



NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 22nd March 2018

Week 7 of Term 1

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PAT AND STAR TESTING

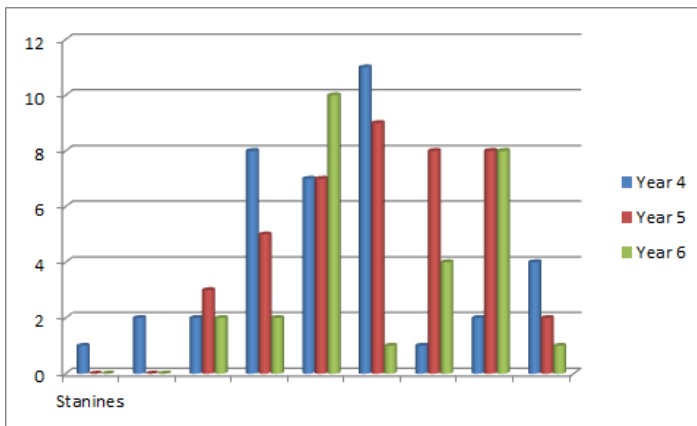
Your child in Years 3 and up may have spoken to you about recent testing they have done. Like many NZ schools, we run this standardised testing for reading comprehension, spelling and grammar, listening comprehension and mathematics. You might remember doing similar tests and you will be pleased to know they have been updated since our day! Check out <http://www.nzcer.org.nz/tests/understanding-pats-parents-and-community>.

if you would like to read more about these tests.

The results give us lots of useful information about your child's current knowledge and how we can progress their learning. We get a sense of overall patterns across our classes and the results help us refine what we teach. We can compare how our Houghton Valley students do with national norms. Even though these tests are really useful, we are very aware that they are only a small snapshot of your child as a whole learner, and that their performance in a 40 minute test does not define them! Some of our learners perform particularly well in test situations, and others find it more stressful and are not able to showcase everything they know. We will be sharing relevant information at the upcoming Parent Conferences alongside other information about your child's learning this year.

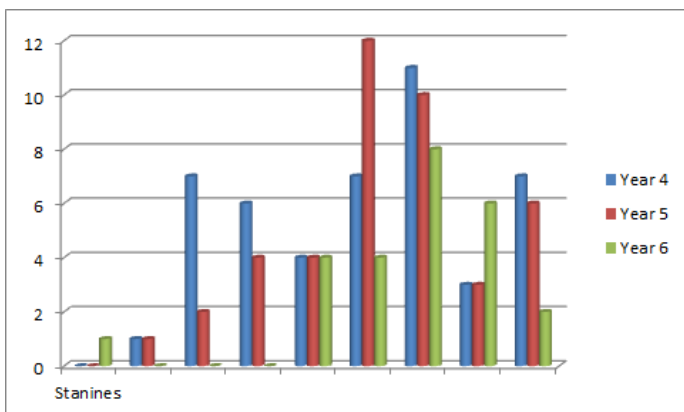
Here are our whole school results:

Mathematics:(students from year 4 - 6)



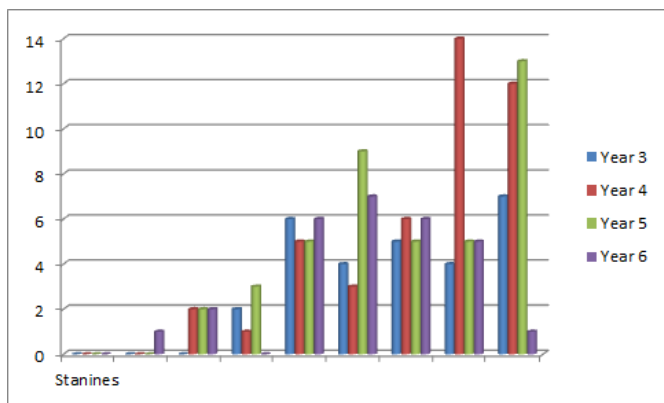
1. Overall performance across the school is above National Norms. We have 70% of our students at or above Stanine 5. (Norm =60%). This performance is 10% above the National Norm.
2. In comparison to National Norms our 'tail' is small. The tail being the 9% students with Stanine Result 1, 2, or 3 (Norm= 23%). This performance is 14% below the National Norm

Reading Comprehension:(students from year 4 - 6)



1. Overall performance across the school is above National Norms. We have 81% of our students at or above Stanine 5. (Norm =60%). This performance is 21% above the National Norm.
2. In comparison to National Norms our 'tail' remains very small. The tail being the 11% students with Stanine Result 1, 2, or 3 (Norm= 23%). This performance is 12% better than the National Norm.

