



## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Week 1 of Term 4

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

### Term 4 Calendar

Week 1	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7pm 2:15pm	Home and School Meeting @ 7pm Whole School Assembly
Week 2	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	No School All Day All Day	Labour Day – Public Holiday Kapa Haka Festival Sibling Photo Order RETURNED to the school office Class Photo Day
Week 3	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov		HVS Athletics (pp Fri 3 <sup>th</sup> Nov)
Week 4	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Southern Zone Athletics Newtown Stadium (pp Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov) Discovery/Inquiry Parent Information Evening

### **HVS School FAIR – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10am-2pm**

Week 7	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Year 6 Camp – 3 days
Week 9	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All Day	Whole School Fun DAY
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)

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

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

Tēna Tātōu katoa

Kia ora te whānau katoa! Nau mai, hoki mai ki te Wahanga Wha. Welcome back to term four. The year is passing by so quickly and we look forward to a productive, fun and exciting term. Ms. Nemet and Whaea Monnie are now settled into the office and are working hard to keep the school running smoothly for for the remainder of 2017.

#### **PROPERTY UPDATE**

**POHUTUKAWA AND NIKAU (Rooms 1 and 2)** - We are delighted to inform you that on Monday, October 16th at 5.00 pm we received confirmation that the classroom consent inspection for Pohutukawa and Kowhai was completed. The classrooms are now ready for occupation and operation.

We plan to have the classrooms moved and ready to use by next Tuesday, October 24th.

It would be great to have some parent helpers on Thursday, October 19th to help with the move from 2pm. If you can help with this, please let Mr. Titcombe and Mr. Ready know.

**NIKAU AND KARAKA (Rooms 3 and 4)** - Classes will start being renovated around mid-November. At this stage, it looks like Nikau and Karaka will move into the hall after the School Fair. Another exciting project ahead.



**HVS FUN DAY** - A committee of teachers have been working on the possibilities for the HVS Fun Day. This will be held on Thursday 14th of December. More exciting details to follow, so keep an eye out in future newsletters.

**INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENTS** - The Principal of SWIS has asked that families who intend to enrol their children there and have not yet done so, need to do this straight away. They would like to avoid any last-minute enrolment chaos from occurring as it has done in previous years and it supports them to be better organised for 2018. If your child has chosen to go to EBIS, it would be advisable to get your enrolment in as soon as possible.

**FLOORBALL TEAMS** - We currently have 13 Floorball teams. The players obviously love it and it is such a great game. We thank the numerous volunteers who coach and manage all the groups each week.

**NETBALL TEAMS** - We currently have 2 FUTURE Fern netball (Year 3 & 4) teams. The younger players are obviously keen to learn the new junior game of netball. We thank the parent volunteers who help coach the teams.



**TE WHANAUNGĀTANGA KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL** - This takes place next Thursday October 26th at St. Patrick's College Hall in Kilbirnie from 9.30 – 2.00 pm. The HVS Roopu Kapa Haka will participate with 10 other schools from the Wellington area. The HVS group is scheduled to perform at 11.50 am. Houghton Valley works in collaboration with Holy

Cross Miramar and Kilbirnie School to ensure that this event goes ahead. This year, it is Houghton Valley School's turn to do the catering for the teachers and parent supporters. If our families are able to provide baking or kai for morning tea, please drop it off to Whaea Monnie in the office next Thursday morning, it would be much appreciated. Ngā mihi Whanau!

**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** - We would like to hold a whole-school assembly this Friday. It will be in the hall at 2.15 pm.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

Lara Nemet and Monica Mercury Ngā Tumuaki Rīwhi – Acting Co-Principals

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

😊 Pearl Loomis 😊 Jed Constable

😊 Ethan Doherty 😊 Henry Leemen-Berkahn

## ICAS MATHS RESULTS



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

**From year 4** – Isabel Barr, Lucian Robins Brewer, Sean Carroll, Rim Douwes, Felix Hansen, Louis Joli, Nynke Keizer, Ruby Leemen-Berkahn, Annie McKirdy, Nienke Mebus, Tommy Penfold, Solomon Prebble, Rakau Tamaira and Samuel Young. **From year 5** – Gus Cenac, Isabella Fitzsimons, Ollie Hunt, Xander McMinn, Fraser O'Regan Smith. **From year 6** – Laetitia Bachler, Ewan Brighton-Mills, Lucy Downes, Amelie Guelland, Marceline Holden, Bruno Joli, Rohan McCarthy, Olive McDougall, Jimmy McKirdy, Manawa Mitcalfe-Matthews, and Alexia Stanton-Barnett.

*ICAS Mathematics assesses students' skills and knowledge across five strands: Algebra and Patterns - Involves patterns of numbers, relationships between numbers and the use of symbols to stand for unknown or variable numbers.*

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

**Distinction** - Lucy Downes

**Merit** – Fraser O'Regan Smith, Samuel Young

**Credit** - Laetitia Bachler, Bruno Joli, Rohan McCarthy, Ollie Hunt, Xander McMinn, Rim Douwes, Felix Hansen, Louis Joli, Ruby Leemen-Berkahn, Solomon Prebble

**WELL DONE to you all!**

## FROM THE LIBRARY .....



### **Scholastic Lucky Book Club**

The Issue 7 catalogue is going home this week. This is our last one for the year, so please order your Christmas books and gifts now.

