



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 31st May 2017

Week 5 of Term 2

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

Term 2 Calendar

Week 5	Fri 2 nd June Fri 2 nd June	All Day	NO BURGERS this Week Seniors on Trip to City Gallery (<i>No Senior Assembly</i>)
Week 6	Mon 5 th June Thurs 8 th June Fri 9 th June Fri 9 th June Fri 9 th June	No School 7pm	Queens Birthday – Public Holiday Home and School Meeting Lunchtime Burgers start \$3 each (cash only) H&S T-Shirt Fundraiser closes Assembly – Senior school (Rm 3 and 4)
Week 7	Mon 12 th June Thurs 15 th June	All Week 8am	Book Week Property Information Breakfast
Week 8	Tues 20 th June		Interzone Cross Country (PP Thurs 22 nd June)
Week 9	Tues/Wed/Thurs 27 th -29 th June	Times TBA	3-Way Conference (with Teacher/Parent(s)/Child – 15 minutes slots)
Week 10	Wed 5 th July Fri 7 th July		H&S Quiz Night Last Day of Term 2 2017

Tremendous 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

We're halfway through term 2 already – hard to believe! The building upgrade is progressing at a much slower pace than we'd like, with the remaining small amount of asbestos wallboard removal planned for this coming weekend. We're told it's still on track so we're expecting a rush of work to happen in the next few weeks!



There is a lot of illness around at the moment. Everything from tummy bugs to colds and flus. To stop sickness from spreading, it is important for you to keep your child at home when they are ill, and not let them come back to school until they're well. How long they should be home depends on what sickness they have. Generally, Ministry of Health guidelines suggest staying home for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. Children with chickenpox should stay at home for at least 5 days and until all the spots are crusted over. Coughs and colds are less clear, but it is suggested they should stay at home until they feel well – it's best if children are kept at home they're still coughing and sneezing and feeling too unwell to engage in school.

Please help by ensuring your children are well able to blow their nose and know how to cough safely away from others. Handwashing is very important and we will continue to encourage good hand washing at school. It would be helpful if you can help your children practise this at home as well. We really appreciate your support to help keep the bugs at bay!



We were very lucky with the weather for both the HVS and Southern Zone Cross Country events. The children ran really well with many representing the school in the Southern Zone event yesterday. Thank you to all the helpers and supporters for this exciting annual event. Well done to all our runners.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

GENERAL INFO

Absence Notifications

Thank you for your notifications of absences to the office. For both audit and safety reasons we ensure absences are followed up. It makes Denise's job easier when she doesn't have to spend time calling to follow up un-notified absences. All our daily roll information is recorded on an electronic system and must be completed twice daily (after 9am and after 1:30pm). This system is periodically audited, so it's important that we have correct information entered. We also appreciate your patience if we miss a message and call you. We believe it's important to be vigilant and sometimes messages aren't passed on!

Holidays or other long term absences Please notify the office of planned absences. If you can copy the office (admin@houghton.school.nz) into your correspondence to teachers, this will ensure Denise also receives this information and the correct coding is entered into our system.



BOOK WEEK 12 - 16 June

Classes will be focusing on specific books, authors, illustrators etc during Book Week. Friday will be character dress up day! Start thinking about your costume now. 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 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
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 - No Toys at School – including Fidget Spinners

We've noticed an increase in this and as usual we are dealing with various issues as a result. Occasionally these are brought in for class news, which is fine but they should be kept in their school bag the rest of the time. Thank you for your support.



NOTE: “No Lunchtime Burgers this Week”



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.



CellPhones at School

We understand that some students need to bring phones to school so they can make/revise arrangements with parents after school if necessary. The students are required to keep phones in their bags, ringer off or powered down, and not to access them during the school day. One reason for this is that cellphones can access the internet via the mobile network and therefore bypass the filtering the school wifi network provides.

If you need to get in contact with your child during the school day to make different arrangements for after school. etc., please contact the school office to leave a message which the student can access at the end of the day. If your child wants to get in touch with you during the school day, it is important for this to be through their teacher or the school office.

JOB ADVERT

Cleaner – Casual At HVS

Our cleaner Dave is keen to have some assistance with the school cleaning. This would involve between five and ten hours per week. Timing is to be arranged, but work hours would fall between 3.30pm and 8.30pm with some weekend hours a possibility if preferred. We may also require full cover for Dave at times during his leave periods (four hours a day up to 25 hours per week), so flexible availability is an advantage. For details on wages and a job description please contact Raewyn. principal@houghton.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

House wanted for sitting. Ideally from early September until end of January. Shorter periods of up to 1 month willingly considered. Contact Michael or Ciandra. 029 2480824

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

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!

QUIZ NIGHT – “What 1972 hit, contained the lyrics 'It's lonely out in space, on such a timeless flight?'”

Don't know? That's ok, you've got until July 5th to find out because that's the date of the Houghton Valley School quiz! Book in the babysitter, more ticket information coming soon.

**Friday Lunchtime Burgers - postponed until the roster is full**

Huge thanks to Melissa and Sasha for volunteering to take on the burger coordination role! We are still looking for volunteers to fill the cooking roster. This requires 2 parents each Friday, from 10.30-1.30. The roster is up on the board next to Denise's office – we need 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.

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 or Karen Parr parr.karen@gmail.com

**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 6, 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.

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

Be Quick: We are only accepting orders until 9 June 2017.

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