



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 6th December 2017

Week 8 of Term 4

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

Term 4 Calendar

Week 8	Thurs 7 th Dec Thurs 7 th Dec Fri 8 th Dec Sun 10 th Dec	6pm 2:15pm 9:30am	Sushi – last day to order sushi for 2017 BOT Meeting Whole School OUTDOOR Assembly FINAL TREMENDOUS Working Bee
Week 9	Tues 12 th Dec Thurs 14 th Dec	All Day	Junior classes walking to the Zoo (bus back) Whole School FUN DAY
Week 10	Mon 18 th Dec Tues 19 th Dec Tues 19 th Dec Wed/Thurs/Fri 20 th -22 nd Dec	6pm-7pm 1:30pm 1:30pm-6pm 9am-6pm	End of Year Assembly and Poroporoaki - Y6 celebration Last Day of School for 2017 Kelly Club Holiday Programmes Kelly Club Holiday Programmes (Half Day Options available)

- **Bee Healthy Dental Clinic – 0800 825 583**

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 9am

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

Year 6 Camp

A big thank you to Peter and Louise for organising and leading such a wonderful experience for the Year 6 students. We would also like to thank the parents who took time off work to help out. We are grateful for your support of this fantastic initiative.



HVS Big Fun Day - Thursday 14 December

We have our BIG FUN DAY coming up next Thursday. We've got a great day planned, beginning at 9.30am. Come and join in and we'd love your help if you can spare the time.

We will be heading to the Kilbirnie Aquatic centre in the morning for a fun morning of swimming and inflatables. The children will be travelling there and back by bus.

Juniors (Years 1-2) Swim 9.30am - 10.30am –

Bus leaves school at 9.00am then bus leaves pool at 10.45am

Seniors (Years 3-6) Swim 10.30am - 12.00pm -

Bus leaves school at 10.00am then bus leaves pool at 12.15pm

***We will require parent help at the pool while the students are swimming.
If you are able to help, can you please let your child's teacher know. Thank you.***

When we get back to school, the fun will continue with a sausage sizzle for lunch (provided by Home and School) and an explosion of fun in the afternoon; Relays, Parkour, Parachutes, Zumba, Lego Club, sports, Treasure Hunt and Christmas Craft. Students will be able to choose what they want to do and will rotate to several activities during the afternoon.

Property Update

Nikau and Karaka: The contract workers have been doing some basic interior demolition work as well as starting to tear off the northern walls of the classrooms to expose the potential weather breaches. This is so they can be carefully inspected by the Architect, Project Manager and Ministry inspection officials to determine the next steps for the build.

The New Classroom: We had an initial meeting with the contractor Architect, Mark Young and his team, back in October to determine what we wanted to happen with the addition of a new classroom space on the end of Rata-Room 9. There is another follow-up meeting next week. Watch this space.



Marrzipan Drama

Is your child shy? Do they feel anxious by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?!

Come and join Marrzipan! Marrzipan will be running awesome classes that focus on key self-confidence and social skills at Houghton Valley during school on Mondays at 2.15pm! We play fun, engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to friends at school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All parents receive informative weekly e-mails and at the end of term, children receive a certificate to remind them they are awesome!

Give me a call to come along for a COMPLETELY FREE LESSON happening in Term 4 to try it out, or just call to chat about how our classes can benefit your child's development. Go to marrzipandrama.co.nz or contact Julie at 021 026 45487 or email julie@marrzipandrama.co.nz for more info!

Collette will be coming to HVS assembly on Friday to share more about Marrzipan Drama.



Parking before and after school

Please remembered not to park on the bus stop as it makes it very difficult for the bus driver to drop and pick up the children safely.

School Reports

The teachers have been working hard writing the End of Year reports for all of the amazing children at Houghton Valley School.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

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

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)



This week the PB4L team are sharing with you the draft version of the HVS Positive Behaviour Expectation matrix.

