



**NEWSLETTER**

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

Week 6 of Term 4

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

**Term 4 Calendar**

Week 6	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	6:30pm-7:30pm	<b>HVS PB4L Information Evening TONIGHT for Parents</b>
Week 7	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	7pm	Year 6 Camp – 3 days Home and School Meeting Bi-Election Voting Closes
Week 8	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm 2:15pm	Sushi – last day to order sushi for 2017 BOT Meeting Whole School OUTDOOR Assembly
Week 9	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All Day	Junior classes going to the Zoo 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 9am**

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



Ngā mihi mahana kia koutou te whānau! Warmest greetings to all our families and how lucky have we been with the weather? Sunshine does have some health benefits and it certainly makes people feel happy! Our hard-working teachers have been busy writing end-of-year reports. We look forward to an adventure-packed and fun-filled last few weeks of term.

The Annual HVS Year 6 Camp is coming up next week, Peter Holmstead and Louise Conwell will take our final-year seniors to YMCA Camp Kaitoke from next Monday November 27<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Bondy will be working with our Year 5 students while they are away.

**Property Update - Rooms 3 and 4**

The work on Nikau and Karaka has begun. Scaffolding has been erected and the builders will soon strip back the cladding to check the framing of the classrooms to see if there is any damage to the existing structure. If there is, it will need to be fully replaced. Some of the exterior components are being removed in preparation for more detailed work to occur. We have an excellent Project Manager from Baseline Construction Ltd, Geoff Askew, overseeing the work required, along with his team of very able contractors. Ngā mihi kia koutou - thanks everyone!



**PB4L Parent Information Evening - TONIGHT 6.30 pm in the Library**

We hope you can come along to our information evening tonight to hear all about the Positive Behaviour for learning model we are implementing next year at HVS. We warmly welcome our RTLB team to the meeting. The HVS PB4L team and the RTLB (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour) 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 (philosophy) for all we do here at HVS.

**Interzone Athletics**



Thank you to Matt Titcombe and the parent helpers for taking the HVS athletics team to the IZ event yesterday. Congratulations to all of the children who participated giving it their best! A special congratulations to Jackson Hill who made it into the Regional Athletics on Tuesday 5 December.

# 2018

## Classes for 2018

We have started working out classes for 2018 and will advise you of your child's placement on their school report. We take into account lots of factors to make the best decision for the children. We'll start again next year with ten classes (there's an additional year 5/6 class). The year 3 students will be part of the junior team and the senior team will be Year 4 to 6. We have some rearrangements of teaching staff we'll be able to announce soon. We are currently advertising a teaching position in our senior team to fill Joe Ready's position.

The class compositions for 2018 will be:

Senior School		Junior School	
3x Year 5/6 classes	2x Year 4 classes	Year 3	Year 2/3
		Year 2	Year 1
		Year 1/0	



## HVS Big Fun Day

On Thursday 14 December the HVS Big Fun Day will take place. We have a team of teachers planning the day and final plans being made. More information about the fun day will be out soon. The H&S have kindly offered to provide a sausage sizzle lunch for the children at school, they are looking for volunteers to help cook and serve the sausages please let them know if you are able to help. We are hoping the sun will shine brightly.

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

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

☺ **Fred McGovern**

## BOT MID-TERM ELECTION



### HVS Board of Trustees Election

The following nominations have been received for two positions on the Board of Trustees:

- Richard Carroll
- Susan Hall
- Ronja levers

Voting papers have been sent to your postal address with an envelope for safe return. Voting closes on Friday 1 December 2017. Katy MacLeod Returning Officer

## CLASS PHOTO "SHOOT KEY"



Class photo and sibling "Shoot Key" flyer came home on Monday. Place orders online [www.photolife.co.nz](http://www.photolife.co.nz) by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec at midnight, to have free delivery to HVS. If you cannot find your shoot key information email the HVS Office [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz)

## CHICKEN HOLIDAY HELP

It's time to start organising the roster for looking after the chickens in the school holidays. If you can help for a week, a weekend or even just a few days, please email Louise with the dates you are available. It means popping down to school once a day in morning, checking for eggs (which you get to keep!), clearing out poop, giving them fresh water and checking their food. Email: [louise@houghton.school.nz](mailto:louise@houghton.school.nz)



**Oral Care Recycling**

The Green Gecko Enviroschool leaders are happy to announce that are beginning a new oral care recycling initiative at Houghton Valley School. A collection box is located near the recycling area between the hall and the main block.

We are grateful to parent Rona Carroll, who will be sending our full boxes of oral care products to the Colgate Terracycle partnership team. In return we are teaching our students further ways to the recycle different household items. There will also be a small reward for HVS based on quantity of our recycled items.



**What can be recycled?**

Program accepted waste: **Empty** Toothpaste tubes and caps, stand up toothpaste bottles, toothbrushes, toothpaste cartons, toothbrush outer packaging, and floss containers.

