



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 21st June 2017

Week 8 of Term 2

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

Term 2 Calendar

Week 8	Fri 23 rd June	2:15pm	Assembly –Seniors School (Rm 3,4)
Week 9	Wed 29 th June Fri 30 th June	7:30pm 2:15pm	H & S Fair IDEAs Meeting in the Staffroom Assembly – Whole School in Hall
Week 10	Tues 4 th July Wed 5 th July Thurs 6 th July Fri 7 th July	6pm 7:30pm 7pm	Board of Trustees Meeting 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

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

Wow, Wow and Wow! It's so fantastic to finally be seeing some results from all the meetings and discussions about property over the past few years as we work to improve the property at HVS. We have Kowhai and Pohutukawa well underway, Nikau and Karaka all set to go in September and now the fantastic news that we can add a much needed classroom. This came out of left field as recent discussions with the Ministry of Education gave no indication of this, in fact the opposite, suggesting we may want to look at our school zone to manage the roll! We were given an indication of a pending announcement last week and had our fingers crossed for this positive outcome. We are thrilled and know this extra classroom will make a really positive difference for teaching and learning at HVS.

More wows....thank you so much to everyone who turned up to the working bee on Saturday. What a great effort, it's so lovely to see all the new plants around the school. We really appreciate this contribution as we continue to keep HVS a beautiful green place promoting and supporting native forests and all the birds and invertebrates that live here as a result.

Progress Reports

Teachers have been working hard writing the mid-year reports ready to go home before the end of the term. We appreciate the importance of you being informed of your child's progress in learning so you are able to take an active role in the education process. Teachers report on children's learning and achievement in reading writing and mathematics twice a year. Other curriculum areas are reported on as a summary at the end of the year.

Parents are reminded that they are welcome to make an appointment with their child's teacher at any time during the school year to discuss progress and achievement.

The National Standards describe the expectations that students need to meet in reading, writing, and mathematics in the first eight years at school. Teachers use a range of information to make their judgements. In years 4 to 6 the reports are all interim, showing progress towards the National Standard for each year group. Needs Support indicates the need for extra support for your child to meet the standard. If your child receives a Needs Support judgement, the teacher will have some extra support in place to help accelerate your child's learning so they can get closer and ultimately, if all goes to plan, reach the standard as soon as possible.

'Progressing Towards' indicates your child is likely to reach the National Standard by the end of the year. This judgement allows for the further learning that will take place over the rest of the year. If an 'At' judgement is given, this indicates your child has already reached the National Standard and has started working towards the next National Standard. Reports are individualised to show progress that is relative to each student. They describe

what the student has learnt over the period in reading, writing and mathematics. If you have a child in year 1, 2 or 3 you may get an interim report as above, or an anniversary report for after 1, 2 or 3 years at school, depending on your child's age.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

A BIG WELCOME TO Ngaio CLASS :
☺ **Harrie Dinniss** ☺ **Kiara Adler**

GENERAL INFO

The current New Zealand Physical Activity Guidelines for Children and Young People (aged 5 to 18 years) which were developed jointly by Sport New Zealand and the Ministries of Health and Education in 2007, have recently been updated. The updated guidelines for 5–17 year olds are encouraging school-aged children and young people to sit less, move more and sleep well.

A healthy 24-hours for children and young people includes:

- uninterrupted good-quality sleep of 9 to 11 hours per night (for those aged 5 to 13 years) and 8 to 10 hours per night (for those aged 14 to 17 years), with consistent bed and wake-up times
- an accumulation of at least 1 hour per day of moderate to vigorous physical activity involving a variety of aerobic activities. Vigorous physical activities, and activities that strengthen muscle and bones should also be incorporated at least 3 days a week
- no more than 2 hours per day of recreational screen time
- breaking up sitting time and participating in a variety of light physical activities for several hours.

Whooping Cough

We've recently heard of a case of whooping cough in a nearby Wellington school so suggest you stay vigilant for any signs you are concerned about. Whooping cough is a bacterial infection which affects the respiratory system. It is very contagious and spreads from person to person when someone with the illness coughs or sneezes, spraying droplets of fluid from their nose or throat. Whooping cough starts out like a cold with a dry cough, sneezing, runny nose and possibly a slight fever. After one to two weeks the coughing gets worse and a person has coughing fits which often end in vomiting or difficulty breathing. Babies and small children who are not yet immunised or who are only partially immunised, are most at risk. If you think your child may have whooping cough, we recommend you keep their child at home and see the doctor or nurse as soon as possible. You can also call Healthline on 0800 611 116 for free advice from a registered nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

WORKING BEE



Term 2 Working Bee THANKS

Awesome working bee!