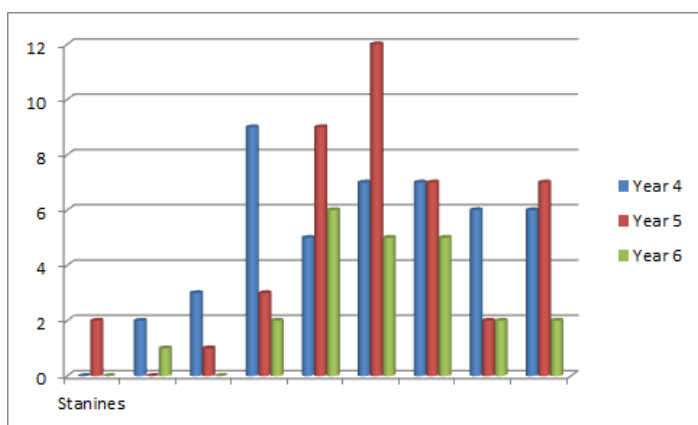
Listening Comprehension:(students from year 3 - 6)



1. Overall performance across the school is well above National Norms. We have 90% of our students at or above Stanine 5. (Norm =60%). This performance is 30% above the National Norm.

2. In comparison to National Norms our 'tail' is small. The tail being the 5% students with Stanine Result 1, 2, or 3 (Norm= 23%). This performance is 18% better than the National Norm.

Punctuation and Grammar:(students from year 4 - 6)



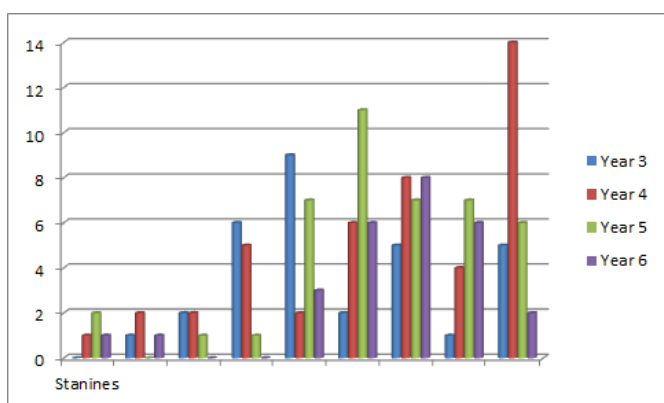
1. Overall performance across the school is well above National Norms. We have 78% of our students at or above Stanine 5. (Norm =60%). This performance is 18% above the National Norm.

2. In comparison to National Norms our 'tail' is small. The tail being the 7% students with Stanine Result 1, 2, or 3 (Norm= 23%). This performance is 16% better than the National Norm

STAR(Supplementary Test Reading)

It assesses a student’s reading ability over a number of components. The various components within the test are....

- o For all Year 3 to 6 students: Word Recognition, Sentence Comprehension and Cloze Activities
- o For all Year 4 to 6 students: Paragraph Comprehension and Vocabulary Range
- o In addition for Year 3 students: Synonyms



1. Overall performance across the school is above National Norms. We have 77% of our students at or above Stanine 5. (Norm =60%). This performance is 17% above the National Norm.

2. Overall performance trends up over the five year groups, beginning at 78% in Year 4 and finishing at 87% by year 8.



Goal Setting/Conferencing – Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th April

It is time to book in for goal setting/ 3 Way conferences for all students. Students participate in these so please book a time that works for all of you.

You need to click on to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter our event code -

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Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal





Come along to *WOW Family Day* at HVS on the

23rd of March @ 2pm

(note change of time) to show off your fancy footwear.

Come to school in your best decorated shoes to celebrate Movin' March or decorate them in class. Even if you only walk or wheel one day this month - make it this one!

followed by School Assembly at 2:15pm - Classes presenting 1, 5 & 9



ICAS EXAMS FOR YEAR 4,5,6 (OPTIONAL)

Please note that the closing date for these ICAS exams, Digital Technologies, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics is Friday 23rd March – the permission form is available on the school website "Newsletters 2018". Contact Peter Holmstead peter@houghton.school.nz for any further information.

VISION AND HEARING TESTING

The public health Vision and Hearing Technician will be visiting HVS to test the new entrant children and catch up on any children missed previously.

HVS SPORTS – WINTER NETBALL TERM 2 AND 3



Winter Netball – Last chance to put your name down for the HVS team(s). 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

Hi, this is Izzy and Monet and this week we went around some classes asking what they thought about PB4L and Haewai cards. Here are some responses we got from some students.

