



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 25th October 2017

Week 2 of Term 4

Houghton Valley School Website: www.houghton.school.nz

Term 4 Calendar

Week 2	Thurs 26 th Oct	All Day	Kapa Haka Festival @ St Pat's College Kilbirnie (HVS performing at 11:50am to 12:05pm)
	Thurs 26 th Oct Fri 27 th Oct Sun 29 th Oct	All Day	Sibling Photo Order RETURNED to the school office Class Photo Day Scholastic Book LOOP Orders Close Today
Week 3	Wed 1 st Nov	9:30am-2:30pm	HVS Athletics (pp Fri 3 th Nov)
Week 4	Tues 7 th Nov Tues 7 th Nov Thurs 9 th Nov Thurs 9 th Nov Fri 10 th Nov	6:30pm 2pm 7pm	Southern Zone Athletics Newtown Stadium (pp Tues 14 th Nov) Discovery Parent Information Evening Performance Assembly Home & School Meeting No Assembly
HVS School FAIR – Saturday 11th November 10am-2pm			
Week 5	Tues 14 th Nov Fri 17 th Nov		BOT Meeting Mid Term Election Nominations Close
Week 6	Wed 22 nd Nov	6:30pm	HVS PB4L Parent Information Evening
Week 7	Mon 27 th Nov		Year 6 Camp – 3 days
Week 8	Thurs 7 th Dec		Sushi – last day to order sushi for 2017
Week 9	Thurs 14 th Dec	All Day	Whole School Fun DAY
Week 10	Tues 19 th Dec	1:30pm	Last Day of School for 2017
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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			
2018 Term 1 start – Monday 5th February 2018			

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

Welcome to week 2 of term four, 2017. It is not long until the renowned HVS School Fair on November 11, an event which always brings our community together.

Discovery Information Evening

Please put Tuesday 7 November (Week 4) on your calendar and come along to school to find out all about Discovery at HVS. The evening is to inform you more about the Inquiry Learning process that we use at Houghton Valley School and what the important components are that make up our Houghton Valley School inquiry way.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) Parent information Evening

On Wednesday 22 November (Week 6) the HVS PB4L team and the RTLB team invite you to an information meeting to find out about PB4L (*Positive Behaviour for Learning*) and what the team have been up to so far. We hope that PB4L will become our guiding kaupapa for all we do here at HVS.

What is PB4L?

PB4L School-Wide looks at behaviour and learning from a whole-of-school as well as an individual child perspective.

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. The framework is tailored to our school's own environment and cultural needs.

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.

HVS PB4L Purpose Statement

The Houghton Valley School PB4L team created this purpose statement to encompass what we hope our students and staff to be during their time at HVS. We hope that these words will guide our teaching, learning and behavioural decisions. The purpose statement has been shared with the BOT and the students at HVS. Any feedback from the community can be sent to monica@houghton.school.nz

Haewai: Hae - Cherished wai - water named by Taranaki Whanui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika.

Therefore we want it to be a place where the environment and the people in it are cherished and respected.

Happy in our learning, teaching and interactions with one another.

Active in our learning in and out of the classroom.

Engaged in the learning process and aware of our own learning needs.

Wondering by asking questions, seeking answers and showing an interest in the world around us.

Achieving by doing our best in whatever we do and feeling success in our learning.

Inclusive by creating a learning community where we are open to new ideas and celebrating diversity.

Start of the School Day We have noticed a number of children arriving at school well before 8.30 am and before any teachers are at school. Please remember the drop off time in the morning is 8.30 am. This is to ensure the safety of the children and to allow the teachers time to prepare for the day and attend meetings.



Enrolments for 2018 We are starting to look at the number of children we will have for 2018. We urge you all to get your enrolments in to Denise as quickly as possible to help with our 2018 planning. Thank you.

Performance Assembly After a long time without the use of our wonderful hall, we would like to celebrate the opportunity to use it again by having a Performance Assembly on Thursday, November 9th at 2pm. All whānau are welcome!

Kapahaka

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 11.50am. 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 the office tomorrow morning from 8:35am, it would be much appreciated. Sarah Duncan will collect this. Ngā mihi Whanau!

No assembly this week due to the class photos.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

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

FROM THE LIBRARY



Scholastic Lucky Book Club

Reminder LOOP ORDER close Sunday 29 October.

If they are surprise gifts, please email me and I'll hold the books for a parent to collect. (joanna@houghton.school.nz)

Important: Sibling Photos/Pack

Sibling flyers sent home need to be filled in and returned to the school office by tomorrow Thurs 26th Oct!

After photo day you will receive a SHOOT KEY to view and purchase your Sibling Photo Pack ONLINE.

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.

BOT MID-TERM ELECTION



Parent Election Notice - Houghton Valley School - Board of trustees' Mid-Term Election

Nominations are invited for the election of **two** parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters. You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself (make sure you sign both parts of the form). Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **Friday 17th November 2017** and may be accompanied by signed candidates' statements. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school. Voting closes at noon on **Friday 1st December 2017**. Katy MacLeod - Returning Officer

EGGS FOR SALE



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

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, this will be the last week!

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

SPORTS INFO



Houghton Valley School Athletics The whole school has been out practising running, jumping and throwing getting ready for a fun day to celebrate our learning. Wednesday 1st November starting 9.30am and finishing around 2.30pm the schedule below will be put on the sports notice board. Postponement is Friday 3rd November.

HVS Athletics Rotation

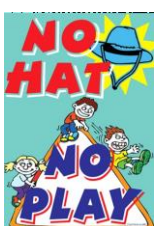
Time/Event	HJ	LJ	Sprints	Fun Games	Quoits	Vortex	Rest
Meet on bottom field in year groups?							
9.30	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
10.00	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5
10.30	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4
Morning Tea							
11.30	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3
12.00	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2
Lunch							
1.35	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2
2.05	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1
RELAYS							

Sports Dates to diary for Term Four

- Houghton Valley School Athletics Celebration Wednesday 1st November (PP Friday 3rd 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.

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.

Home & School - Next Meeting Thursday 9 November, 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
LESS THAN 3 WEEKS TO GO!

People!! Again, the main thing we need 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! The more people we get, the more time our volunteers have to enjoy the fair themselves. Please contact Susan if you haven't got a job yet :-) (homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz)

Chill Out Zone Furniture This year, the coffee cart will be down on the field and we're going to create a chill out seating zone with bean bags and deck chairs near the new outdoor classroom. If you can lend us any relaxing outdoor seating please get in contact (homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz)

Marketing - If you haven't got a sign in your car yet, grab an A4 from the office. There are spare A5 and A4 posters outside the office - 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)



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)

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!*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KELLY SPORTS TERM 4 – STARTS THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2017 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! For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

JOIN MARANUI SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB - CLUB OPEN DAY - SUN, SAND & SURF - Maranui Junior Surf season starts on SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2017. Summer is approaching, so now is the time to register with Maranui Surf Life Saving Club. Junior Surf is a great way for children to make friends, be active and enjoy the beach in a safe environment. Come along to our Registration and Club Open Day on Sunday 29 October, 12pm - 3pm. 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. Or join Maranui SLSC today at www.maranui.co.nz/how-to-join.html

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