



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

It has been wonderful to see the children bounce back into school after the holidays. I am enjoying getting to know all of our students and whanau. Everyone has been extremely welcoming. I'm looking forward to seeing whanau at our 'Meet the Staff' picnic on Friday.

Meet the Staff Picnic:

On Friday we are holding our 'meet the staff' picnic at 5pm and would love to see as many whanau there as possible. At 5.40pm we are going to do a quick and informal introduction of ourselves as staff so you can put a face to the name.

From here we will eat, chat and play some games. We are happy for people to bring their own bikes but we won't be using the school bikes as we are keen to have team games going instead.



Luana Carroll



Sophia Bridgwater



Michelle Pontifex

PB4L School-Wide at Houghton Valley School

The Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide framework, otherwise known as PB4L School-Wide, is helping New Zealand schools build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. It's not about changing the students; it's about changing the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support our students to make positive behaviour choices.

Last week we launched PB4L Schoolwide in our classrooms. To start the year off we are all focusing on being happy and engaged. We are learning and thinking about these as we move happily and quietly around the school and also as we show that we are engaged in being active listeners.

We have started giving out HAEWAI cards to students we notice showing these skills. Once a student receives 5 HAEWAI cards they will get a postcard in the mail from Miss Carroll.

At Houghton Valley School we use HAEWAI to help us guide our learning, teaching and behaviour. We hope that Houghton Valley School is a place where the environment and the people in it are cherished and respected.

Happy in our learning, teaching and interactions with one another.

Active in our learning in and out of the classroom.

Engaged in the learning process and aware of our own learning needs.

Wondering by asking questions, seeking answers and showing an interest in the world around us.

Achieving by doing our best in whatever we do and feeling success in our learning.

Inclusive by creating a learning community where we are open to new ideas and celebrating diversity.

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TERM EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
Week 3 19 th -25 th Feb			BOT meeting at 7.30pm in the staffroom		7pm Waka Odyssey	Move-a-thon on Sunday 25 th at 12.00pm
Week 4 26 th -4 th March		Year 5 and 6 Trip to Waka Odyssey	Year 4 Trip to Museum of City and Sea and Room's 3 & 4 move back into their classrooms	Home & School Meeting 7pm		
Week 5 5 th -11 th March					Powhiri for new tamariki and tumuaki at 11.30am	

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

 **Donavon Kupenga**

Property Update:

We have seen a lot of progress in the past two weeks and we have been told we will be able to move back into room's 3 and 4 on 28th February (this is dependant on the weather staying fine so that they can complete the exterior painting).

This week we have painters, roofers and builders working and next week we are expecting the interior autex install on the walls, lighting, joinery installed and the flooring laid.



NZEI Paid Union Meeting

The Houghton Valley School teachers will be attending the paid union meetings on the morning and afternoon of Thursday 15th March. The teachers union, the NZEI, has called nationwide meetings as they are entitled to do, and most teachers will be attending.

This year the union has offered a number of meetings in each area so schools can send just a few teachers at a time, which we are going to do so we can limit the amount of disruption to the programme or to whanau. This means we won't be running our 'normal' class programmes but school will be open.



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

SCHOOL ABSENCES

If your child will be late or not attending school for any reason please let the school know by the following options:

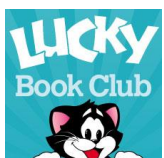
- Logon to HVS website www.houghton.school.nz – click "Contacts" then " Report an Absence" enter data and give a reason.
- Call the school and leave a message and reason on the school answerphone 939-3318
- Or email admin@houghton.school.nz and teacher with a reason.

We keep track of all children and if they are not accounted for, then we ring the parent/caregivers. A reason for absence is helpful.

LIBRARY

From the Library....

Parents are welcome to join the Library and borrow books to share with their family. Come in at 3pm, Monday - Thursday to join and borrow.



Scholastic Book Club

We send home brochures once each term. There is no pressure to purchase. Please note we operate the ON LINE LOOP order system only. No cash/orders to school please. Books will come about 2 weeks after orders close.

