



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 26th July 2017

Week 1 of Term 3

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

Term 3 Calendar

Week 2	Mon 31 st July	11-12pm 12pm -1pm 1pm-2pm	Swimming Lessons Monday this term @ Kilbirnie Pool Seniors School Middle School Junior School 15 minute Learning Conference with Teacher/Child /Parent(s)
	Tues 1 st Aug	3:10pm-7:30pm	3-Way Conference
	Wed 2 nd Aug	3:10pm-6:30pm	3-Way Conference
	Thurs 3 rd Aug	3:10pm-5:30pm	3- Way Conference – Seniors only (Rm3 &4)
	Thurs 3 rd Aug	7pm	Home and School Meeting in Staffroom

NO BURGERS this TERM!

Week 3	Mon 7 th Aug Wed 9 th Aug	7-8pm 7pm	Parent Information Evening – Principal Recruitment BOT Meeting
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Week 3 - Treemendous Trees Makeover – Saturday 12th August

Week 10	Fri 29 th Sept		Last Day of School
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- ASB Banking days are FRIDAYS
- Bee Healthy Dental Clinic – 0800 825 583

Sushi available Thursdays – Term 3 - go online to www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am on Thursday to order

Kelly Club After School Care – Helen Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz

HVS School FAIR – Saturday 11th November



Book your 3-Way Conference
 Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and
 enter the parent code: **bwkw3**



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

Welcome back to the third term – hard to believe it’s almost the end of July already. We’ve had such a crazy winter so far with the nasty storm that hit during the holidays to the stunning day yesterday! Some of you would have had sleepless nights dealing with your own issues and if you live close by would have heard the annoying, flapping noise of our damaged building shrinkwrap! Unfortunately this event has also further delayed the completion of the project, which is disappointing.



The next big school event is the Treemendous Makeover coming up on August 12. Jill Holmstead has been doing an amazing job coordinating this project – a much bigger job than expected so we’re very appreciative of the time and support Adam

Ellis has been giving in the planning and preparation. We’ve already had others helping out and if you’ve already volunteered your assistance, Jill will be in touch. We need lots of help in the lead up and have working bees planned for the next two Sundays. See the separate notice in this newsletter. I really hope you can all help out in some way, either at one of the working bees leading up to the day and/or on the Treemendous Makeover day.

Due to the building projects ongoing in the school this year, we have had to do some creative thinking about the school production. We did consider postponing it until next year but have come up with a much more exciting and innovative solution! We are going ahead with a full-blown school production BUT will not be performing live to you at Wellington High School as previously planned. We are going to be filming the show and plan to show it as a film event in either a movie theatre or hall set up as a movie theatre. The teachers are all very excited about this – they can still come up with their own class item and there’ll still be the costuming and prop making as always. Peter is still our producer and will be writing the script to carry the story through the different class items. We’ll still have some actors carrying the story though, and lots of whole school singing.

If you are able to help in any way with this exciting undertaking, please contact Peter or the classroom teachers. Filming the show gives us opportunities to be even more innovative so any ideas and support are welcome.



Three-Way Learning Conferences are coming up next week. This reporting procedure, in which the student is very actively involved in the learning and reporting process, is a fundamental shift away from the one-way transference of information from teacher to parents many of us remember from our own school days. It is also consistent with the characteristics of effective assessment in the NZ Curriculum.

Three-way conferencing involves the student, parents and the teacher sitting together to talk about the student's learning. The conferencing approach gives students an opportunity to share with their parents their growth as a learner and involves the sharing of work to show evidence of learning that the student has selected. Students at HVS are supported to grow their understanding of their development as independent learners and this is a conversation about what the students are **learning** at school rather than what they are **doing** at school.

Three-way conferences are intended to achieve one or more of the following goals:

- to help students demonstrate evidence of learning
- to teach students the process of reflection and self-evaluation
- to facilitate the development of students' organisational and oral communication skills and to increase their self-confidence
- to encourage students, parents, and teachers to engage in open and honest dialogue
- to encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their learning
- to increase parent understanding of their child's learning

Students ⇒ share their learning with their parents and reflect on the progress they have made so far this year.

Teachers ⇒ facilitate and lead the conversation about the student's learning and prompt the student when needed.

Parents ⇒ listen to your child, ask questions and encourage them to expand and explain information further.

At the junior end of the school the expectation is that the adults will take more of a supporting role in the conference and as the children get older they will assume a greater role.

We are working to empower students to become self-directed, independent, lifelong learners, able to cope with whatever challenges they may face in the future.

Your Role as Parent

- Be an active participant in your child's learning
- Focus on learning about processes (skills) not content (facts)
- Ask questions about their learning and next steps for future learning

Questions you could ask your child to help discuss their learning (at any time, not just for Learning Conferences):

- What did you learn on this task/unit?
- What is this task about?
- What important things did you learn from this?
- What do you need help with?
- How can I help you?
- How did you learn this?
- What are your next learning goals?
- What have you done well?
- Why do you think this is such a good example of ...
- Tell me what you think you are doing well
- What do you think you could improve on?
- What did you find difficult?

