



**NEWSLETTER**

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Week 5 of Term 4

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

**Term 4 Calendar**

Week 5	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Noon	Mid Term Election Nominations Close
Week 6	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	6:30pm-7:30pm	<b>HVS PB4L Information Evening for Parents @ HVS</b>
Week 7	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7pm	Year 6 Camp – 3 days Home and School Meeting
Week 8	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm	Sushi – last day to order sushi for 2017 BOT Meeting
Week 9	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All Day	Whole School FUN DAY
Week 10	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm-7pm 1:30pm	End of Year Assembly and Poroporoaki - Y6 celebration 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**

**REMINDER BOT MID-TERM ELECTION**

**NOMINATION CLOSE NOON THIS FRI 17<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2017**

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

Ka mau te wehi! On behalf of the staff and students, we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who was involved with the Houghton Valley School last Saturday especially Susan Hall for all her hard work coordinating a fantastic school fair! The other amazing fair organizers, the volunteer stall holders, the entertainers, all those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and especially all the families, friends and supporters who came along to contribute to our fundraising efforts and made the event such a huge success. We were also extremely fortunate with the wonderful weather, which made it even better!

**Staffing for 2018** - We are delighted to announce we have appointed Louise Conwell to continue working in a year 5 & 6 class next year. Louise is a very experience teacher in innovative learning environments (ILE's) and in collaborative teams. We look forward to exploring this further with Louise's leadership in this area. The chickens are also delighted Louise is staying on!

We are also happy to announce Michelle Pontifex and Rekha Tiwari have been appointed to team teach in a junior class for 2018. We are excited to have them both on board where they bring a wealth of experience and expertise to our school. This position has come about as Matt Titcombe will be reducing his hours next year working part-time.

On another note we are saddened to inform you we have received Joe Ready's resignation. Joe is taking up a position at St Francis De Sales teaching a year 7 & 8 class. Joe came to HVS as a first year teacher, for the past 4 years he has been a real asset to our school. We are grateful for his enthusiastic approach to engaging the students in sport, organising and coaching the sports teams and his commitment to the Bikes in Schools programme. The students are going to miss Mr Ready and all his antics!

We are also farewelling Gabrielle Harvey who will be leaving the HVS team at the end of the year to take up a position at Newtown School teaching in the Junior school. Gabrielle has been a wonderful member of the HVS staff. She has shared her creative skills as part of the arts programme and her expertise in inquiry. Gabrielle took on the big job to choreograph the dance splash performance, a memory the children will always have!

We wish Joe and Gabrielle the best for their new adventures, they will both be missed at HVS.



**Inter Zone Athletics** – A team of 19 HVS athletes qualified for the InterZone after competing in the Southern Zone Athletic competition last week. The successful qualifiers will participate in the IZ event at Newtown Park next Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 9.00am - 2.40pm. Parent help will be required with transport to and from the event and some officiating for the vortex (this can be shared). A notice is being sent home with the athletes today. If you can help, please fill in the form and return it to school as soon as possible. We are very proud of the students and wish them all the best. Go Team HVS!

**Property Update** - Safety fencing now surrounds the Nikau (R3) and Karaka (R4) classrooms and the contractors are due to start work on the renovations over the next several weeks. There will be some initial investigations conducted to determine the exact quality of the current structure and then the builders will be able to see what needs to be done to ensure the buildings are more watertight, better insulated and more effective teaching spaces moving forward. Work is scheduled to be completed in January of 2018 ready for the new term.

Both senior classes have now moved out of their respective rooms and into the hall and will be there for the remainder of the year.

Dotty has had to be relocated on the school grounds while the building work is done to Rooms 3 & 4. A big thank you to Alex and Charlie Barton for helping us move Dotty to her new spot on Tuesday morning.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa Lara Nemet and Monica Mercury Ngā Tumuaki Rīwhi – Acting Co-Principals

### 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

### FROM THE BOT

A huge thank you to all those involved in the wonderful fair on Saturday, particularly the Home and School crew. It was a great event and involved a lot of work.

We would also like to encourage people to stand for the board. Nominations close midday Friday. It is really interesting and rewarding, honest.