If books are a surprise for children, please contact me and I can hold them for parents to collect. ORDERS CLOSE Sunday, 25 February.

Home & School – First Meeting of 2018 Thursday 01 March

Home and School meetings are open to all parents. Meetings are generally scheduled for the first Thursday of the month during term time. The next meeting is Thursday 01 March, 7pm in the staffroom. It is the first meeting of the year, so there will be cheese and wine to celebrate the beginning of a new year and entice you along!

The meetings are a great opportunity to find out more about what is going on in the community, and how you can get involved if you wish - we would love to see you there!

Home & School Secretary Vacancy

One of the first jobs of the new year will be to find someone to fill the Home and School secretary position, because Susan has been elected to the Board of Trustees.

If you are interested in the role, please contact Chris Taylor homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz to find out what is involved.



HVS Move-a-thon/Picnic 2018

Sunday 25th February 12pm to 3pm

We have a week and a half to go! – Move-a-thon planning is well under way, hopefully the sponsor sheets are filling up with loads of sponsors to raise the funds to contribute to keeping the bikes in great working order for another year. The event will be running from 12pm to 3pm, but feel free to stay on the field for as long as your mover is keen to keep piling on the laps.

Music & Food

As well as the picnic, we will be having Music, a BBQ sausage sizzle, & other refreshments for sale on the day so bring some gold coins, all money raised will go towards the bike fleet maintenance.

Prizes

There are going to be great prizes for the most unique mode of transport, the biggest distance travelled by age group and most money raised. - Details for the prizes and sponsors will be available in next week's newsletter.

Games

There are a few games in the planning stages - the famous 'tug of war' is highly likely to make an appearance, and if anyone wants to bring down a cricket set that would grand!

If you have any other ideas for games let us know - suggestions welcome.

Volunteers

We will need some help on the day for the set up & take down, BBQ/food, at the start line with water and marking down the number of laps completed by the participants and other general help.

If you can spare an hour or two let us know & contact Karen Parr parr.karen@gmail.com who is our chief volunteer coordinator.

We would love to hear from you if you have a gazebo or two we could borrow. In total it would be great to have around 3 or 4. We are also on the lookout for a day loan of any outdoor bean bags/outdoor furniture the day if you have any that you could spare for the day let us know or just bring them down - contact Chris Taylor homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz

We're really looking forward to the event!- keep signing up those sponsors, get in touch if you can help out with any of the above.

HVS Home and School Association

COMMUNITY NOTICE

A Waka Odyssey: As dusk falls, join a cast of thousands on Wellington's stunning waterfront for the once-in-a-lifetime 2018 New Zealand Festival opening night event, Kupe.

Inspired by the arrival in Aotearoa of great navigator and explorer Kupe, this free, whānau-friendly spectacular is part one of A Waka Odyssey and a landmark celebration of our shared voyaging history. Be a part of history in the making, welcoming a majestic fleet of waka hourua (traditional double-hulled sailing canoes) and their fearless crew, as they sail across the waters of Te Whanganui-a-Tara, Wellington Harbour – a moving finale to their months-long journey from Samoa, the Cook Islands and around New Zealand.



Then let the sounds of the Pacific surround you in this theatrical extravaganza featuring performers, a mass choir, a thousand-strong haka and a musical score by Warren Maxwell (Trinity Roots, Little Bushman).

Kupe sparks a celebration of our place in the Pacific, including Kupe Landing: Petone Family Day, a fun beach party for all the whānau, and the Kupe Dreaming series of waka-themed community events and activities. Download the A Waka Odyssey flyer to plan your journey.

This fits appropriately with our Discovery topic this term: He Aha to Waka? What is your Waka? Who are you and where are you from? We strongly recommend whānau attend if they can get down there.

