



**NEWSLETTER**

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Week 4 of Term 3

**Houghton Valley School Website: [www.houghton.school.nz](http://www.houghton.school.nz)**

**Term 3 Calendar**

*Swimming Lessons every Monday this term @ Kilbirnie Pool: Reminder bring togs*

Week 4	Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug		<b>Lucky Book Club ORDERS CLOSE</b> <b>ORDER ONLINE - <a href="http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz">mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz</a></b>
Week 5	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9:15am-12:30pm 9:15am-12:30pm	Island Bay Marine Education Trip (R10 & R9) Y3/4 Island Bay Marine Educaiton Trip (Rm1 & Rm2 – Poko) Y3/4 Southern Zone Swimming
Week 7	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7pm	Home & School Meeting
Week 8	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6pm	Board f Trustees Meeting
Week 10	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2:55pm	Last Day of School

- **ASB Banking days are FRIDAYS**
- **Bee Healthy Dental Clinic – 0800 825 583**

Sushi available Thursdays – Term 3 - go online to [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://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](mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz)

**HVS School FAIR – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

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



We were so incredibly lucky with the weather on Saturday and so very grateful for the fantastic turn out. It was a truly amazing achievement and although not completely finished, a beautiful transformation of an ugly, overgrown, messy bank area. You were all amazing – adults and children all getting stuck in moving mulch and lime chip, planting, clearing and organising the refreshments. Thank you also to those of you who provided baking.



Another huge thank you to **Adam Ellis** who was instrumental in us receiving this grant. His concept of creating rata epiphytes for the children to create and nurture over time will hopefully be realised once the myrtle rust scare is hopefully over or at least being managed. Thank you again to Jill Holmstead, who in her role of HVS Enviro Leader, helped with the organisation and coordination of this project. Also, David Laking who was able to share his vision and expertise to create the paths that add such a special dimension to the project. Thanks to Jake Cenac and Michael Lanzensberger for providing extra video footage of this special event. We really appreciated other help leading up to the big day – 2 working bees, Charlie Barton with his chainsaw dealing to unwanted trees and the year 5 and 6 students who made a human chain to move the 360 flax plants from the bottom court to the planting site on Friday, saving a huge amount of time on Saturday!



We had a \$10 000 budget which allowed us to be so creative in our design. The project wouldn't have been possible however without several significant donations. School grandparent Andrew McGovern delivered two huge truckloads of lime chip for the paths. We really appreciated his extra trip from the Wairarapa on Saturday. We had three truckloads of fill delivered and the Wellington City Council gave us three loads of mulch. The plants were all donated from the Rimutaka Prison Nursery – over 800 of various types.



We have a water tank coming soon so we can harvest water from Rata classroom to water the plants and we have more seating in planning. We will be updating our budget once the bills all come in and will then decide what last elements can be added. We'll keep you updated as there will be further working bees!

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

## HVS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Update on Acting Principal arrangements for Term 4

We want to let you about the arrangements that are being put in place for Term 4. As you know, Raewyn is leaving HVS to become principal at Ngaio school, starting Term 4. We are underway with the process for recruiting a new principal but won't have one until Term 1 2018. So we have been working with Raewyn to put in place good transitional arrangements for Term 4.

We are happy that Monica Mercury and Lara Nemet have agreed to act as Co-Principals for Term 4. They are both valued and experienced senior staff members and this arrangement will provide great continuity for the school. To allow them to take up this role we are putting in place cover arrangements for their classes. Fortunately Rekha Tiwari is available to teach a further three days a week, meaning that she will be the full time teacher for Ti Kouka in Term 4. Gabrielle Harvey is also available to teach a further two days in Rata meaning that she will be the full time teacher for Rata in Term 4. We think this arrangement should minimise disruption for students - although some disruption is unavoidable in these situations.

If you have any questions about how these arrangements will work please talk to Raewyn or Sarah Graydon.

In the meantime, thank you for all the feedback that we have had on recruiting a new principal. We will be in touch with an update on how that is going in the next week or two.

