



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 14th June 2017

Week 7 of Term 2

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

Term 2 Calendar

Week 7	Thurs 15 th June Fri 16 th June Fri 16 th June Fri 16 th June	8am 9:30am 12:30pm 2:15pm	Property Information Breakfast @ HVS in Ngaio class (Rm8) Character Parade for Book Week Lunchtime Burgers start - \$3 each (cash only) Assembly - Middle School (Rm1,2,9,10) in Hall
	Sat 17th June	10am-2pm	Working Bee@ HVS (PP Sunday 18th June)
Week 8	Tues 20 th June Fri 23 rd June	2:15pm	Interzone Cross Country (PP Thurs 22 nd June) Assembly –Seniors School (Rm 3,4)
Week 9	Fri 30 th June	2:15pm	Assembly – Whole School in Hall
Week 10	Wed 5 th July Thurs 6 th July Fri 7 th July	7:30pm 7pm	H&S Quiz Night @ The Pines Home & School Meeting Last Day of Term 2 2017

Term 3 Calendar

Week 1	Mon 24 th July		First Day of Term 3
Week 2	Mondays Tues/Wed/Thurs	Times TBA	Swimming Lessons every Monday this term! 3-Way Conference <i>(with Teacher/Parent(s)/Child – 15 minutes slots)</i>

Term 3 - Week 2 every Monday - Swimming Lessons

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



I'm looking forward to our book week finale on Friday. I haven't worked out my book character costume yet but plan to join in this fun day. Once again we've appreciated Joanna's input into this special week of reading. The classes are planning some fun activities for Friday so come and watch the parade and join in the fun.

Support Staff Day – celebrated annually, this event is to recognise and celebrate the true value of support staff, and at schools around the country today, teachers and principals will be acknowledging and thanking their valued support staff in various ways. We very much appreciate the work of our valued support staff, Denise, Joanna, Jasmine Jo, and Tanya. We arranged a special morning tea and presented them with a wee gift. We also acknowledged the amazing contribution of Jasmine who has passed the 25 year mark at HVS. That is an outstanding achievement – we're very fortunate to have Jasmine's skill supporting teachers and children at HVS.

Reporting

For various reasons we have adjusted the timeframe for mid-year reporting. Teachers are currently writing the reports which will go home before the end of this term. These mid-year reports specifically cover reading writing and mathematics and make a judgement about how students are progressing towards the National Standards in these key areas of learning. Some of the younger students will receive anniversary reports against the National Standards as they have turned 6, 7 or 8 this first half of the year.

Learning Conferences (3-way conferences) will now be held in week 2 of term 3. We'll notify you when the interview site is open for conference bookings. We've introduced learning maps this term as a way of helping students not only talk about and better understand their learning journey, but also to be able to communicate their learning with you.

Property

- **Breakfast meeting coming up this week**

I hope you'll join us tomorrow morning for an update and information sharing session about property matters at HVS.

- **Pohutukawa and Kowhai**

Building work is progressing but they have continued to find extra problems to deal with, for example the veranda has had to be demolished and this wasn't in the original scope of work. It's therefore now likely that the finish date will be slightly delayed.

- **Nikau and Karaka**

Work on this block is planned to begin in the September holidays and will continue into term 4. The plans have been drawn up but we are still working through the plans to ensure everything necessary is included.

- **Rata flood**

Unfortunately a tap was left dripping in the sink with the plug left in over the long weekend. A remedial drying process is underway, but taking longer than expected. We're planning the installation of a floor drain in case it happens again! This has meant that the two youngest classes have been bunking in together so Rata can use Mahoe classroom while their class is out of action.

- **Tremendous**

We've had a meeting to progress the planning of this project. Jill and I have some jobs to do and will soon be in the position of being able to call a wider meeting. Thank you for the offers of help, we'll be in touch soon!

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki



BOOK WEEK - Friday 16th June Character Dress Up Day at 9:30am

WORKING BEE



Term 2 Working Bee. This Saturday, June 17th 10am

The plants are here, the mulch is here, the ground is waiting. We just need a group of people to put them all together. 10am start, but come a bit earlier if you wish, someone will be here. We will go through until 2ish but feel free to come and go as you please - I know Saturday morning involves sport for many of you.

It would be awesome to see you there, with a spade if you have one. A couple of wheelbarrows would also be great. For those of you not able to dig, a spot of baking to fuel the workers is always appreciated :) Postponement day is Sunday 18th June - check the website. For more information contact Karen: parr.karen@gmail.com, 027 209 4832



SPORTS INFO



Southern Zone Cross Country

The Navy and Gold of HVS could be seen flying through the Rainforest and charging up the gut buster last Tuesday. It was great to hear the chanting from the Dave McArthur Grandstand it was a real buzz for the kids. We once again performed to an outstanding level.

