



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 2nd August 2017

Week 2 of Term 3

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

Term 3 Calendar

Week 2	Thurs 3 rd Aug Thurs 3 rd Aug	3:10pm-5:30pm 7pm	15 minute Learning Conference with Teacher/Child /Parent(s) 3- Way Conference – Seniors only (Rm3 &4) Home and School Meeting in Staffroom
Week 3	Mon 7 th August Mon 7 th Aug Wed 9 th Aug	11-12pm 12pm -1pm 1pm-2pm 7-8pm 7pm	Swimming Lessons Monday this term @ Kilbirnie Pool Seniors School Middle School Junior School Parent Information Evening – Principal Recruitment Discussion BOT Meeting
Week 3 - Tremendous Trees Makeover – Saturday 12th August 10am			
Week 10	Fri 29 th Sept		Last Day of School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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			

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

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Three-way conferences this week. These are an important opportunity for your children to share some aspects of their learning. Please remember if you have concerns or things you feel you need to discuss further, or away from your child, you can always make an appointment to see them at another time.

I had a catch up meeting with our after school providers Kelly Club's Janine and Mark yesterday. Four months in and things are ticking along well. We continue to talk to them about the possibility of running holiday programmes here at HVS so they're interested in finding out if there's enough demand. We'll be putting something in next week's newsletter with regard to that so please consider if this would be something you'd want. Although we do get asked, previous programmes have had to be shifted to the Island Bay venue due to a lack of numbers.

I have a meeting with the group organising the remodel of Nikau and Karaka classrooms later this week so hope to have more information regarding the actual start date. The current project, Pohutukawa and Kowhai, is taking longer than expected but we're still expecting them to move into their new rooms before term end. Nikau and Karaka classes will take their place in the hall for term 4. A long time coming, it's very exciting finally getting action on these awful old, cold buildings!

TREMENDOUS - PREPARATION AND THE BIG DAY



A huge thank you to the people who helped out on Sunday. Considering we only had 10 adults involved, including Jill, Peter and I, we got an amazing amount done. We also had lots of help from the amazing team of kids. We have limestone arriving today and mulch will be delivered soon. We still have a lot to do prior to the BIG DAY so would love it if you can spare a bit of time this Sunday.

Sunday 6 August – Continue the clearing of the bank area. Bring own tools, slashers, loppers, weed eaters, spades etc. We might be ready to start edging the paths and back filling retaining areas. (There's likely to be other jobs too!) Please join us from 10am, even for a short time.

TREMENDOUS MAKEOVER Saturday 12th August – This is the day when we want EVERYONE involved planting, mulching, moving and placing lime chips. The Tremendous staff, Mazda Foundation staff and Ruud Kleinpaste will be there supporting the project. There'll be morning tea then a sausage sizzle to finish up by lunchtime.



The day before, on **August 11**, we already have Ruud Kleinpaste (bug man) scheduled to visit the school to talk to the kids and the teachers. It's now been confirmed that Mazda Ambassador, Riley Elliot is available as well. He is known as Shark Man and has some wonderful messages/stories to share, see <http://www.rileyelliott.com/>
 Nga mihi nui
 Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

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 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 adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

HOME AND SCHOOL INFO

Home & School - next meeting Tomorrow 3 August, 7pm staffroom

Home and School meetings are open to all parents. They are a great opportunity to find out what is going on in the community, and we would love to see you there. Next H&S meeting is tomorrow Thursday 3 July 7.00pm HVS Staffroom - please do come along!



HVS School Fair - 11 November 2017

Another Fair Meeting will be coming up soon - watch this space! Many thanks to all those who contributed to the first Fair Meeting, and those who have dropped notes into the 'ideas boxes'. We have a few new ideas, which we're excited about. Thanks also to those who have offered to take on key coordination roles ... there are a few roles that need to be filled ... details to follow shortly.

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!

If you want to hear more about what is involved, please contact Chris homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz

There are 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!

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.

No More Friday Lunchtime Burgers

Further to the School Newsletter announcement last week that there will be no more Burgers this term Home and School would like to thank all those volunteers who donated their time to making the burgers happen in term 02 and had put their names down for volunteering in term 03. Big thanks to Melissa Thomas for a sterling job as Burger Coordinator. Burgers may well be back in the future! If you have any ideas or feedback please contact Chris homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz

HVS School Disco - DJ??

The school disco will take place on 21 September. In the past couple of years a parent has helped yr 6 students DJ the disco ... we are looking for a new parent DJ to take on this role this year! If you are interested please contact sarahduncan99@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Houghton Valley Playcentre Presents: The 20th Annual Great Debate Thurs 31st August Doors open 7pm \$20 a ticket – “To be, or not to be a politician – that is the question”. Speakers; Annette King, Pinky Agnew, Barry Soper, Lloyd Burr, Chris Hipkins, Grant Walker, David Townsend, Brent Edwards – Chair: Grant Robinson Tickets available from Amanda Berkahn hvplaycentre@gmail.com or ph 0277333894.

Tremendous Trees Working Bee
last Sunday and some
Year 5 and 6 models of what the area
could look like!



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