Thank you to the more than 30 (!) adults plus lots of very helpful children who came to the working bee on Saturday and helped plant, spread mulch, sweep and generally tidy up. Thank you also to those who brought delicious baking for

the workers. It was a great day for it, and we got heaps done. Now we just have to hope it rains soon so that the plants grow.....

The Term 3 working bee will be linked to the Tremendous project - more information later.



LIBRARY



Book Week

Thank you to staff and parents for supporting Book Week last week. The Friday costume parade was amazing! There was a lot of creativity on show. Joanna



Library

"BEYOND THE PAGE" is a children's and youth literary festival at public Libraries in July throughout the Greater Wellington area. These might be just the activities you're looking for in the July holidays.

Lots of exciting events. See www.beyondthepage.nz for further details of all the events!

Check out Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/beyondthepagenz/>

To download a poster, go to: <https://beyondthepage.nz/about/#media>



Interzone Cross Country

Thirteen HVS students enjoyed the sun and competition at the annual interzone cross country event held at McAlister Park yesterday. Each and every one of them dug deep in what was a fast and testing course and deserve a massive pat on the back for completing it! Congratulations to Islie who got through to regionals, placing 9th in her year 4 girls event. Deb Tapp



HOME AND SCHOOL INFO



HVS Quiz Night – Wednesday 5th July - doors open at 7pm – quiz will start at 7.30pm

With two weeks to go, tables for the HVS quiz night and tables are filling up fast!

A team of six costs just \$90. Once you've got your six, nominate one person to email: hvsquiz@gmail.com and we'll let you know how to pay (preferred payment is direct credit into our Home & School account (but we will also accept cash). We will confirm your registration and your team's reference code once we have received payment.

Then all you have to do is book the babysitter and get on Wikipedia for some last minute cramming.

Not got a full team? That's okay, you can register as an individual (\$15/person) and we'll allocate you to a team on the night – it's a fantastic way to meet others from the community and school.

Tickets will be issued on the night but please note there will be no door sales and for those of you who have emailed to register – remember your place can't be confirmed until you have paid.

We would love to promote your business so if you have something you would like to donate like a spaceship or a gold plated back scratcher, please email ande.childerhouse@gmail.com

If there is anyone who would be prepared to doing any baking for the night, it would be very much appreciated. If you are able to help, please just drop your delicious morsels off the morning of Wednesday 5th July to the kitchen at back of the hall.

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

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

Many thanks to all those who have offered to help with fair preparations. Work to fill the key coordination roles is ongoing ... please keep an eye out for a callout for the other main roles, to follow in the next week or two.

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!

Important note re. CLOTHES ... *In previous years we have had a 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!*

... and a fair ideas evening - Wednesday 28 June, 7.30pm!

We are holding an evening meeting next **Wednesday, 28th June** to discuss the fair. We would love as many people who have an opinion as possible to come along. The idea is to share ideas about:

- What works;
- What doesn't work;
- Ideas to make the fair even better;
- What you'd like to see at your school's fair.

The meeting will be held in the staffroom from **7.30pm**. Please do come along for an informal catch up ... with the promise that if you have a great idea, we won't make you run it! And to entice you we will provide wine and chocolate!

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

There are also two suggestions boxes for ideas for the fair, at the school. They are located opposite the noticeboard, near Denise's office; and by the sign out sheet for Kelly Club After School Care If you have any thoughts we'd love to hear them, so feel free to pop an idea into the box!

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



Healthy burgers will be sold each Friday lunchtime for the rest of the term, and we are looking for parents to sign up to make burgers in term 3 - please see the sign up sheet on the noticeboard... any questions contact [Mel botsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:Mel.botsecretary@houghton.school.nz).

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Apres Ski Discotheque - Annual SWIS Fundraiser

DJs Johnny Diamond & Clubfoot will be providing the soundtrack to a jolly good time. Saturday, 29 July 2017 -

Island Bay Bowling Club - 8pm to midnight (ish) Tickets \$40 via Wrap It Up (if your child is at SWIS) or

email fionagibb@yahoo.com Tickets are limited - dress warm!



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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