



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 23rd August 2017

Week 5 of Term 3

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

Term 3 Calendar

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

Week 5	Fri 25 th Aug Fri 25 th Aug	2:15pm 2:15pm 3pm	Southern Zone Swimming Senior Assembly (Rm 3 &4) Middle Assembly (Rm 1,2,3 & 9) Bake Sale outside Karaka- rm4 (for year 6 camp)
Week 6	Fri 1 st Sept	9am-12:45pm	Orange Day Parade in Town for School Patrol Children
Week 7	Thurs 7 th Sept	7pm	Home & School Meeting
Week 8	Thurs 14 th Sept	5:30pm-7:30pm	Home & School Disco @ South Wgtn Intermediate Hall
Week 10	Fri 29 th 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 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

There has been a lot of sickness so far this term, with a variety of ailments from colds and flu to stomach upsets and several cases of slap cheek. Thank you for keeping the office informed of absences and for keeping your children home when they're sick. We love it that they want to come to school, but we often need to send them home during the day when they're not actually recovered enough to be at school. Unwell children really find it hard to cope with a day at school.

It was exciting to see the shrinkwrap come off the building last week. Sadly though, the scaffold which was also supposed to come down, has been delayed with further issues around roofing detail. This has been a problematic project but they're getting closer and the end result will be amazing. We're still optimistic they'll be finished a few weeks before the end of the term. We're hoping to have the next project (Nikau/Karaka) starting by term end!

 A special welcome to teacher trainee Delia Hunt who is working with Stephanie Bosch in Rimu Class (library) this term. From time to time we have trainee teachers working in the school as part of their studies and we always welcome their input. Having an extra pair of hands in the classroom is always appreciated!

Please keep Dave McArthur in your thoughts as he recovers from surgery earlier this week. I know Dave was pleased to finally have his turn on the wait list, but operations are always a stressful thing to go through. We have had an update from Dave's daughter today saying the operation went well and he is recovering in ICU. I'm sure Dave would love cards and get well letters! We're happy to collect and get them to Dave for you.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

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 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Middle Senior	Senior	Senior	Junior Senior	Middle Senior	Whole 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.**

ICAS RESULTS

ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who sat the ICAS Digital Technologies assessment this year.

From year 4 – Samuel Young. **From year 5** – Ollie Hunt, Xander McMinn and Lily Scott.

From year 6 – Ewan Brighton-Mills, Harry Cregeen, Lucy Downes and Jimmy McKirdy.

ICAS Digital Technologies assesses skills and knowledge in the areas of databases, graphics and multimedia, internet use and email programs, networks and other communications systems, operating systems and computer hardware, programming and scripting, spreadsheets and word processing.

The papers cover content on digital systems including hardware and software, operating systems; cloud computing and data representation; basic and advanced operations and formatting in word processing; use of tables, style sheets, animations and referencing; presentations, integrated multimedia and data visualisation; use of search engines, emails, web design, social media, online collaborative projects and applying social and ethical protocols and practices in the use of digital technologies; use of operations to maintain and manage data and databases; programming principles and concepts which includes block-based coding, flowcharts, sequence, loops, pseudocode, algorithms and desk checking.

Following are the special awards for this year's assessments:

Distinction - Xander, Lucy and Jimmy; **Credit** - Ollie and Ewan; **Merit** – Harry. **WELL DONE to you all!**



ICAS SCIENCE RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who sat the ICAS Science assessment this year.

From year 4 – Lucian Robins-Brewer, Sean Carroll, Felix Hansen, Louis Joli, Siofra Long, Annie McKirdy, Sol Prebble, James Ririnui and Samuel Young.

From year 5 – Gus Cenac. **From year 6** – Laetitia Bachler, Ewan Brighton-Mills, Harry Cregeen, Lucy Downes, Oliver McDougall and Jimmy McKirdy.

ICAS Science assesses students' skills in the key scientific areas of observing and measuring - Noting and measuring features of items and phenomena; interpreting data - Interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs; applying data - Including inferring, predicting and concluding; investigating - Experimental design, use of controls and notion of 'fair test' and higher-order skills - Including reasoning and problem solving

The papers cover content on Earth and Beyond (incorporating the Earth Sciences and Astronomy); Energy and Change (incorporating Physics); Life and Living (incorporating Biology and Ecology) and Natural and Processed Materials (incorporating Chemistry).

Following are the special awards for this year's assessments:

Distinction – Sean ; **Credit** – Felix, Louis, Samuel, Ewan, Harry and Jimmy; **Merit** – Oliver.

WELL DONE to you all!



HVS ENROLMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

We are looking at enrolments for the next few years. Please email the school office

admin@houghton.school.nz if you are looking at enrolling your child and if you know of any family and friends who are in the zone that intend to come to our school.

BAKE SALE –FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST AT 3PM



In term 4 the year 6's are going to YMCA Camp Kaitoke. On Friday the 25th there is going to be a bake sale outside Karaka at to help our fundraising efforts. Treats will cost from 50c.

It will be held outside Karaka classroom at the end of the school day! Please come along and support us!

LIBRARY



SCHOLASTIC ORDERS

Orders for this term have now closed. Thank you to everyone who has ordered.

Books should be delivered in the next two weeks. Please send children to school with a reusable bag so they can take the books home safely. Joanna

ICT THANKS

Thank you to HVS Home and School

The staff would like to thank Home and School for their efforts in ensuring the students at HVS have access to the technology needed in modern classrooms.

Over the last two years the students have directly benefitted from:

- 16 junior school iPads
- 6 senior school iPads
- 4 Mimio interactive whiteboards
- 40 Chromebooks



There are still funds available and we are currently sourcing more iPads for the senior classes, investigating the merits of Apple TV / Chromecast for use across the whole school, as well as replacing the junior school TVs.

Thanks H+S and everyone who supported their fundraising initiatives - you are all fantastic, and it's really appreciated!!!



The Staff at HVS



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



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



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.

HOME AND SCHOOL INFO

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.



Save the date: HVS Disco

Thursday 14th Sept 5.30 - 7.30pm gold coin entry

We now have a venue - SWIS have kindly agreed that we can use their hall and it's big enough for the whole school to fit! As we are "off site" every child **must** have an adult responsible for them at the venue (obviously an adult can be responsible for more than one child) the school site is big, near major roads and we cannot block it all off!

We have some details to finalise so watch this space. If you can help out on the night with set up / tidying up / helping out on the door / etc please get in touch sarahduncan99@hotmail.com



HVS School Fair - 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)

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)

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

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!*

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) - \$30.00

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. 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.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool Wellington Diving Club has a range of diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up (plus separate Adult training sessions). Visit our website and come along for a free Trial Lesson! We have several after-school sessions and cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. We also run fun casual sessions on Sunday afternoons. For more information, please visit our website www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.

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 Robertson. Tickets available from Amanda Berkahn hvplaycentre@gmail.com or ph 0277333894.

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