



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 6th September 2017

Week 7 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 7	Thurs 7 th Sept Fri 8 th Sept	7pm	Home & School Meeting in Staffroom "ONESIE Day OR PJ's Day" – gold coin donation
Week 8	Thurs 14 th Sept	AM 5:30pm-7:30pm	Interzone Swimming @ WRAC Home & School Disco @ South Wgtn Intermediate Hall
Week 10	Fri 29 th Sept	1:45pm 2:55pm	Principal Farewell Assembly and Afternoon Tea Last Day of School

Term 4 Calendar

Week 1	Mon 16 th Oct		First Day of Term 4
Week 2	Mon 23 rd Oct		Labour Day – Public Holiday
Week 10	Tues 19 th 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 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 10am-2pm

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

We've had a week or so working on the chicken run and with the help of some handy students then an after school working bee, we're ready for the arrival of chickens this coming weekend. In the meantime the run is a great place to keep "Stinky Chops" the lamb while he still needs 4-hourly feeds!



Things are moving very quickly inside Pohutukawa and Kowhai classrooms – they're looking fabulous. At this stage they'll be ready to be moved into from next week so Matt and Joe will be transitioning over ready to vacate the hall for Nikau and Karaka classes. No news on that starting date so I'll keep you posted.



Congratulations to all our wonderful patrollers who get out in all sorts of weather morning and afternoon to make crossing the road safe for all the students. This is an important year 6 responsibility that is recognised annually with a big parade through the city, followed by a gathering at Te Papa. The students created this awesome banner to carry in the parade. Thanks also to all the teachers and parents who help out. School patrols can't operate without this input.

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki



ONESIE DAY OR PJ'S THIS 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!!!!

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

☺ **Eva Calvert**

PRINCIPAL FAREWELL



The HVS STAFF and BOT would like to invite you all to a special afternoon tea to farewell and thank our amazing Principal Raewyn Watson for her commitment and dedication to our school over the past 5 years. Raewyn has been an integral part of Houghton Valley School and will be remembered in many ways by us all.

Our school Farewell assembly for Raewyn will take place on Friday 29th of September, the last day of term starting at 1.45 pm followed by afternoon tea. We ask all families to bring a plate to share.

Lara Nemet and Monica Mercury

SCHOOL TRAFFIC



Reminder to travel down or up Houghton Bay Road by the school at 40 km/hr?? For safety reasons we strongly encourage all drivers to slow down around the school. The speed limit around a school is 40km/hr, however, we would appreciate you driving much more slowly than this during drop off and pick up times. When the school bus is stopped, you must slow down and drive at 20km/hr or less until you are will past (no matter which direction you are coming from) Thank you for your consideration.

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 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10 @ 1:45pm
Senior	Junior Senior	Middle - TBC Senior	Principal Farewell Assembly

TERM DATES FOR 2018

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



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



Home & School - Next Meeting THIS 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 THIS THURSDAY! We look forward to seeing you there.

**HVS Disco Thursday 14th September**

Where: South Wellington Intermediate School Hall - *please use the pedestrian entrances off Rintoul Street, street parking only.*

When: 5.30pm - 7.30pm (approx) Gold coin donation entry

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 so bring your siblings and stay as long as you like. There will be lights, music and dancing, spot prizes for any amazing costumes, and you can buy flashing goodies or a sausage (or two) and if you bring your coins to spend we will really appreciate it (we ran out of change last year!). Everyone needs a responsible adult with them please as it is a big site with multiple entrances and exits (one adult can of course be responsible for multiple children). We need volunteers so 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 - thank you!

**HVS SCHOOL FAIR – SAT 11 NOVEMBER 2017 - 10AM TO 2PM****Fair sign up sheet**

Lots of thanks to those of you who have already put your names on the fair sign up sheet (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 - Please do get in contact if you can make something for the craft stall at the fair. Craft items sell really well and we are really keen to hear from people who can help us get together a bit of stock for the craft stall ... happy for all ideas ... think Christmas, decorations, cards ...?!

Food wraps - one of the best craft sellers last year were waxed, reusable food wraps. We are looking for a volunteer to make some - there are basic instructions on youtube (<https://www.munchcupboard.com/collections/food-wraps>). And we can provide all materials!

Pinking Sheers? - If you have some we can borrow please let Susan know. (homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz)

Plants, seedlings, cuttings? Can you provide seedlings to be ready for the fair? Heirloom and heritage vegetables are always popular especially tomatoes and zucchinis + native and ornamental seedlings.

**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!

Engineer Request: If you or someone you know is a registered engineer, please contact Susan Hall homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz

SPORTS INFO

Yummy Stickers

Reminder to have all yummy stickers into school by Wednesday 27th September. Thanks



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 10.30am to 11.15am. 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.

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.

KELLY CLUB AND SPORTS

KELLY CLUB OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES - Kelly Club offers full time Holiday Programmes during the October school holidays at "Island Bay School" from the 2nd Oct – 13th Oct 2017. Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes

visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

FOOTBALL MORNING HOLIDAY WORKSHOP (Yrs 1–6) Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Wilton (all weather indoor surface). Improve technique by working on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling & shooting.

Week 1 - Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm, **Week 2** – Tues, Weds, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm **"GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL"** – Week 1 Fri 6th Oct 9.30am-12.30pm

KELLY SPORTS TERM 4 - Kelly Sports will be back in Term 4 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 them a place to channel their energy.

Summer Fun in the Sun! (Yrs 1-4) – Thursdays 3.05pm-4.05pm. Come and try Football, Tball, Athletics and Basketball. 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!

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Be part of this combined community groups 8th annual spring-clean of our coast!
Wellington South Coast Clean-up #SouthCoastCleanup

South Coast clean-up

Saturday 16 September 2017
10.30-12.00 noon
BBQ 12.30 @ Lyall Bay

Thanks to Island Bay Butchery and PAK 'N SAVE REBBI



South Coast Clean-Up - Saturday 16th Sept 10:30am-noon Backup day will be **Sunday 17th September** – contact Helen Kettles 0211502879 email: southcoastcare@gmail.com or checkout facebook.

Buckley Road Planting Day - Our planting day this year is scheduled for 9:30am - 12pm Sunday 10th of September. We will be meeting down at Houghton Valley School by the playground on the bottom field. We will be planting just above there near the wetland area. I recommend bringing gumboots as it is rather muddy at the moment. I will send a postponement email by 8:30am on the day in the event of inclement weather.

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