



## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Week 6 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 6	Monday Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9am-12:45pm	Swimming every Monday Orange Day Parade in Town for School Patrol Children (Y6)
Week 7	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7pm	Home & School Meeting "ONESIE Day" – gold coin donation
Week 8	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5:30pm-7:30pm	Home & School Disco @ South Wgtn Intermediate Hall
Week 10	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2:55pm	Last Day of School

### Term 4 Calendar

Week 1	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct		First Day of Term 4
Week 2	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct		Labour Day – Public Holiday
Week 10	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1:30pm	Last Day of School for 2017

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

**Sushi** available Thursdays – 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 10am-2pm**

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

Spring has sprung! We had our first lambs on the weekend - and yes they're very cute!



Dave McArthur is now home from the hospital recovering after his heart surgery. I dropped in to see him in hospital on Friday with lots of lovely cards and pictures from the children which he loved. He also enjoyed the bouquets created from flowers and plants brought in by staff and board and assembled by Gabrielle (with her florist hat on) and her wonderful student helpers.

Pohututukawa and Kowhai classrooms are taking shape at last. A good milestone getting rid of the scaffolding and it was very exciting seeing the arrival of the joinery this week. It looks amazing - all white and fresh ready to set off the coloured wall coverings. Painters have been busy while the joinery is installed. They're preparing for the decking which will also be stunning. We've invested in Ecodecking as a long term, safer option to the current timber decking which gets slippery and continually breaks. The board have invested in extending the decking to the bigger area right up to the office which is wonderful. If this product is as successful as we hope, it would be lovely to see it used outside Nikau and Karaka sometime in the future too. Well keep you posted on the finish date - our next site meeting is Thursday.

No more news on Nikau and Karaka but I'm expecting to hear something soon as the tenders are considered.



Please let us know if you come across any hazards in the school - of course we keep an eye out but please don't assume we know or that someone else has told us! For example, play equipment is used regularly so wear and tear is inevitable - let us know if you spot something - our checks are likely to have picked it up, but better to be sure.

We can't find anyone who can tell us why one of the flying foxes has been locked up out of action, so we have to leave it locked up until the annual check on Sept 7. If we're told, we get repairs carried out as soon as possible on this popular equipment. Hopefully it's something minor, or nothing at all and it'll be back in action soon. Thanks to your support of Home and School's fundraising we can keep the flying fox going.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

## CAR PARKING @ HVS



Please think carefully about where you park before and after school. The bus driver was very frustrated recently when he couldn't drive up the road between parked cars. Unfortunately this is not the first time. We really appreciate your consideration, parking further away and walking.

## LATE TO SCHOOL

**Seniors and Middle** school children please report to the school office if you arrive after the bell – write a note if no-one is in the office.

**Junior** children and parents – please report to the school office if you are arriving after the school bell at 9am. We need to keep track of every child at the school otherwise we will call if your child is absence and you have not notified us. – email [admin@houghton.school](mailto:admin@houghton.school) OR call leave a message 939-3318 or website [www.houghton.school.nz](http://www.houghton.school.nz) and click on “Contact” tab and go to “Report an Absence”. Thanks



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## ONESIE DAY NEXT FRIDAY

**WHEN:** FRIDAY THE 8TH OF SEPTEMBER

**WHY:** TO FUNDRAISE FOR WELLINGTON FREE AMBULANCE

**HOW:** BRING A GOLD COIN TO DONATE TO THE FREE AMBULANCE

**WHAT:** WEAR A ONESIE HAVE LOTS OF FUN!!!!

## HVS ENROLMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

We are looking at enrolments for the next few years. Please email the school office [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto: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.

## OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS

No climbing in the Bike shed container on the field or the “Shop” and “Bus Stop” in the junior playground, please. These areas are out of bounds at all times. We would appreciate your support enforcing this out of school hours too.

