



NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 8th March 2018

Week 5 of Term 1

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

Positive Behaviour for Learning(PB4L)

Part of what we are trying to achieve through our new behaviour expectations is consistency across classes and staff members and how we deal with issues and incidents. We are constantly reviewing and reflecting on things we could improve around our school. Two areas we want to be clearer and more consistent on are;

- 1. We don't bring toys to school at all,**
- 2. We don't ride bikes or scooters up on the top court area outside the office and rooms 1 to 4 or on the decks.**



These expectations have been around for quite awhile but we thought now was a good time to remind our children and school community about these expectations too.

PB4L Student Team

We have also started a PB4L student team which is made up of 2 students from each classroom. We meet once a fortnight to discuss and reflect on how PB4L is going for their class. We think it is important that our students have a voice in school programmes and decisions. These students then have to report back and gather the ideas and feedback of their class as they represent them not just themselves. At our meetings we will discuss; how the Haewai cards are going, planning how we can celebrate once we reach our school goal for Haewai cards, any issues around the PB4L expectations in their classes or playground and much more.



Information Evening – Tuesday 6th March

It was lovely to start our learning conversations on Tuesday night with the whanau who attended our Class/Syndicate Information evening. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come in and see your child's teacher.

I would also like to acknowledge our staff who did a fabulous job on Tuesday night. We are very fortunate here at Houghton Valley to have such a committed and hardworking team.

At the evening we handed out a Child and Whānau Questionnaire. If you were not here they were sent home with your child on Wednesday. They are also on our website if you require another one. We would love for these to be done with your child and returned by 16th March.

Powhiri Friday 9th March



**Nau mai, haere mai, piki mai, kake mai ki
Te Kura o Haewai**

**You are cordially invited to a Powhiri on:
Friday, March 9th, 2018 11.30am**

This occasion will be to formally welcome our Tumuaki hou-new Principal, Luana Carroll and the new staff and families that have started this term.

Please meet outside the main Houghton Valley administration building at 11.15 am ready to be called on.

Please RSVP via email to Denise in the HVS Office as soon as possible
admin@houghton.school.nz

Te Kawa o Te Kura o Haewai - Houghton Valley School

- Manuhiri gather in a designated area before the Powhiri begins
- Tangata Whenua Karanga to Manuhiri (HVS Year 6 Kotiro)
- Manuhiri Karanga in reply (HVS Kaikaranga can be supplied if needed)
- HVS Perform a Haka Powhiri as Manuhiri come in
- Whole school is standing
- Manuhiri are directed to designated seating. Once all Manuhiri are in their seating area, everyone can be seated
- Whaikorero - Speakers (there may be several speakers followed by Waiata)
First Student speaker, BOT Chair, DP
- Waiata Tautoko (whole school stand and sings when needed)
- Whaikorero - Speakers (Manuhiri) there may be several speakers followed by Waiata
Te Atiawa, Roseneath, Luana, Sophia, New Parents (there may be a few of them or not)
- Waiata Tautoko (only Manuhiri stand and sing when needed)
- Hongi/Hariru at the end
- Kapū tī (refreshments after the powhiri)

Reminders

This term our classes are on bikes or doing PE everyday so we need our children to wear appropriate footwear. If they want to wear gumboots and jandals they can but they also need to bring their sneakers too.

A BIG WELCOME IN MAHOE CLASS (RM7) TO:

☺ Rico Adler-Waititi and

☺ Zion Adler-Waititi in RATA CLASS (RM9)



TERM EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 9 th March					Powhiri for new tamariki and tumuaki at 11.30am
Week 6 12 th -16 th March					
Week 7 19 th -23 rd March	BOT meeting at 7.30pm in the staffroom			Union meetings for teachers - <i>school will be open as normal</i>	
Week 8 26 th -30 th March					<i>Easter Holidays</i>
Week 9 2 nd -6 th April	<i>Easter Holidays</i>	<i>Easter Holidays</i> Kelly Club Holiday Program @ HVS	Goal Setting	Goal Setting	
Week 10 9 th -13 th April		BOT meeting at 7.30pm in the staffroom		Home and School AGM	End of term 1 Performance Assembly

PB4L INFO - HAEWAI

Introducing our HAEWAI Mediators

Our HAEWAI mediators are on duty during lunchtimes in the playground, helping to find solutions to problems. HAEWAI mediators are Year 6 students who have been trained in The Cool School's Mediation method. The mediation process is to ask questions, allow everyone a chance to talk and share their perspective of the problem and to encourage the children with a problem to find a solution they all agree to. This term our mediators are Bana, Cata, Alice, Eva, Finn, Fraser, Isabella, Izzy, Jackson H and Kyle.



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.



Movin' March – Ready, Steady... Go!

