



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 13th September 2017

Week 8 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 8	Thurs 14 th Sept	9:30am-2pm 5:30pm-7:30pm	Interzone Swimming @ WRAC Home & School Disco @ South Wgtn Intermediate Hall (SWIS)
Week 10	Fri 29 th Sept	1:45pm 2:55pm	Principal Farewell Assembly and Afternoon Tea Last Day of Term 3

Term 4 Calendar

Week 1	Mon 16 th Oct Thurs 19 th Oct		First Day of Term 4 Home and School Meeting @7pm
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

2018 Term 1 start – Monday 5th February 2018

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

Time is going so very quickly with the end of term and my final day leading this special school looming. There's been more excitement this week on the animal front – not a lamb visit this time, but chickens! I've always loved that HVS had chickens so it was a pleasure, now the coop and run are back in action, to gift 3 beautiful, friendly chickens to get back on track with this special component of school life here! These happy girls are at point of lay so there was great excitement when eggs were discovered already!



I'm away most of next week attending the NZ Principals' Federation Conference. I spend the first day visiting schools so look forward to being able to pass on any great ideas to staff here on my return. This year the NZPF Executive has aligned this annual professional development opportunity more closely to the strategic aims and objectives of that organisation. As such, the structure of the conference will be that of 45-minute plenary sessions throughout each day, linking to the NZPF kawa which encompasses the elements of Manaakitanga; Leading with moral purpose, Pono; Having self-belief, Ako; Being a learner and Awhinatanga; Guiding and supporting. These conferences are always an excellent learning opportunity so I appreciate being able to attend then bring back new and important learnings. Lara Nemet and Monica Mercury will be in charge next week – a practice run for their acting principal roles in term 4!

Nga mihi nui

Raewyn Watson, Principal/Tumaki

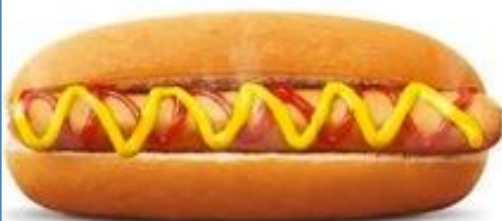
Hotdogs

WHEN: Friday the 15th

WHY: Year 6s fundraising for end of year school camp

HOW: Bring **\$2:50 ea**

You can have: Onions, Cheese



and sauces.

Order Tues, Wed, Thur only

NO Friday sales



ONESIE DAY- THANK YOU

Thank you all for the money you donated and your onesie day spirit!! We raised \$401.60 (also we raised 1 pound and 20 pence) in total. Once again thank you for all of your support. From the Onesie Day Team!

ICAS WRITING RESULTS



Congratulations to the following students who sat the ICAS Writing assessment this year. From **year 4** – Isabel Barr, Nynke Keizer, Annie McKirdy, Nienke Mebus, Paige Sullivan and Clodagh Valins. From **year 5** – Isabella Fitzsimons. From **year 6** – Laetitia Bachler, Hayley Burns, Maaike Day, Lucy Downes, Suavek Goodfellow, Marceline Holden, Sofia Riddell-Garner, Alexia Stanton-Barnett and Leah Sumner

ICASS Writing is an English language writing test perfect for assessing a student's writing skills. This skills-based assessment gives teachers a clear indication of the strengths and weaknesses in their students' writing ability. With annual participation, over time this writing competition provides valuable insights for both the individual student as they progress in their studies, and schools as they compare the performance of students in the current year against previous years. ICASS Writing assesses students' ability to write an extended response to a given task. Two forms of writing, narrative and persuasive, are assessed in alternating years.

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

High Distinction – Annie McKirdy; **Distinction** - Nienke Mebus;

Credit - Isabel Barr, Nynke Keizer and Paige Sullivan, Laetitia Bachler, Hayley Burns, Maaike Day, Lucy Downes, Marceline Holden, Sofia Riddell-Garner and Alexia Stanton-Barnett.

WELL DONE to you all!

SOUTH COAST CLEANUP – SATURDAY 16 SEPT 10:30AM TO NOON

Houghton Valley School are the South Coast Cleanup host at Houghton Bay every year. This is a terrific local opportunity for school kids. Many kids come regularly and they are really in the zone making an extra effort at the Taputeranga Marine Reserve. They've made posters up using photos they took at previous events for the unusual rubbish item competition and are promoting it with their own initiative. We really love it when kids get stuck in! <https://houghton.school.nz/> or on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Houghton-Valley-School-Home-School-Association-491436954283623/>



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.*** Thanks

Lara Nemet and Monica Mercury

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 8 @ 2:15pm	Week 9 @ 2:15pm	Week 10 @ 1:45pm
Senior	Junior Middle - TBC Senior	Principal Farewell Assembly

Yummy Stickers

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



HVS Winter Netball @ EBIS – The HVS Rainbows team(year 5/6) had a good year, enjoyed every game. The children had great smiles and positive attitudes and always shone through right to the end of the season. They learnt new skills and the dynamics of being part of a team. Well done! Thanks to Brooke and Ali for your help with umpiring, the parents who turned up to the games and ensured the girls were at practice each week. And to Yoko for helping with the score cards each week. A huge THANKS to Emma Dawson (Lily H's Mum) and also Michelle Dockrill (Lily S's Mum) who coached and managed the team this year. Good job. Denise – Netball Co-ordinator

**Floorball Term 4 2017 - Registrations Forms Need to be in by next Friday**

Floorball starts up again next Term. We are hoping to enter teams into all grades. Everyone from Year 1 right up to Year 6 are able to play, boys or girls.

Everyone who wishes to play needs to take home a form, get it signed and bring it back to school. If you need a form you can pick up one from the office.

This form must be signed and returned to secure your place in a Floorball team for next term. Please return the signed form to the office or drop in to the hall to Mr Ready no later than next Friday 22nd September. Joe Ready



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.



REMINDER: BRING TOGS EVERY MONDAY FOR SWIMMING!

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



HOME AND SCHOOL INFO



THIS WEEK THIS WEEK THIS WEEK THIS WEEK!!

HVS Disco Thursday 14th September

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

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

You have put in your requests for music The DJs have been practising and we are good to go! There will be lights, music and dancing. You can buy some flashing goodies or a sausage (or two). We would really appreciate, if possible, to please bring your coins to spend as. 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). Please encourage your children to stay on the bottom court area by the hall if they want to be outside.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help on the night. If anyone else wants to help, please come and say hello on the night! Thanks

Home & School - next meeting Thursday 19 October, 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!



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

Fair sign up sheet - 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!

Marquee - Can you help find two marquees for the fair?! Space is going to be cramped this year ... we are looking for two good sized marquees to help make up for the classrooms that will be under renovation. If you have any contacts who might be able to help, or ideas for making more space, please get in contact! Thank you! (Susan - homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz)



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 ...?!

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!*

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!

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