## SPARE CLOTHES

**Juniors** – it would be helpful if parents put a spare pair of pants/trousers/shorts in your child's school bag as the grounds have been so wet lately and we do not have an abundant of spares. – Thanks

## BAKE SALE – THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who bought or baked something from the year 6 bake sale last Friday. We raised a huge **\$559.40**. We hoped you liked our bake sale too. Thanks again.  
Lucy, Hayley, Marceline and Amelie and the year 6's



## ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE FOR TERM 3 @ 2:15PM

**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 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Senior	Senior	Junior Senior	Middle Senior	Whole School

## TERM DATES FOR 2018

	Start	End	Exceptions
<b>Term 1</b> (10 weeks)	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Waitangi Day</b> Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb <b>Easter Friday</b> 30 March & <b>Easter Mon</b> 2 April & <b>Easter Tues</b> 3 April <b>Anzac Day</b> 25 April in holidays
<b>Term 2</b> (10 weeks)	Monday 30 April	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Queen's Birthday</b> Mon 4 June <b>Plus a "Teacher Only Day" TBC</b>
<b>Term 3</b> (10 weeks)	Monday 28 July	Friday 28 September	
<b>Term 4</b> (10 weeks)	Monday 15 October	Tuesday 20 Dec 2018	<b>Labour Day</b> Monday 22 October

## 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. The next meeting is next week - we look forward to seeing you there.



### Save the date: HVS Disco

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 5.30pm - 7.30pm gold coin entry**

**Where: South Wellington Intermediate School Hall (SWIS)**

- please use the pedestrian entrances off Rintoul Street, street parking only.

Thanks to SWIS offering us the use of their hall the disco can go ahead! It is big enough for us to have one session for everyone. There will be lights, music and dancing, spot prizes for any amazing costumes, and you can buy flashing goodies or a sausage (or two). Everyone needs a responsible adult on site with them please. If anyone can help with the set up / tidying up / BBQ / door entry / selling glowing things can you let me know please - [sarahduncan99@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahduncan99@hotmail.com) - thank you!



**HVS SCHOOL FAIR - 11 NOVEMBER 2017 - 10AM TO 2PM**

**Fair sign up sheet** The sign up sheet for the fair has gone up on the H&S notice board outside Denise's office. The fair works best when as many families as possible help out to share the load. It would be great if you could contribute couple of hours on the day to help cook sausages, sell books or run a bouncy castle. Please do sign up!

**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!*

**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



**Junior Netball For Term 4:** Year 1 to 4 players: Motu Kairangi is now accepting registrations for the term 4 ANZ futureFERNs netball programme for Year 1 to Year 4 players. Season dates and times ANZ futureFERNs will be run over 8 weeks in term 4:

- Saturday, 21 October - Festival Day - a fun session for players to participate in a variety of futureFERNs activities - further information will be available once teams have been confirmed.
  - Saturday, 28 October to Saturday, 9 December - regular futureFERNs sessions Year 1&2 Programme 10.30 am to 11.15 am. Year 3&4 Programme 12pm to 1pm or 1.30pm to 2.30pm.
- Please note: these times may change due to the number of team entries. Contact admin@houghton.school.nz for further information or checkout the MK netball – [www.mknetball.co.nz](http://www.mknetball.co.nz).

**Sports Dates to diary for Term Three**

☺ 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).



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



## 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 [hyplaycentre@gmail.com](mailto:hyplaycentre@gmail.com) or ph 0277333894.

**Alice Krebb Lodge Celebration:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September the Kae Miller Trust invites you to celebrate our founder at the Alice Krebb Lodge at 113 View Road from 2-4pm. We will do some planting and clearing and enjoy an afternoon tea.

**MARANUI SLSC - CLUB OPEN DAYS** - Maranui SLSC invites the community, new and existing members, to the Club Open Days on Sunday 10 September, 12pm - 3pm and Sunday 29 October, 12pm - 3pm.

Come along and see what's happening at the club this season, meet coaches, lifeguards and athletes, have a look around the surf clubhouse, register and become a member, information on junior surf, seniors, becoming a lifeguard and information on hiring the club. We look forward to seeing you all.

Season starts on Sunday 5 November 2017. Please register here to join Maranui SLSC - [www.maranui.co.nz/how-to-join.html](http://www.maranui.co.nz/how-to-join.html)

Wednesday 6 September  
From 6pm  
CQ Cafe / CQ Hotels  
213-223 Cuba Street  
(between Vivian and Abel Smith Streets)

Geological tales from many active faults: the 2016 M7.8 Kaikōura earthquake  
Le séisme de Kaikōura raconté par un géologue de terrain

Dr. Rob Langridge  
GNS Science

Alliance française  
Café Scientifique  
@ CQ Café

2014 Winner, Team Gold  
The Wellington Gold Awards

All welcome  
Koha entry  
In English  
Some French may occur!

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