HVS Board of Trustees - Sarah Graydon, Anya Satyanand, Andrew Downes, Anna Ririnui, Karen Parr, Phil Walker, Jos Abernethy and Raewyn Watson

## 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 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Junior	Middle			Junior	Middle	<b>Whole</b>
Senior	Senior	Senior	Senior	Senior	Senior	<b>School</b>

**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: BRING TOGS EVERY  
MONDAY FOR SWIMMING!**

**COST PER CHILD \$50 PLEASE PAY TO HVS BOT ACCOUNT - THANKS**



## LUCKY BOOK CLUB



### **LUCKY BOOK CLUB... CLOSSES THIS SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

Brochure No. 5 has gone home.

If you wish to order, please follow the LOOP payment instructions on the inside back cover.

All orders are done online at [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://scholastic.co.nz/LOOP) or [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz).

Orders must be placed by **Sunday 20 August**. Books are usually delivered to school about 2 weeks after that. Thank you. Joanna

## SPORTS INFO

### **Swimming Lessons**

Friendly reminder if you have any questions or concerns please direct them to Matt Titcombe.

The Pool (WRAC) has asked us that parents not contact them direct for School Swim Lessons

[matt@houghton.school.nz](mailto:matt@houghton.school.nz)



### **Regional Sports Fest:**

**Dodgeball:** HVS Hammers finished an impressive third and returned to school with a trophy to boot after yesterday's Dodgeball tournament at Kilbirnie Rec Centre. As part of the Wellington Region SportsFest, the team of nine year 5 and 6s took to the court to battle it out for the title. Of the six games played, the only loss was to eventual competition winner Plimmerton. Well done HVS Hammers!



### **Sports Dates to diary for Term Three**

☺ Friday 25 August Southern Zone Swimming WRAC ☺ Friday 14 September Interzone Swimming WRAC

If you have any stories or photos of sports-related events that we can use in the newsletters and are happy to share them with everyone else, please e-mail me on [matt@houghton.school.nz](mailto:matt@houghton.school.nz).

## KELLY CLUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME SURVEY



### **Holiday Programme Survey**

Kelly Club would like to explore the viability of running the October 2017 Holiday Programme for the children of Houghton Valley School in the next holiday break from 2 October 2017 - 13 October 2017. The prices are:

**Full Day** (8am-6pm) - \$50.00

**School Day** (9.30am-12.30pm) - \$40.00

**Morning half Day** (9am-3.30pm) - \$30.0

**Afternoon half Day** (12.30pm-3.30pm) - \$30.00

**Please note Trip Day** - extra \$15.00

Please register your interest if you think you would like your children to attend - provide details by e-mail to: [houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz). Please ensure you specify how many children you would look to enrol and on which days.

**Please have your responses in by Monday 14 August at latest. Once all responses have been compiled a decision will be made as to whether the programme is viable.**

These are some of the activities done at Kelly Club Island Bay for the July Holiday Programme:



**Home & School - next meeting Thursday 07 September, 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. Thanks to all those who made it along to last week's meeting, it was a good turn out. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

**HVS School Fair – Saturday - 11 November 2017**

**Marketing coordinator** - We are looking for a volunteer to look after the marketing for the fair. The role involves getting the big chook signs up about a month out from the fair, and coordinating leaflet dropping around local streets and shopping areas. If this might be you, please contact Susan ([homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz))

**Crafts** - Are you crafty?! Craft items sell really well at the fair - do you have any ideas of things that might sell well, can you make any items, or show others how to make things to sell? If you have any thoughts, or can help us get together a bit of stock for the craft stall, please do get in touch! ([homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz))

**Lemons/jams/chutneys?** -We have a couple of people who have volunteered to preserve lemons for the Deli counter at the fair. If anyone has access to a lemon tree or the lemons themselves can they let me know please? Also, if anyone has any excess fruit suitable for making jams, chutneys etc please also let me know!

Finally if you or someone you know is able to make something in large quantities suitable for a food stall please let me know - we are always keen to offer something new, and have a bit of extra space this year. Thanks [sarahduncan99@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahduncan99@hotmail.com)

**Clothes/toys/books**

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!*



## COMMUNITY NOTICE

**Houghton Valley Playcentre Presents:** The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Debate Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Robertson. Tickets available from Amanda Berkahn [hvplaycentre@gmail.com](mailto:hvplaycentre@gmail.com) or ph 0277333894.

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