Kupe Opening Night: Friday, Feb 23rd, Wellington Waterfront 7.00 pm

Food Safety - With summer fast approaching and warmer weather already here, it is a good time to think about lunchbox food safety. We have some pamphlets available in Denise's office from the Ministry for Primary Industries on how to keep lunches safe at school. Lunchbox resource is available at:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/food-safety/food-safety-for-consumers/tips-for-food-safety/food-safety-resources-for-teachers/> Feel free to help yourself to one! Website on general food safety information - <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/food-safety/food-safety-for-consumers/tips-for-food-safety/food-safety-resources-for-teachers/>

INSTEP DANCE STUDIO Located in Island Bay & Houghton Bay, we offer ballet, jazz and contemporary dance classes for children aged 3-18years. FREE TRIAL CLASSES AVAILABLE to see if dance is suitable for you and your child. Experienced, and qualified teachers. To enrol or book a free trial, contact Lesley at; instepdance@hotmail.com or 021 202 7750 To find out more information, visit our website www.instepdancestudio.co.nz

Is your daughter looking for something a little different?

Rhythmic Gymnastics We still have spaces available in our recreational classes this term. Come along and try out our new badge programme. Your daughter will work through Levels 1 to 10 over time. We have classes available from Mon to Sat, min. numbers apply. Our classes are in Thorndon, just opposite the Botanical Gardens. Rhythmic Gymnastics is a mix of dance and gymnastics. It develops hand-eye co-ordination through the use of apparatus – rope, hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon. We are the only Rhythmic Gymnastics Club in the Wellington region. If your daughter loves to dance and is looking for something a little different, then come along to a class and give it a try!

Email info@rhythmicgym.nz to arrange a FREE trial. For more information about Elements and our classes, visit www.rhythmicgym.nz



Wellington Music Centre Choir

There are still spaces in the Saturday morning choirs held at Island Bay School:

9:00 - 9:30 am - JUNIOR CHOIR (5-7 years old)

9:30 - 10:20 am - SENIOR CHOIR (8-12 years old)

A fun time to work on rhythm, musicality and singing! Contact Carrie Thiel (teacher) for more info: (carrie@carriethiel.com) or on 022-434-5615.



Oriental Rongotai
Junior Rugby
Mini Magpies

Love rugby and want to follow in the footsteps of Ma'a Nonu as well as Julian and Ardie Savea

Then come on down and register to play rugby for Ories

Nursery Grade – under 4

Rippa rugby (non tackle) – U6 & U7 grades

Tackle Rugby – U8 – U13 grades

Registration days for this season are:

Tuesday 27th Feb 5.30 - 7pm

Tuesday 6 March 5.30 - 6.30pm

Hurricanes Night: Thursday 22 March 6.30 - 7pm

(Games and Sausage Sizzle)

At the Polo Ground 22 Park Rd Miramar

For any further information, please email:

minimagpies@ories.org.nz

Once an Orie, always an Orie!

Island Bay Scouts - Cubs now have spaces for 8 to 10 year old girls and boys. They meet Thursday evenings at 6.30pm for exploration, adventure and learning! There are already both boys and girls going from HVS. Contact Paul Weston (leader) for more info: pweston@outlook.co.nz.

Junior Rugby 2018 @ Wellington Football Club - At the capitals oldest and coolest rugby club we pride ourselves on giving children and their families a fun and safe environment to learn and develop the skills needed to enjoy rugby from Ripa through to U13. Our coaches pride themselves on being organized and skilled at delivering fun training. With 14 games in the general season we also offer opportunities to participate in tournaments near and far and help everyone follow their rugby dream. Register now at Wellingtonfootballclub.org.nz/juniors or email axemenjuniors@gmail.com or come along to our festival evening on Thursday 22nd March once Summer sport finishes. Come and play football with us!

Wellington United Junior Football Club is a thriving club based in Newtown. We offer football to children from 5 years onward. Registrations are now open for the winter 2018 season. Please visit our website www.wellingtonunited.org.nz for more information or email wellingtonunitedjuniors@gmail.com. Our main team trials are on the weekend of 24/25 February – players must be registered to trial.

WHANAU ACTIVITY LAST WEEK



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• 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

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