Congratulations to **Islei Jaillet** for winning **Year 4 Girls**.

2nd Place Phoenix Pecko Year 4 Boys, Maaike Day Year 6 Girls, Jackson Hill Year 5 Boys,

All the top ten finishers have qualified to compete at Interzone Cross Country.

The following children finished in the top ten an outstanding job:

Emily Cregeen, Sophie Barton, Stanley Brough, Leah Sumner, Harry Cregeen, Fenn Restieaux, Stanley Legge, Suavek Goodfellow

Next Tuesday the *20th June* the Interzones will be held at Martin Luckie Park starting at 11am with the Year 4 Girls.



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.

KELLY SPORTS TERM 3 Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 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.

Play Like a Sports Hero! (Yrs 1-4) – Thursdays 3.05-4.05pm - Come and try Football, Netball, Handball and Rippa Rugby. 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 email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

HOME AND SCHOOL INFO



HVS Quiz Night – Wednesday 5th July @ 7.30pm
Tickets are now on sale for the HVS quiz night so it's time to get your teams together.

A team of six costs just \$90; your smart kids would tell you that's just \$15 each. Once you've got your six, nominate one person to emailhvsquiz@gmail.com and we'll let you know how to pay (preferred payment is direct credit). We will confirm your registration once we have received payment.

Don't have a full team? That's ok, you can register as an individual (\$15/person) and we'll allocate you to a team on the night – that's your opportunity to impress a bunch of strangers with your big-brain brilliance.

Tickets will be issued on the night but please note there will be no door sales so you will have to get in quick to be one of the 25 teams in the running for the title of HVS Quiz Champions 2017 (and pick up some great spot prizes).

We would love to promote your business so if you have something you would like to donate like a robotic dog walker or magic pixie dust, please email ande.childerhouse@gmail.com

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

Thanks to all those who came to last week's meeting - it was great to see some new faces! 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!

HVS School Fair - 11 November 2017!

We have the beginnings of a small but happy band of parents who will work together to put the fair on this year! We are very happy for more help though, so please do let us know if you are keen and able. Work is starting on filling the key coordination roles, with the clothes, food and silent auction roles already filled! Please keep an eye out for a callout for the other main roles, to follow in the next week or two. 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

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!

Important note re. clothes ... In previous years we have had 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!



Houghton Valley Fundraising T-Shirts

Thank you so much to everyone who bought a fundraising T-shirt. And huge thanks to Katy and Aaron who have been so generous in lending their talents and time. We have sold **272** T-shirts and received an order from as far afield as the UK! We are aiming to have the T-shirts ready for delivery before the end of June. We will provide a final fundraising figure once the T-shirts are delivered. Any queries contact: katymacleod@hotmail.com.

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



Friday Lunchtime Burgers - \$3 every Friday this term!

Thanks to those parents who got burgers up and running again last Friday! Healthy burgers will be sold each Friday lunchtime for the rest of the term. *We need one parent volunteer for Burger cooking on Friday 7th July.*

How to Order: Each Friday between 8:30am and 9am, children ordering to line-up on Karaka deck (Room 4) to place your burger order. Cash only, please.

(Wholemeal Bun, beef pattie, cheese, lettuce, carrot, onions, beetroot, mustard, tomato sauce & mayonnaise)

And appeal for an electric frying pan...

Does anyone have an electric frying pan they can lend to the school each Friday? Needed to enable parents to cook a hash brown vegetarian alternative If so please contact Mel botsecretary@houghton.school.nz



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Island Bay United Holiday Football @ Wakefield Park -Monday 10th July - Friday 14th July
9am – 3pm \$35 per day / \$160 for 5 days Grab your football boots or trainers and join us at Wakefield Park for our regular football holiday programme run by our Coaching and Developing Manager, Martin Garcia. You can expect to learn some football skills, play games, age appropriate tournaments and loads of fun. We have the clubrooms if its wet for indoor games. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** - Registration is on the IBU Junior club website www.ibujuniors.org.nz. Email queries to events@ibujuniors.org.nz



Let it move you, Zumba® fitness first class free for beginners! Tomorrow Thursday, Newtown Community Hall, 7 Colombo St at 12pm \$5-7 Tuesday classes are now - Miramar Uniting Church at 9:30 am 56 Hobart St \$12-15 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/natzumba/> Natasha Macaulay 021 258 9580

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