This matrix identifies specific behaviours for each setting in our school. All students and staff will be responsible for following these behaviours. This becomes the basis for all our future planning, teaching and implementation of PB4L–SW. This will act as our template for teaching behaviour and contains the language all staff will use when we teach students expected behaviours. We will also use this language to remind students about the behaviours and to celebrate and acknowledge the use of the behaviours.

An important aspect of PB4L Schoolwide is that we share and receive feedback from our whole school community. Please take time to read through the matrix and share any thoughts you have with us. You can do this via email to admin@houghton.school.nz or drop you thoughts into the PB4L suggestion box by the office.

FROM THE LIBRARY



Please can all Library books be returned to the Library this week. I need to scan them for the inventory.

Next week, I will issue Red Bags full of books for Holiday Reading. Children can select books at morning tea time or lunch time, and parents are encouraged to come to the Library after 3pm or on the Fun Day to find books they'd like to share - cooking, science experiments, a favourite chapter book, craft books etc.....

Please remember the Red Bags belong to the school and don't go to the supermarket, beach etc. They are to be returned with the books in the first week of Term 1 2018.

Thanks, Joanna Librarian

HVS BLUE T-SHIRT FOR SALE

We have new blue t-shirts for sale \$27 each – come to the school office if you would like to buy one or email admin@houghton.school.nz

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 email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz or call 022 010 9981

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-donated by Raewyn Watson
- Weeding and general tidying

Please let Jill know if you can help jill@houghton.school.nz



HOME AND SCHOOL

Home & School - Meetings for 2018 dates TBA

Thanks to all those who came to the last Home and School meeting of the year last Thursday evening, we had a great turn out with lots of good discussion about the events of the 2017 year, and some great new ideas for Home and School to look at for the coming 2018 year.

Home and School meetings are open to all parents. The next meeting date is to be announced in Term 01 2018. The meetings are a great opportunity to find out what is going on in the community, and we would love to see you there in 2018!



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

Moveathon / School Picnic 2018

Home and School are excited to announce the first Home and School event of 2018 for early next year in Term 01. It will be a combination of:

- Sponsored run/walk/hop/skate/crawl/whatever you like around the bike track, and
- Annual H&S Picnic to celebrate the start of the school year and welcome new families,

The energetic part is optional, but there will be spot prizes per age group for innovative means of locomotion, most kilometres covered, and most money raised. Otherwise, there will be music, sausage sizzle, games and possibly more. The money raised is put towards the ongoing costs of maintaining the HVS bikes and keeping them going around the awesome Bike Track and upgrades of school play areas.

Date and sponsor forms in next week's newsletter. Any questions or offers of help, please contact Chris Taylor taylorandduke@gmail.com or Karen Parr parr.karen@gmail.com

GOODY! BAGS!!

Now
twice
AS GOOD!

We're committed to keeping plastic bags away from the South Coast and its beautiful sea life. So do your bit for our environment and the school and buy your awesome calico tote bags now.

Good for the planet,
good for gifts, and
good for your wallet.

A Home & School fundraiser
only available at the Fair



Contact Katy McLeod if you would like to purchase any katymacleod@hotmail.com

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 email 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 - 10th December 2017 Contact: Strato 387 7878 (wk) 386 3740 (hm)

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 for more info and an enrolment form or visit www.standouts.co.nz

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS RETURN FOR 2018 - JANUARY 24 - 26

In the new year, Weta Workshop is opening its doors once again to give kids a chance to make movie magic! We warmly invite the children of Houghton Valley School to come along.

From rocket building to sculpting, our workshops for ages 6 – 12 years old will excite and delight! For 2018, we're hosting separate workshops for children aged 6-9 years and 10-12 years. Spaces are limited! Book online at www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays.



NEW WORLD ISLAND BAY CHRISTMAS PARTY this Thursday 7th December 4-6.30pm... Free Hot Dogs, Bacon Butties, tastings, spot prizes... we have SANTA instore, Anton the Magician,

Donald Trump impersonator to tell you just what is awesome great and amazing about Island Bay... Love to see you in store to celebrate Christmas.

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