**Please note:** No Electric toothbrushes, battery toothbrushes, and/or their parts are not recyclable through the programme.



**Predator Free HVS - Trapping!**

Thank you Zealandia for providing our school with the traps. The Green Geckos and the Enviro leaders have already placed a few of these traps around the Rainforest.

The traps are in wooden boxes that say DO NOT TOUCH on them. Since the beginning of this term, we have caught 3 to 5 rats and 5 to 8 mice. We are now using chocolate instead of peanut butter to make the rats & mice more interested in the traps but unfortunately some mice have been sneaky. They ate the chocolate and scurried away. We have not caught anything apart from rats & mice in our traps, so that is a good sign.

Also there are two Rat Traps for families to borrow. They are available from Ti Kouka email [rekha@houghton.school.nz](mailto:rekha@houghton.school.nz) if you would like to borrow one. From Sam, Max, Lucy, Bruno & Oscar (The Green Gecko Team).

SPORTS

**Interzone Athletics** A team of 18 HVS athletes went to take on the cream of Primary Sport Wellingtons 72 member schools. Athletes did their best and rose to the challenge. We had some outstanding results with Jackson Hill placing second in the year 5 Quoits, this qualifies him for Wellington Regional Championships on December 5th. Placing 4th Will Cleaver-Paris Yr 4 Long Jump and Jackson Hill Yr 5 150m Sprint are first reserves. Congratulations to all the athletes for their positive mindset and to the parents who helped on the day.

Mr T made a mistake and forgot to mention Tommy Penfold coming 1st in the Yr 4 boys High Jump at Southern Zone, good job Tommy.

**Floorball** On Tuesday the HVS Heroes year 5 floorball team played in the final against Scots Red. We lost 9-4 but still came 2nd, it was a good game"- Fraser

**Sports Dates to Diary for Term Four**

- Regional Athletics Masterton Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December (PP Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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).



## FUN RUN THANKS



Thank you to everyone who came along to support our EMR Fun Run. It was a cool community event experiencing Taputeranga Marine Reserve. Thanks for the awesome idea Stanley, Tom and Zeb!!



## KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM



**KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES:** Kelly Club Houghton Valley Pre-Christmas holiday programme from 19th December (from 1.30pm) through to Friday 22nd December 2017, activities include; Wet N Wild, Scavenger Hunt, Cup cake decorating, Sports, Christmas Activities games and much more.

**Kelly Club Island Bay January Holiday Programme** is starting from the 8th January 2018 – 29 January 2018.

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) email [houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz) or call 022 010 9981

**KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 2018:** Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes. "Back to School Sports" (Yrs 1-4) – Thursdays 3:05-4:05pm - Come and try Football, Cricket, Turbo Touch and Dodgeball. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. 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!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Capital Trout Centre Special Open Day Sunday 10th December 2017** Contact: Strato 387 7878 (wk) 386 3740 (hm)

**PUBLIC BOOK EVENTS: The Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie** has two FREE author visits this week. Both sound like they'll be very popular.

**Stacy Gregg in-store Thursday, November 23rd 3.30 - 4.30pm** New Zealand author Stacy Gregg, whose pony adventure stories have won several book awards, will be in-store at The Children's Bookshop to meet her readers and sign copies of her books, both new and pre-owned. Stacy's latest novel, *The Thunderbolt Pony*, is set in and around Kaikoura just after the earthquake last year and focuses on 12-year-old Evie, whose resilience, determination and hope keep her going on a long trek to safety.

**Mr Yipadee in-store Friday, November 24th from 3.30pm** Children's entertainer and author Deano Yipadee (aka Dean O'Brian), and illustrator Paul Beavis will be in-store to perform the songs from their book and CD sets - *Jingle Bells*, *Rudolph Smells*, and the latest book, *Stink-o-saurus*. Both are award winning entertainers.

**Wairarapa & Wellington Kids & Youth Festival** 11am – 6pm Saturday 2nd December - Carterton Events Centre, Community Courthouse & District Library. A feast of books and a fabulous array of authors and free activities for children, youth, and adults offered by 30 writers and illustrators from the Wairarapa and Wellington. This free 7-hour festival will lead children and youth through different aspects of stories and books, creating fun-filled experiences throughout the day and into the summer's evening. With Susan Paris, Kate de Goldi, Fifi Colston, Mandy Hager and many others. All events are free but some require registration: (06) 379 4080. Visit the Big Book Bash page [www.facebook.com/bigbookbash/](http://www.facebook.com/bigbookbash/) for full information.



**Pop Up Zumba® in your hood!!!** Tonight (Wed) 7:35-8:35 pm at the Houghton Valley Community Hall with Natasha Macaulay 021 258 9580. \$12 bring water and smiles. I promise to do "Thriller". This is a one-off class so don't miss it.

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