Follow the instructions on the inside back cover of the catalogue for LOOP orders; it's all done online which has proven to be very efficient. Just put your child's name in the correct class. Books take about two weeks to arrive after orders close. If they are surprise gifts, please email me and I'll hold the books for a parent to collect. (joanna@houghton.school.nz)

Orders will close on Sunday 29 October. The school appreciates the 20% Scholastic gives us from your orders, and this year is spending it on resources for Literacy and Maths. Thank you parents for your generous orders.

**Holiday Reading** Please remember to return the Red Bags and books from the holidays. Thanks to those who have already returned theirs.

### **Important: Sibling Photos/Pack**

**Flyer sent home yesterday need to be filled in and returned to the school office before Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Oct at the latest!**

Please note, there is a different system for sibling photographs. The cost for a sibling pack is \$30 and the FLYER needs to be returned before Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. Flyers were sent home yesterday. Extra flyers are available for the school office. After photo day you will receive a SHOOT KEY to view and purchase you Sibling Photo Pack ONLINE.

There are 12 items in the sibling pack: 1 x Large 20 x 25cm with mount- 2 x Medium 13 x 18 cm with mounts - 2x Medium 13 x 18cm black and white - 2 x Postcards 9 x 13cm - 4 x Small 6.4 x 9cm - 1 x Calendar 18 x 13cm

This year the photographs will be taken by PhotoLife Studios Limited and will be available for you to **view and order online**. There are a range of options available for purchase from the website.



- Every child will be photographed then class and individual photos will be on their online system in around three weeks from photo day.
- Once they are online your son or daughter will bring home an ONLINE slip with their unique SHOOT KEY detailed on it. This Shoot Key will display all the photographs of your child. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and see all the packages and prices and purchase the photographs you want.

Orders placed within three weeks of receiving your Shoot Key will be despatched to school. After this time, orders can still be placed but will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$6.00 Postage & Packing charge. You will see this message when you go online to view and order your photographs.

### ENVIROSCHOOL



Spring is coming and our students are keen to grow their own vegetables. If you have building skills, you may be able to help us turn the non-tanalised wood pallets we've been saving into raised garden beds.

Please contact Jill if you can help. [jill@houghton.school.nz](mailto:jill@houghton.school.nz)

### CHICKENS

Are you interested in collecting fresh eggs on the weekend? Would you like to be able to spend time relaxing with our feathered friends on a Saturday and Sunday?



We need help with feeding and watering the chickens during the weekends - if you are able to take a weekend please email Louise with the weekend you are able to do. This would involve popping down to school Saturday and Sunday to check their water and food situation and hopefully collect any eggs :) We also need a supply of egg cartons, and newspaper, so if you have piles around home, please send them in.

We also have eggs to sell, so if you would like to go on the list to buy a dozen for \$8 email Louise.

[louise@houghton.school.nz](mailto:louise@houghton.school.nz)

### YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISING

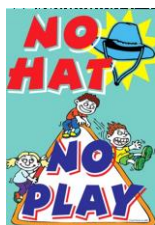
A huge thank you to our school community for supporting the Year 6 Camp fundraising effort last term. As a result of this we have been able to greatly reduce the camp costs for our students. Whether you baked, bought baking, sold or bought chocolates, had a guess at the jellybean jar, bought some cards, ate a hot dog or helped out at the sausage sizzle. It really has been a great community effort. Congratulations to Hayley from Nikau whose guess was the closest to the amount of jellybeans.

### DONATIONS – WGTN CITY MISSION

**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*

## REMINDER SUNHATS IN TERM 4



As always during the summer terms, we implement a 'No Hat, No Play' rule at school.

**This year all children are required to wear a brimmed hat.**

(no caps unless they're legionnaire style). We'd really appreciate your support with this important health measure. Most junior children and lots of older children already wear brimmed hats so we'd now like to see them on everyone. Children without hats will be required to spend their breaks on the decks in the shade. HVS hats \$18. Thanks.

## SUSHI LUNCHES



Sushi Lunches starts the first week of term. Place your order for THURSDAYS via the Kindo Shop on your school website (or via [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz))

Please note our final day for deliveries this year is Thursday 7 December.

## SPORTS INFO

### **Sports Dates to diary for Term Four**

- Houghton Valley School Athletics Celebration Wednesday 1st November (PP Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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).

## HOME AND SCHOOL INFO

### **Home & School Meeting THIS 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 - 11 NOVEMBER 2017 - FOUR WEEKS TO GO!**

**People!!** The main thing we need now is people! There are a lot of gaps on our roster for helping to man stalls, helping with collecting money on the day, cooking sausages and the like. Please do sign up ASAP if you haven't already, to reduce fair-organising-committee-anxiety!

**Marketing** The posters are going up! There are spare A5 and A4 posters outside the office - pick up one for our car window ... and feel free to spread them around at work, cafes, etc. If you can help with local leaflet drops, please contact Ian Long ([ianlong75@gmail.com](mailto:ianlong75@gmail.com))



**Crafts .... Seedlings .... Chutneys** - We sell heaps of craft items, seedlings, chutneys and other deli items at the fair ... if you can help supply any of these things please do get preparing, and let us know if you can help. Contact Susan ([homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz))

**Clothes/Toys/Books** Please drop off your no longer needed clothes, toys and books - drop off outside Denise's office.

**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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