



## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Week 9 of Term 3

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

### Term 3 Calendar

***Last Swimming Lessons this Monday for the term @ Kilbirnie Pool: Reminder bring togs***

Week 9	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	2:15pm 3pm	Junior Assembly (Ngaio) & Senior Assembly Rm3 Or Rm4 Year 6 Bake and Greeting Card SALE outside Karaka
Week 10	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3-5pm 1:45pm 2:55pm	Treemendous Working Bee After School <b><i>Principal Farewell Assembly and Afternoon Tea</i></b> Last Day of Term 3

### Term 4 Calendar

Week 1	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9am 7pm	First Day of Term 4 Home and School Meeting @ 7pm
Week 2	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	No School All Day	Labour Day – Public Holiday Class Photo Day
Week 3	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov		HVS Athletics
Week 4	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Discovery/Inquiry Parent Information Evening
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**

**2018 Term 1 start – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

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

This week we are taking on our new roles as acting principals while Raewyn is away at the NZ Principals Federation Conference. We look forward to hearing all about Raewyn's adventure and learnings on her return. Raewyn's absence this week has given us time to plan a farewell that she will always remember. We warmly welcome you to come along to Raewyn's farewell assembly on the last Friday of term at 1.45pm to join the staff, BOT and students in showing our appreciation of the amazing work and ventures Raewyn has undertaken over the past four years at HVS.



At our staff meeting yesterday we worked collaboratively to plan Term 4. Our Discovery focus for next term continues with the overarching focus for the year Kaitiakitanga – Guardianship. We will be exploring Kaitiakitanga ō Tātou Katoa (Guardians of Ourselves). This will include being sunsmart, water safety, safety within our environment, food that gives us energy and how to be a good friend.

To celebrate the end of 2017 we will be having a Big HVS Fun Day. A team of teachers are in the process of planning an exciting day for the students. Look out for the date next term.

Nga mihi nui

Lara Nemet & Monica Mercury, Deputy Principal/Tumaki

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> of September, the last day of term starting at 1.45pm followed by afternoon tea. ***We ask all families to bring a plate to share.*** Thanks Lara Nemet & Monica Mercury

## AN INTRODUCTION TO POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)



The Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide framework, otherwise known as PB4L School-Wide, is helping New Zealand schools build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life.

### **Meet Our PB4L Team - Monnie, Denise, Peter, Louise, Lara, Raewyn**

We have begun looking at all the different things we do at HVS and thinking about their purpose and how they do or don't link in with PB4L, with the aim of streamlining our systems and procedures.

It's not about changing the students; it's about changing the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support our students to make positive behaviour choices.

There will be an opportunity for you as part of our school community to contribute to building what PB4L looks like in our school.

## 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; **Merit** – Oliver; **Credit** – Felix H, Louis J, Samuel, Ewan, Harry and Jimmy.

**WELL DONE to you all!**

## YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER - BAKE SALE & CARDS

### **Bake Sale**

*When: Friday, 22nd of September*

*Why: Fundraising for school camp*

*Where: Outside Karaka (Room 4)*

*Who: Alexia, Laetitia, Sofia and Ferne*

*Everything will be fifty cents or more.*

*The bake sale starts at 3:00.*

*Please bring some money on Friday, so that the year six's are able to go to school camp.*

*Thank you, Alexia, Laetitia, Sofia & Ferne.*

**Greeting Cards** \$10 for set of 6 with envelopes.

For sale on Friday after school - see Jimmy and Ollie. Please email [katymacleod@hotmail.com](mailto:katymacleod@hotmail.com) to make an order and arrange pick up and payment if you can't make Friday. Thank you



## TREEMENDOUS PLANTING WORKING BEE – WED 27TH SEPT 3PM-5PM



We have having a working bee next Wednesday after school to plant Oioi swamp plants in the swale/ditch area and Rengarenga lillies on the banks. This is great opportunity for parents who were unable to come on our Makeover day. Children can continue playing on the playground or possibly help out with parents.

