



NEWSLETTER

Monday, 5th February 2018

Week 1 of Term 1

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

Term 1 Calendar

Week 2	Friday 16 th Feb	5pm	“Meet the Staff” Picnic
Week 3	Sun 25 th Feb	NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Home and School Move-athon/School Picnic 2018 (Postponement Sunday 4 th March)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bee Healthy Dental Clinic – 0800 825 583 			
Ezlunch.co.nz Thursdays - Sushi – go online to www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am to order Fridays – NEW Pita Pit – go online www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am to order			
Kelly Club After School Care – Helen Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz			

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Nau mai haere mai and welcome back to all of our Houghton Valley learners, we trust you had a relaxing and special time with family and friends over the summer holidays and that you are feeling recharged and energised.

A very warm Houghton Valley welcome to our new students— Zac, Lachie, Maia, William, Addison, Myra, Logan, Hugo, Ivy, Qichang and Kiaan and their whanau, and to our new teachers Sophia Bridgwater and Michelle Pontifex. We are thrilled that you have all joined our learning community.

On a personal note it is fantastic to be joining the school community here at Houghton Valley and I am very excited about our year ahead! I am looking forward to touching base with you all again, please do drop into my office to say hello if you have time or you could join us at the ‘Meet the staff’ picnic on Friday 16th at 5.00pm.



Stationery and Permission

Today you will receive (via your child) information for stationery, trip permission forms to sign and school donations. If you don’t receive it please contact Denise in the office or check on the school website.

Property update:

Over the holiday period we have had some issues (getting products on time, removal of asbestos) which has affected our timeline. These issues have now be addressed and we are able to start to make progress with our refurbishment.

We are pleased to report that the internal water damage wasn’t as major as was expected.

As this is just a water tightening and internal refit you will notice that some of the building won’t change as this project isn’t a complete makeover, like rooms 1 and 2. The focus has been on making these rooms more conducive to teaching and learning by making them - safer, healthier, dryer, and quieter environments.

We are having weekly meetings with the architect, builder and Ministry of Education so we will keep you informed on a regular basis to our progress.

Sunhats:



As always during the summer terms, we implement a ‘No Hat, No Play’ rule at school. This year all children are required to wear a brimmed hat. (no caps unless they’re legionnaire style).

We’d really appreciate your support with this important health measure. Most junior children and lots of older children already wear brimmed hats so we’d now like to see them on everyone. Children without hats will be required to spend their breaks on the decks in the shade. HVS hats \$18. Thanks

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal






Teachers and Classrooms for 2018:




Houghton Valley School Classes For 2018			
Classroom	Room/s	Year Group/s	Teacher/s
<i>Junior School</i>			
Ngaio	8	New Entrants & Yr 1	Jos Abernethy & Mel Beirne (alternate Fridays)
Mahoe	7	Year 1	Nicola O'Halloran
Rimu-Library	10	Year 2	Michelle Pontifex (3days) Rekha Tiwari (2days)
Harakeke	5	Year 2/3	Jill Holmstead
Ti Kouka	6	Year 3	Monica Mercury (4days) Marilyn Bondy (1day)
<i>Senior School</i>			
Pohutukawa	1	Year 4	Stephanie Bosch
Kowhai	2	Year 4	Sophia Bridgwater (new appointment)
Rata	9	Year 5/6	Lara Nemet (3days) Matt Titcombe (2days)
Nikau	3	Year 5/6	Louise Conwell
Karaka	4	Year 5/6	Peter Holmstead
Mary Smith (Reading Recovery)			
Jenny Cossey, Marilyn Bondy, Matt Titcombe and Rekha Tiwari will continue to provide our regular classroom release across the school.			

2018 HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL DATES

	Start	End	Exceptions
Term 1 (10 weeks)	Mon 5 th Feb	Friday 13 th April	Waitangi Day Tues 6 th Feb Easter Friday 30 March & Easter Mon 2 April & Easter Tues 3 April Anzac Day 25 April in holidays
Term 2 (10 weeks)	Monday 30 April	Friday 6 th July	Queen's Birthday Mon 4 June One Teacher Only Day TBC
Term 3 (10 weeks)	Monday 23 July	Friday 28 September	
Term 4 (10 weeks)	Monday 15 October	Thursday 20 Dec	Labour Day Monday 22 October

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

 **Hugo de Ridder**
 **Ivy Cenac**
 **Kiaan Tyagi**
 **Logan Brown**
 **Qichang Yang**

WELCOME IN MAHOE TO:  **Addison Pontifex**
 **Myra McLeod**
 **William Ngan**

ALSO IN RATA  **Zac Greenfield**

KOWHAI  **Lachie Leogreen** - in RIMU  **Maia Menzies**

This Thursday Sushi orders available and **NEW Pita Pit** on Friday 9 February 2018, we have introduced a new supplier to the school - Pita Pit (Newtown). The Pita Pit menu on the ezlunch website. With two suppliers, this will ensure your kids have a great variety of healthy and tasty school lunches. Order any time before 9am on the day or schedule in advance. Lunch will be delivered to school at lunchtime.



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HOME AND SCHOOL

CHANGE OF DATE - Moveathon/School Picnic 2018

NOW Sunday 25th February 2018 (pp Sunday 4th March)

Kia Ora HVS Whanau, Hope everybody enjoyed a well earned break and the serious sunshine that was Wellington over the last couple of months.

We would like to invite you to our welcome picnic/'move-athon' to mark the start of the 2018 school year. The annual picnic is held on our school field and is an opportunity to get to know or to reconnect with the school community. Next year's event will be held on Sunday February 25th (rainy day postponement March 04).

Yes this is a date change - check your diaries!

As well as lots of fun games and activities for all the family, the picnic will be combined with an optional sponsored 'move-athon' around our fabulous bike track. The aim is to do laps of the track (430m per lap) using any manner of locomotion. There will be prizes for the most distance covered, for the most unusual means of locomotion, and for the most money raised. All proceeds will go towards maintaining the school's bike fleet and the improvement of our outdoor spaces.

We have attached here a sponsorship form so that you have time to collect sponsors over the holiday period. A hard copy of the form was also sent home with your child at the end of term 04. Please tell your family and friends that fundraisers like this are crucial for us to be able to maintain and improve areas of the school not covered by government funding. Anyone can participate, and anyone can sponsor - for example overseas relatives who don't get to come to the school fair.

Of course the move-athon is optional, but we would love to see you, your family, friends and neighbours, at the picnic. More information to follow next week in the newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you at the picnic/'move-athon' if not before!

HVS Home and School Association.