



**NEWSLETTER**

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Week 7 of Term 4

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

**Term 4 Calendar**

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| Week 7  | Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov<br>Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec   | 7pm<br>Noon                                | Home and School Meeting<br>BOT Bi-Election Voting Closes  |
| Week 8  | Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                 | 6pm<br>2:15pm<br>9:30am                    | Sushi – last day to order sushi for 2017<br>BOT Meeting<br>Whole School OUTDOOR Assembly<br>FINAL TREMENDOUS Working Bee  |
| Week 9  | Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | All Day                                    | Junior classes walking to the Zoo (bus back)<br>Whole School FUN DAY  |
| Week 10   | Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>Wed/Thurs/Fri<br>20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec | 6pm-7pm<br>1:30pm<br>1:30pm-6pm<br>9am-6pm | End of Year Assembly and Poroporoaki - Y6 celebration<br>Last Day of School for 2017<br>Kelly Club Holiday Programmes<br>Kelly Club Holiday Programmes (Half Day Options available) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bee Healthy Dental Clinic</b> – 0800 825 583</li> </ul>   |   |  |   |
| <b>Sushi available Thursdays – go online to <a href="http://www.ezlunch.co.nz">www.ezlunch.co.nz</a> before 9am on Thursday to order</b>                  |   |  |   |
| <b>Kelly Club After School Care – Helen Cell 022 010 9981 or email <a href="mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz">houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</a></b> |   |  |   |
| <b>2018 Term 1 start – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 9am</b>  |   |  |   |

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

Welcome back to another great week!

The Year 6 seniors headed off to the YMCA Kaitoke Camp on Monday morning. Ms Nemet and Whaea Monnie took a little time to drive up and visit them yesterday to see how things were going. The campsite is absolutely stunning. We had the opportunity to see the kids learning to use the 'Super Flying Fox', kayaking in the pond, archery practice, how to navigate the tree tops obstacle course and how to make a barrel raft. The YMCA staff were very caring and professional and the year 6 seniors were having an amazing time!



Yesterday, the HVS Junior Syndicate headed down to Houghton Valley Playground as part of their personal safety topic, in preparation for the trip to Wellington Zoo on December 12<sup>th</sup>. They have learnt to think about aspects of safety and the things that need to be done to be well-prepared for excursions.

**PROPERTY UPDATE**

It has been awesome to see that there has been some movement with the renovation work needed for the Nikau and Karaka classrooms. We have been working closely with the architect and the Project Manager to ensure that everything is going as close to plan as possible. Many thanks to Karen Parr for her support and expertise with these important projects.

## **PB4L Parent Meeting**

A big thank you to the parents who came along to our information evening about PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning). We are also grateful for the RTLB's who are facilitating the programme with us for attending and the HVS PB4L team for their input. We had lots of discussion and came away with useful ideas to consider. We will keep the community informed of the progress we make. Louise and Whaea Monnie worked with a group of students to get student voice. Next week we will share the Behaviour matrix with you and ask for some feedback.



# 2018

## **Classes for 2018**

We've 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 next year with ten classes and have some rearrangements of teaching staff we'll be able to announce soon.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

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

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

☺ **Tadhg Pierse**

## 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 Ievers

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

## FROM THE LIBRARY .....



As we near the end of the year, please ensure all Library books are returned or renewed. If you have lost books during the year, please pay \$10 towards their replacement to Denise.

Students and parents can issue Red Bags full of holiday reading from Week 9. Please come to the Library at morning tea, lunch or 3pm.

Joanna Librarian

## XMAS KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM @ HVS



**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. Please book in asap if you would like a place as Kelly Club need to organise staffing for this time.

Contact [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) email [houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz) or call 022 010 9981

## 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)

## SCHOOL WATERBLASTER

We are looking for our school waterblaster as we will need to do some work around the grounds over the next few weeks. If you know its whereabouts, could you please let Whaea Monnie know in the office. We will also let you know more details about a new development with a Caretaker role for the school, next week.

## TREEMENDOUS WORKING BEE

Please come to help out with our final TREEMENDOUS Working Bee at 9:30am on Sunday 10th December. We need help to:

- Install a water tank (rain harvest water)
- Bench seating – 2 more seats to go near the Rata sculpture
- Concreting the child-sized picnic table
- Weeding and general tidying



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

## HOME AND SCHOOL

### Home & School - Next Meeting THIS Thursday 30 November @ 7pm

Home and School meetings are open to all parents. The next meeting is this Thursday evening, 7pm in the staffroom. It is the last meeting of the year, so there will be cheese and wine to celebrate the year's end and entice you along! The meetings are a great opportunity to find out what is going on in the community, and we would love to see you there!



### Fair Profit

We are still waiting on some expenses claims to come in before we can report finally on the money made at the fair ... but our tentative figure is in the region of **\$26,500!**

Huge thanks again to everyone who helped out. If you haven't got your expenses claim in yet, please get a form from Denise ASAP and get them in so we can finalise the figure. Money made will primarily be going to ICT to help the school work towards its aim of one device for every two kids.



### 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.

We need some volunteers to help 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)

### Year 6 Camp





## COMMUNITY NEWS



**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!

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

**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.

**STANDOUTS** - Creative Drama, Dancing & Singing for ages 6-14yrs. Join in the fun as we put a show on the road in just 4days these holidays! DECEMBER/Christmas Workshop: Tues 19th- Fri 22nd Dec 9am-4pm JANUARY: Tues 9th- Fri 12th Jan 9am-4pm. Tues 16th- Fri 19th Jan 9am-4pm. St Judes Hall, Lyall Bay \$250 per child per 4day programme/ family discounts available. Why fit in when you were born to STAND OUT! email: [gemma@standouts.co.nz](mailto:gemma@standouts.co.nz) for more info and an enrolment form or visit [www.standouts.co.nz](http://www.standouts.co.nz)

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