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

#### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

On Wednesday 22 November 6:30pm-7:30pm (Week 6) the HVS PB4L team and the RTLB team lead 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.

### CLASS PHOTOS AND SHOOT KEY – COMING SOON

### KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Kelly Club Houghton Valley will be offering a Pre-Christmas holiday programme at Houghton Valley School from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (from 1.30pm) through to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017.

## Thank You Susan Hall!



A huge thanks goes out from the school community to Susan Hall for taking on the coordination of the 2017 HVS Fair; thanks for all your time and effort in putting on what was a fantastic event, and for somehow managing to arrange the Sun to make an appearance for the whole day! You are amazing!

H&S Chair on behalf of the HVS Community

### Home & School - Next Meeting Thursday 30 November

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 - RECAP AND THANKS



Thank you so much to everyone who helped out with the school fair - a massive amount of effort was put in both before the fair (collecting, sorting, coordinating, baking, crafting, sign-posting) and on the day by everyone who turned out to help set up, run a stall or activity, collect and count money, and tidy up at the end of the day.

Parents, teachers, Denise, Dave and kids all put a lot into it and we are hugely grateful for all of your help!

We are still doing the final sorting of how much was made, and where from, and will report back as soon as we have the final figures. If you have any expenses to claim back, please collect a form from the office and get them in ASAP.

Most importantly, the weather was perfect, and there were lots of happy smiling faces on the day! We hope you all enjoyed yourselves!

If you have any feedback please do pass it on to [homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz), or come along to a Home & School meeting!

### Big Fun Day - Thursday 14 December

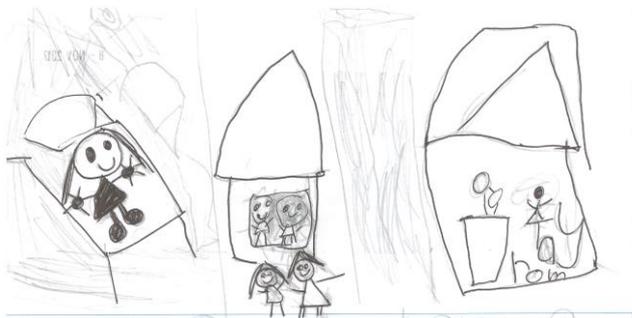
Home and School will be running a sausage sizzle for the students at lunchtime on the Big Fun Day - we will be looking for volunteers to help out on the day.

If you are interested in helping out for a few hours with the BBQ & serving the smiling, hungry students, please contact Chris at: [homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz)

### NGAIO WRITING ABOUT THE FAIR

I was really excited in the morning. I got Candyfloss at the school fair. My mum was working in the Tea Room.

By Amy Joli  
(aged 5)



## HOME AND SCHOOL FOR SALE

Frozen leftovers from the curry stall!

Please see Kate Mitcalfe after school by Library this Friday– cash only!

packs of 10 roti (\$15)

containers of dahl (\$5)

Box of leftovers from the Deli Stall (which I think Anne Parfitt may've left in your office):

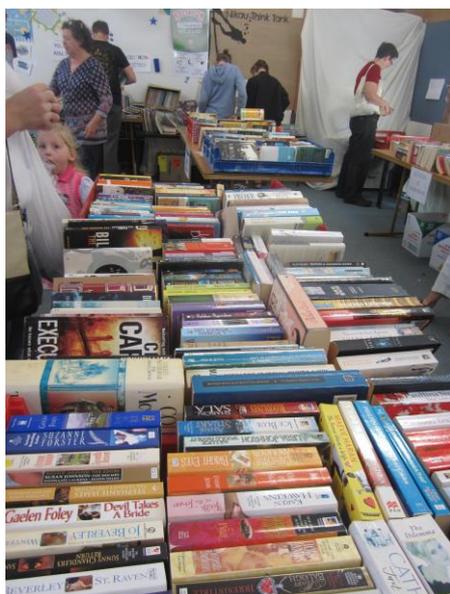
8 x olive oil (\$8)

8 x chilli oil (\$5)

17 x packets of homemade fried chicken powder (\$2)

20 x packets of garam masala (\$2) 3 x jars of preserved lemons (\$5)

## FAIR DAY



## 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)



## 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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