Movin' March is ON! This month it's all about walking and wheeling... Whether it's once a month or every day, your family is in for some fun AND awesome prizes! Read on:

Make sure your children get their **WOW Passports** stamped or marked and when their card is full they'll go in the draw to win one of six \$300 Avanti vouchers from On Yer Bike.

Our school is holding its ***WOW Family Day*** on Friday 23rd of March. This is all about giving it a go... even if it's just this one day! There will be prizes for 'fancy footwear' → check out WOW Family Day online for Fancy Footwear inspiration! Cool prizes up for grabs and a school parade to strut your stuff!

Live too far away?

Don't forget using our Park and Stride (or Walking Pou) is a great way for younger ones to walk to school without the big distances and for older children to gain the satisfaction of getting there themselves or with their friends. Our school's Park and Stride spots are the corner of View and Houghton Bay Road (next to road patrol) and from the bus stop on Houghton Bay Road, opposite Hungerford Road (Parents may either need to walk with children or check there is a safe route for older children walking alone or with friends.)

Parents send us photos of your school journey anytime over March and you will go into win a family pass to your favourite Wellington Wild Things destination! Or have a blog about how you may have changed your travel habits and why. We love to hear your stories and they can help inspire others. Students can also take part in our design a Poster Competition to reflect the benefits of walking and wheeling. The regional winners will receive a Panasonic Tough Camera!

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, our memes and check out our parent resources. Movin' March is organised by Greater share Wellington Regional Council and our local council.

HVS SPORTS – WINTER NETBALL TERM 2 AND 3



Winter Netball - Year 5 and 6 netball is played at EBIS on Saturdays in Term 2 and 3 in the Motu Kairangi Netball league. If your child would like to play in the HVS year 5/6 team then please email Denise admin@houghton.school.nz to register your interest so we can start to organise team(s), new players welcome. We will also be looking for coaches, managers and umpires to assist the team(s). Teams will need to be registered by 2nd April 2018. Thanks

KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM TUESDAY 3RD APRIL 2018 (EASTER TUESDAY)



Kelly Club will be running an Easter Holiday Programme at Houghton Valley School. Join us for Easter themed Games, Crafts, Sports, Baking and Discovery activities. Book through our website kellyclub.co.nz or contact Helen for more details: houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz OR 022 010 9981

Full Day 8am-6pm: \$50. **School Day** 9-3:30: \$40.

Half day 9am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-3:30pm: \$30.

HOME AND SCHOOL INFO

Home & School Association

Home and School meetings are open to all parents. Meetings are generally scheduled for the first Thursday of the month during term time. 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!

At our last meeting we agreed on a date for the School Fair, subject to confirming there are no clashes with other events around then. So pencil in Saturday 27th October. We are also interested in any ideas or suggestions people have about our current events (school disco, quiz night) or possible new events.

Home & School AGM Coming Up - 12th April 2018

We hold the annual Officer Elections at the AGM, for those people interested in the taking on the:

Chairperson role please contact Chris Taylor- homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz

Treasurer role please contact Monique McDougall-homeandschooltreasurer@houghton.school.nz



If you are interested in either role get in touch & nominations can be sent through to Megan Taylor our new H&S Secretary homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz. It would be great for some other community members to take on these roles this year, support will be on hand for all incoming officers from the outgoing officers.

Parent Classroom Reps

We are looking for a parent representative for each classroom. It would be up to you what you make of the role but main idea is that you would be building the relationships between the classroom parents. This would involve welcoming new parents who start at HVS and could involve organising catch-ups for the parents to get to know each other. We've heard of this being successfully run in other schools.

If you are interested; please contact Chris Taylor homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz or Megan Taylor homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz

Moveathon Funds Collection

Raised funds can be dropped into the office with Denise (in an envelope please!), or deposited into the **HVS H&S Account: 12-3481-0049991-00**. Please put MOVEATHON as a reference.

There is a prize for the most funds raised so get those sponsorship funds to us so we can announce the lucky winner!

Chris Taylor on behalf of HVS Home and School Association

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Junior Hockey Registrations Open The Harbour City Junior Hockey club is gearing up for the 2018 hockey season. If your child in year's 3-8 is interested in playing hockey then please visit our website www.hcjh.org.nz for registration and all season info. We have a fun 'Open Afternoon' at the National Hockey Stadium on March 11th 2.30-4pm for all new and returning players.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

Call the school **939-3318** OR email the office admin@houghton.school.nz and/or teacher
OR report on website www.houghton.school.nz – click “Contacts” then “Report an Absence”

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

HVS Eggs For Sale • One dozen is \$8 email Louise louise@houghton.school.nz to place your order

Houghton Valley School Website: www.houghton.school.nz **Ph: 939-3318**

Principal Email: principal@houghton.school.nz **School Office Email:** admin@houghton.school.nz