What do you think of PB4L and HAEWAI cards?

“They are good for rewards and good behaviour and learning.”

Matilda Rm 2

“HAEWAI is good because it encourages kids do good things in and out of classes.”

Marco Rm 2

“I agree with what HAEWAI stands for. They are all what you should be doing HVS.”

Catalina Rm 9

“You don’t get jealous when someone else gets a prize because you have a good chance of getting one as well.”

Stanley Rm 9

“ I think HAEWAI cards are better than KC cards because you have been good and have been following the haewai rules.”

Matthias Rm 10

“HAEWAI cards are good because after 5 HAEWAI cards you get a prize from the principal.”

Ivy Rm 8

“I think I am following the HAEWAI rules well and other people should too.”

Lotte Rm 10

“I think HAEWAI Cards are better than KC cards because we get a much better chance at getting a prize than KC cards.”

Asher Rm 6

“I think they are really good because you get a really good reward!

Indi Rm 6

“You have to be good to get a HAEWAI card and when you get one you know what you are doing right and what to do next time.”


Efa Rm 6

“They are good because if you get five HAEWAI cards you get a postcard!

Tadhg Rm 8

“We think that PB4L and HAEWAI cards are great because we get opportunities to do good things in our learning.”

Izzy and Monet Rm 3 :)

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TERM EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 19 th -23 rd March					2pm Movin' March WOW Family Day Assembly in Hall 2:15pm Classing Presenting Room 1,5, & 9
Week 8 26 th -30 th March		9:30am Vision & Hearing Technician for New Entrants	Years 1- 3 Te Papa trip		Easter Holidays
Week 9 2 nd -6 th April	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays - School Holiday HVS Kelly Club Holiday Program @ 9am-6pm	Goal Setting/ Conferences	Goal Setting/ Conferences	Assembly in Hall @ 2:15pm
Week 10 9 th -13 th April		BOT meeting at 7.30pm in the staffroom		Home and School AGM	Performance Assembly @ 2pm End of term 1

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.

KELLY CLUB ISLAND BAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES: - Mon 16th April – Fri 27th April 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 islandbay@kellyclub.co.nz or call 022 198 6316

KELLY SPORTS TERM 2 2018: Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes.

“Wicked Winter Sports” (Yrs 1-4) – Thursdays 3:05-4:05pm - Come and try Football, Basketball, Hockey and Volleyball. 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!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201



It's almost AGM time - we'd love to see you on the 12th April

Home and School organises the School Fair, Quiz Night, the Disco, helps maintain the flying fox, playground, bike track, and supports Floorball teams and the Kapa Haka group. Home and School aims to foster a strong connection between the teaching staff, parents and the local community.

To continue this work there needs to be a group of people willing to help out.

Every year elections are held for the officer positions at the AGM. All positions are open for nominations. This year we're looking to fill the roles of Chair and Treasurer. If you're interested in either role please contact Megan Taylor, the H&S Secretary: homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz. Support will be on hand for all new officers.

Are you interested in being a Parent Classroom Rep?

We are looking for a parent representative for each classroom. We've had a great response so far but still need a few more. The main idea is that you would be building the relationship between the Home and School Association and class parents and caregivers. This might involve welcoming new parents and organising catch-ups for families to get to know each other - it's up to you what you make of the role. If you are interested; please contact Chris Taylor homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz or Megan Taylor homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz

	<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>H&S Contact</u>
1	Nikau	3	5/6	Louise Conwell	
2	Karaka	4	5/6	Peter Holmstead	
3	Rata	9	5/6	Lara Nemet/Matt Titcombe	
4	Kowhai	2	4	Sophia Bridgwater	Erica Fauck
5	Pohutukawa	1	4	Stephanie Bosch	
6	Ti Kouka	6	3	Monica Mercury/ Marilyn Bondy	Mel Dash
7	Harakeke	5	2/3	Jill Holmstead	Nicola Du Toit
8	Rimu	10	2	Michelle Pontifex/ Rekha Tiwari	Georgie Ferrari
9	Mahoe	7	1	Nicola Halloran	
10	Ngaio	8	NE/1	Jos Abernethy	

There will also be a sign up sheet in the foyer if you want to sign up there.

Final Call to get those **Moveathon funds** in so we can announce the who has won the prize for most funds raised

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.

Chris Taylor on behalf of HVS Home and School Association

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Houghton Valley Playcentre Boomerang Club - Friday 23 March 3pm-5pm All past and current playcentre families welcome to come for a play. Bring food for a shared afternoon tea at 3.30pm. Contact Simmonne on 0274272279 with any questions.

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