



**NEWSLETTER**

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017

Week 3 of Term 4

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

**Term 4 Calendar**

Week 3	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	2:15pm	Whole School Assembly in the hall
Week 4	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6:30pm-7:30pm 2pm 7pm	Performance Assembly Auditions Cake Plates to come home to families for baking for fair Southern Zone Athletics Newtown Stadium (pp Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov) <b>HVS Discovery Parent Information Evening @ HVS</b> Performance Assembly Home & School Meeting in Staffroom No Assembly due to the Fair Set Up

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

*If you can help on the day email [homeandschoolsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@gmail.com) or call Susan 021 050 9290*

Week 5	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6pm Noon	BOT Meeting Mid Term Election Nominations Close
Week 6	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	6:30pm	<b>HVS PB4L Information Evening for Parents @ HVS</b>
Week 7	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Year 6 Camp – 3 days
Week 8	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Sushi – last day to order sushi for 2017
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

- **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**

We have been so lucky to have such lovely weather this week and the sun shone ever so brightly today for the HVS athletics. Congratulations to the HVS Kapa Haka group and Whaea Monnie for an outstanding performance at the Kapa Haka festival last week.

**HVS Fair** -The school fair is now 10 days away. There are still lots of jobs to do so please spare an hour or two to come along and help out on the day. ‘Many hands make light work’. The signup form is in the admin block by the front door. Thank you

**Houghton Valley School Athletics** What a wonderful day we have had. A big thank you to Matt Titcombe for the organisation of the event and preparing the athletic field. Thank you to all of the teachers and teachers’ aides for teaching the students a range of athletic skills over the past few weeks and for running the events today. Well done to all of our students for giving it your best today and having a fun. Thank you to all the parent helpers and supporters for joining us.

A number of Year 4, 5, and 6 students have qualified to represent HVS at the Southern Zone athletics event next week, we wish them all the best.





**HVS PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY - HVS Hall,  
Thursday 9 November at 2.00 pm**

We will be holding a Performance Assembly back in the hall after being unable to do so for a period of time. Official auditions will be held with Mr. Holmstead.

**Final Auditions - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November • Year 3 & 4 Morning Tea • Year 1, 2, 5, 6 Lunchtime**

If children want to audition for a spot in this Performance Assembly, they will need to audition with their class teacher first and get their performances checked by them. They must practise as much as possible and be well-prepared before the class auditions with their teachers and bring any equipment, CDs, etc they require. The class teachers will then pass on a list of suitable, prospective performers from their rooms to Mr. Holmstead for the Final Auditions. Students will be advised on Tuesday 7 November if their audition was successful for the Performance Assembly on Thursday. Good Luck!!!

**Discovery Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 7 November at 6.30 pm** We would love as many parents as possible to come along and find out all about Discovery at Houghton Valley School. The teachers have planned an informative evening to share with you 'Inquiry the HVS way'.

**ASB** **ASB Cash Deposit Changes for Children's Banking** We have been sent a flyer about the changes ASB bank are making in regard to depositing money changes. The bank are committed to protecting their customers, services and systems from financial crime. This means that ASB are making some changes to how they accept cash deposits at any ASB branch.

From November 1 2017 ASB customers can make a deposit at the ATM or over the counter using their ASB card. The bank will no longer accept cash deposits made in the FastDeposit box we have located at school. This means your child/children will no longer be able to drop their deposits off in the school box. You will now need to complete any cash deposits via an ATM or over the counter. The deposit box will be removed from the school premises this week.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

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

**A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:**  
**😊 Michael Metherell    😊 Max McGillen**

**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

## ICAS ENGLISH RESULTS



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

**From year 4** – Isabel Barr, Sean Carroll, Will Cleaver-Paris, Emily Cregeen, Hannah Cregeen, Felix Hansen, Louis Joli, Nynke Keizer, Ruby Leemen-Berkahn, Siofra Long, Annie McKirdy, Nienke Mebus, Solomon Prebble, Paige Sullivan, Rakau Tamaira, Clodagh Valins, Holly Walker, Samuel Young, **From year 5** – Gus Cenac, Noa Ellis, Isabella Fitzsimons, Ollie Hunt, Xander McMinn, Fraser O'Regan Smith. Lily Scott, **From year 6** – Hayley Burns, Laetitia Bachler, Betsy Bond, Ewan Brighton-Mills, Harry Cregeen, Lucy Downes, Amelie Guelland, Marceline Holden, Rohan McCarthy, Bruno McGovern, Jimmy McKirdy, Manawa Mitcalfe-Matthews, Fenn Restieaux, Sofia Riddell-Garner and Alexia Stanton-Barnett.