Gumboots and old clothes will be needed for the swamp planting as there is a chance of slipping in the water which has run off from the banks. With all the rain we've been having the swamp plants will thrive and take up the water to reduce the water collecting on the field. Please RSVP to [jill@houghton.school.nz](mailto:jill@houghton.school.nz)

## STUDENT VOLUNTEER GROUP

**Nikau's Student Volunteer group are collecting goods for the Wellington City Mission. If you would like to donate any of these goods please bring them to Nikau and put them in the donation boxes.**

*Breakfast spreads, Muesli and Weetbix, Milk powder and sugar, Tinned soup, 2 minute noodles, Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce, Tinned fish/meat, Biscuits, Muesli bars, Up & Go breakfast drinks, Laundry powder, Bodywash, Shampoo and conditioner, Deodorant, Baby wipes*

Thanks, Amelie, Izzy w, Hayley, Marceline, Alexia, Mia, Catalina, Tessa and Lily Scott

## SPORTS INFO

### Yummy Stickers



We have until Friday 29rd September to collect as many yummy stickers as possible Remember bring fruit for your fruit break! Last year we collected over 10,000 stickers.

Every year Yummy! Fruit Company offers a fruit sticker/labels for Sports Equipment promotion.

This enables Houghton Valley School to provide PE equipment for each classroom. All you have to do is eat fruit and collect the Yummy Stickers. You can find the sticker sheets in front of the school office

### Interzone Zone Swimming:

Isabel Barr, Eva Thomas, Jackson Hill, Doug Beri, Tom Gulliver, William Witcombe, Fenn Restieaux, Bruno Joli and Maaie Day made the swim team to represent Southern Zone at the Interzones ( Schools from between Tawa, Karori, Seatoun and HVS).

Congratulations to **Bruno Joli** for finishing 1st in the Yr 6 Non-Championship 25m Backstroke, **Jackson Hill** 2nd in the 50m Freestyle Yr 5 Non Championship and **Doug Beri** for finishing 3rd in both the 50m Freestyle and 25m Backstroke Yr5 Boys Non-championship events. Thank you so much to all the parental help to make this event possible.

**HVS Hoops Miniball** The HVS Hoops Year 5/6 Miniball team has had a great season of basketball. They finished in 3rd place after a nail-biting playoff against the Ridgway Ravens (23-22)! Catalina, Doug, Fraser, Lily, Lucy, Jackson and William had a great season and the team has really improved during the term. We had lots of fun.



### Floorball Term 4 2017 - Registrations Forms Need to be in by this 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 this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Joe Ready

## Sports Dates to diary for Term Four

- Houghton Valley School Athletics Celebration Tuesday 1st November (PP Thursday 4th Nov)
- Southern Zone Athletics Newtown Stadium Tuesday 7th Nov (PP Tuesday 14th Nov)
- Interzone Athletics Newtown Stadium Tuesday 21st November (PP Thursday 23rd Nov)
- Regional Athletics Newtown Stadium Tuesday 5th December (PP Thursday 7th Dec)

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



## HOME AND SCHOOL INFO

### DISCO Thank you

What an massive success the HVS School Disco was last week - Great turn out, some serious moves on the dance floor and some awesome choons!

Big thanks goes out to Sarah Duncan for organising and coordination and general brilliance, Grant Sullivan for providing free lights and sounds again this year, and Billie Jo Hunter for once more providing DJ'ing hardware and assistance to all the fantastic DJ's! Huge thanks also to all the volunteers for helping on the night with BBQing, glowing object selling, and playground supervision. Also thank you very much to SWIS for lending us their Hall whilst our HVS Hall is out of commission as Disco Space. Please drop us a line with any feedback about the event and suggestions for next year's HVS Disco.

### 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](mailto: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.

**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!*

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