Should you wish to ask any questions of the teacher, of course you are welcome to do so, however if you need to discuss anything without your child present, we ask that you make a separate appointment for this.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki



A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:
😊 Colton McFarlane & 😊 Hattie Storey



REMINDER: BRING TOGS EVERY MONDAY FOR SWIMMING!
COST PER CHILD \$50 PLEASE PAY TO HVS BOT ACCOUNT THANKS

3-WAY CONFERENCES TERM 3 - WEEK 2

Three Way conferences, for, teachers, parents and children, for all classes with 15 minute timeslots are as follows:

Tuesday 1st August from 3:10pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday 2nd August from 3:10pm to 6:30pm

Thursday 3rd August from 3:10pm to 5:30pm (Seniors only, Karaka-rm4 and Nikau-rm3)



Go to **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz** and
enter the parent code: **bwkw3**

Online Bookings OPEN - NOW

Online Bookings CLOSE on Sunday 30th July 2017 at 9pm

Follow the instructions to book a time with your child's teacher. Once booked, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not have access to a computer, please phone Denise in our office ASAP, so that she can book you in.

HVS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

New Principal Recruitment Info Night: There will also be a meeting 7-8pm on **Monday 7 August** to discuss the sort of person we would like as our new principal. Also a hard copy of the "New Principal Recruitment:" survey will be in your eldest child's bag today and on the school website.

TREMENDOUS - PREPARATION AND THE BIG DAY



In the lead up to big Tremendous Makeover day, we still have preparations to complete. We'd love to have help for the next two weekends in the lead up.

Sunday 30 July – Clearing of the bank area. Bring own tools, slashers, loppers, weed eaters, spades etc. The working area is not safe for children but of course they can still play elsewhere if you are involved.

Sunday 6 August – Edging paths, back filling retaining areas. (There's likely to be other jobs too so see next week's newsletter for an update!)

Saturday 12 August - TREMENDOUS MAKEOVER. This is the day when we want EVERYONE involved planting, mulching, moving and placing lime chips. We'll also be requesting baking for morning tea so let Jill or Raewyn know if you can help with this.

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE FOR TERM 3

ASSEMBLY's Schedule for Term 3 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 2:15pm on Fridays.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
			Junior	Middle			Junior	Middle	Whole
Senior	Senior	No Assem	Senior	Senior	Senior	Senior	Senior	Senior	School

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.**

SUSHI LUNCHES



Starts TERM 3: Sushi Lunches has moved to another website for sushi orders. Place your order for THURSDAY'S now via **www.ezlunch.co.nz**. It's the same team, sushi, varieties and prices, just a new website for orders. Order now for week 1 and the rest of term.

Email: **sushilunchwellington@gmail.com** **0220810781** **www.ezlunch.co.nz**.

KELLY SPORTS



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 Ripa 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 adminwgtm@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

HOME AND SCHOOL INFO



HVS Quiz Night THANKS to the following Sponsors

The quiz night was a huge success and everyone had a great time. Overall, we raised just over \$2800.00 which is enough to cover the mandatory maintenance costs of our flying fox for another year...and as you can see this makes our kids very happy!



NO BURGERS THIS TERM DUE TO LACK OF PARENT HELPERS AND LOGISTICS! THANKS

Home & School - next meeting 3rd August, 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 3rd August 7.00pm HVS Staffroom - come along.



HVS School Fair - 11 November 2017 - Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is one of the biggest earners at The Houghton Valley School Fair. We are keen to get as many of the following items as possible • Art Works • Ceramics • Toys in excellent condition e.g dolls houses and rocking horses etc. Anything that you have been meaning to list on Trade Me... Please leave for Denise or text Mary on 021976400 for pick up. Thanks.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Glee Club for Kids: which is a jam packed 45min session of singing, drama and dance. This is a creative space for anyone to be part of if they wish. We learn songs and routines from movies, musicals and whatever else we are inspired by that week. Improvisation and storytelling is a big part of the session too as I want to build up their confidence and ability to talk in front of an audience. What? Glee Club When? Tuesday 17th Aug 3.30pm - 4.15pm (7week course) Who? Boys and Girls aged 8 – 10 Where? St Hildas Hall 311 The Parade How can I book? gleeclubwellington@gmail.com

INSTEP DANCE STUDIO Taking new enrollments now for Term 3. Offering dance classes in ballet, jazz and contemporary for ages 3-18years. **FREE** trial classes available. Qualified, experienced and registered teachers. For more info visit www.instepdancestudio.co.nz e: instepdance@hotmail.com

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Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A maximum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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