, Phil Walker, Anya Satyanand, Karen Parr, Andrew Downes, Jos Abernethy and Anna Ririnui

**Returning Officer Needed**

At the end of the year we will need to elect two parent representatives to the Board of Trustees. This is because the terms of two of the current trustees (Andrew & Karen) expire in December.

We need a returning officer to manage the election process. For more info about the role have a look at <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/returning-officers>.

The returning officer does get paid something - but the real drawcard is surely the opportunity for some hands on experience with democratic processes!

If you are interested please contact Sarah on 021494018 or botcchair@houghton.school.nz

**Southern Zone Cross Country @ Houghton Valley School**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (PP 1<sup>st</sup> June or 6<sup>th</sup> June)

Report Time: 30 minutes before race time

Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
10:40am	10:50am	11am	11:10am	11:20am	11:30am

A note will come home with your child if they finished in the top 6 year 4-6 girls and boys.

**Note:** Times are approximate and may change on the day.

## HOME AND SCHOOL INFO

**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. 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 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 Susan Hall [homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz) or Karen Parr [parr.karen@gmail.com](mailto:parr.karen@gmail.com)

**Friday Lunchtime Burgers - starting Week 5, Friday June 2!**

Huge thanks to Melissa and Sasha for volunteering to take on the burger coordination role! We're now looking for volunteers to fill the cooking roster. This requires 2 parents each Friday, from 10.30am-1.30pm. The roster is up on the board next to Denise's office - ideally we'd like to fill in all the spots for the rest of the term before going ahead. Please sign up if you can help!

**HVS Fair 2017 - Stuff**

Reminder that we are happy to start receiving clothes, toys and books for the fair. If you are having a clean out please start dropping stuff off near the office at school.

**Octopus.**

Available in: black, royal blue, yellow, grey marle (mens); black, royal blue, yellow, sky blue (womens); royal blue, gold, green, pink (kids)

**Anchor.**

Available in: black, red, coal, grey marle (mens); black, red, mint green, purple (womens); black, red, sky blue, grey marle (kids)

**Trees.**

Available in: green, red, black, grey marle (mens); green, red, grey marle, navy (womens); green, red, gold, pink (kids)

**Home and School T-Shirt Fundraiser**

Home and School are selling T-shirts this year to raise funds for the school. We have three different designs on offer - octopus, trees, anchor.

Kids T-shirts are \$20 each and available in sizes 8-16. Adults T-shirts are \$25 each and available in sizes XS - XXL.

You can view the T-shirts for:

**Men:** <http://www.ascolour.co.nz/5002-paper-tee.html>;

**Women:** <http://www.ascolour.co.nz/4002-wafer-tee.html> and

**Kids:** <http://www.ascolour.co.nz/3006-youth-tee.html>

Kids sample T-shirts are outside the office in sizes 8, 10 and 12.

The order form is attached to this newsletter and will be available on the HVS website. Order forms can be dropped in the box at school outside the office, or scanned to [katymacleod@hotmail.com](mailto:katymacleod@hotmail.com).

**Note:** Payment is to the HVS HOME AND SCHOOL bank account 12-3481-0049991-00.

We are accepting orders until 9 June 2017.

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