*ICAS – English assesses reading and language skills in a range of contexts. The following aspects of texts are assessed and reported: text comprehension—reading for meaning—in literary and factual texts; the writer's craft in selecting particular text types, vocabulary and techniques; syntax; and vocabulary. The questions require students to locate, identify, sequence, explain, interpret, analyse and infer information in and about texts.*

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

**High Distinction** – Sean Carroll,

**Distinction** – Nienke Mebus, Lucy Downes, Jimmy McKirdy,

**Merit** – Will Cleaver-Paris, Louis Joli, Samuel Young, Manawa Mitcalfe-Matthews, Sofia Riddell-Garner,

**Credit** – Isabel Barr, Felix Hansen, Ruby Leemen-Berkahn, Solomon Prebble, Clodagh Valins, Holly Walker, Xander McMinn, Laetitia Bachler, Amelie Guelland, Marceline Holden, Fenn Restieaux and Alexia Stanton-Barnett.

**WELL DONE to you all!**

## SCHOOL HATS



Reminder **"No Sunhats. No Play"**. Please ensure your child has there brimmed hat everyday – thanks. We are encouraging the children to be more responsible in managing themselves by bringing a hat to school everyday. Children will not be able to borrow a hat from the school office.

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

## 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](mailto: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.



**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 -10AM TILL 2PM**  
**LESS THAN 2 WEEKS TO GO!**

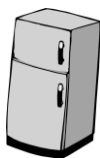
**People!!**

Huge thanks to all of you who have signed up for a job. If you haven't heard from your area coordinator yet you will in the next few days.

There is a new sign up sheet on the board (and attached with this newsletter) which shows that we still have a lot of gaps to fill. Please sign up (slots are for 2 hours) if you haven't already so that we can make the fair a success. The more people we get, the more breaks our other volunteers can have. If you can't get to the sign up sheet please contact Susan ASAP ([homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz) or 021 050 9290)

**Chill Out Zone furniture**

This year, the coffee cart will be down on the field and we're going to create a chill out 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 ASAP so that I know how much we've got ([homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz))

**Fridge and Freezer!**

Do you have a spare small fridge or a spare small freezer that we can use on the day? Please get in contact ASAP thanks (contact Sarah: [sarahduncan99@gmail.com](mailto:sarahduncan99@gmail.com))

**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 - 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** - Again huge thanks to everyone who has made something for the fair. There is still time to make craft items, seedlings, chutneys and other deli items ... please 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!*



**BAKING** - The cake stall is always really popular at the HVS fair - thanks to the fantastic baking from the school community. The goodies sell fast, so the more the better!

**Next Tuesday all the eldest children will be given plates, a bag and a label - and we ask that everyone contribute something sweet or savoury for the cake stall or teashop.**

The cakes and sweets can be delivered to the HALL on Friday, November 10, after school, or to ROOM 2, where the cake stall is being held, on the morning of the fair.

There will also be lots of small bags for smaller items like cookies and fudge outside Denise's office - sweets always sell really well, especially fudge, so for all those master sweet makers out there, you can never make too much! Also, if you make anything that is dairy/egg or gluten free, please indicate that on the label. Any queries, please contact Deb, [debtapp@gmail.com](mailto:debtapp@gmail.com).

## SOUTHERN ZONE ATHLETICS 2017

### PROGRAMME

		YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	AWD
	9.00 – 9.30am	Warm-Up					
Round 1	9.30 – 10.30am	800 metres – Years 5 - 6 1500 metres - Year 7 - 8 <b>Discus (Year 7 and 8 only)</b>					
Round 2	10.30 - 11.15am	Quoit	High Jump	Vortex	Long Jump	Sprints • 100m • 200m	Long Jump  Sprints
Round 3	11.15 - 11.55pm	Vortex	Long Jump	High Jump	Sprints • 100m • 200m	Shot Put	Quoits  Vortex
Round 4	11.55 12.35pm	Sprints • 60m • 100 m	Quoit	Long Jump	High Jump	Vortex	
Round 5	12.35 – 1.15pm	High Jump	Vortex	Sprints • 80m • 150m	Shot Put	Long Jump	
Round 6	1.15 – 1.55pm	Long Jump	Sprints • 80m • 150m	Quoit	Vortex	High Jump	
	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Relays					

#### Sports Dates to Diary for Term Four

- 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).

### COMMUNITY NOTICE FUN RUN FOR SOME YEAR 6 STUDENTS



## FUN RUN

Stanley, Zeb and Tom from Nikau are organising a Fun Run to help people become more aware of Taputeranga Marine Reserve. This is a result of the action project they did in Term 1 as part of our Experiencing Marine Reserves programme.

This is happening on Thursday November 16th, from 5 - 7. We will start at Houghton Bay Beach and end up at The Bait House in Island Bay for a sausage sizzle. We are asking for a koha as an entry fee, this will be given as a donation to The Friends of Taputeranga Marine Reserve. Please email [louise@houghton.school.nz](mailto:louise@houghton.school.nz) if you are keen to participate, volunteer or have any further questions.

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