



## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Week 10 of Term 1

**Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,**

It is the end of the first term here at Houghton Valley School. I would like to thank and acknowledge the amazing staff, students, BOT, Home and School committee and school community for your wonderful support to our amazing school!

On a personal note I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to you all for your generosity and support in welcoming me into this wonderful community. I am very fortunate to work alongside a dedicated and talented team. One term down and many more to come!

### **Goal Setting Conferences**

Kei runga noa atu koutou! We had an outstanding turn out to our student led conferences last week 92%. Goals setting opportunities play a big role in our reporting and assessment plan. We know that when children are involved in setting their goals and they can talk about them, they will have success in their learning.

### **Coffee with the Leadership Team**



As the first term at Houghton Valley is quickly drawing to a close we are keen to meet with parents and whanau to hear your suggestions on how things are going here at school and to share what our focus is for term 2. This is intended to be an informal meeting in the Hall for us to hear your ideas and suggestions and for us to update you on our plans for the next term. Tomorrow (Thursday 12th April) from 8.30-9.30am.

### **Student Teachers**

We would like to welcome Bridget, Isabelle and Jordan to Houghton Valley for the next 5 weeks. They are working in rooms 5, 6 and 3. It is lovely to have you here and great you can be a part of our Production.

### **School Trip to see the Muppets**

Thank you to all the Caroline Dinniss for organising the trip for us and to all the parents who came along and supported the trip. It was a trip down memory lane for most of us adults.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

## MOVIN'MARCH



### **Movin'March Was Magnificent!**

A HUGE thank you to all our parents, caregivers, teachers and students who made Movin'March such a great success for our school. We loved how you all got behind our walking wheeling event to celebrate active transport to school.

Check out photos on the Movin'March facebook page to see what all the schools in the region have been getting up to. Movin'March competition winners will be announced in the coming weeks and we will keep you updated. Movin'March was organised by Greater Wellington Regional Council and our local council. If you still have Movin'March Passports to send away, please get them to the Movin'March Box in Kowhai Room 2 so that they can be sent away to go into the draw. The final posting day will be Thursday 12th April.

### **Parent Feedback on Movin'March:**

Movin'March was a month-long event organised by Greater Wellington Regional and local Councils to encourage students to walk or wheel to school. To help us build on this initiative, please could parents complete this short survey by Friday 27 April. Survey respondents will also go in the draw to win a \$100 prezy card. Thanks for your help - your comments will help us encourage more students to walk and wheel to school!

HOW TO MAKE  
GLUTEN-FREE JELLY

5.4.18 Would you like some wobbly, tasty healthy jelly?! IF so, this recipes for you!!!

Materials: Jellati Gelatin, Measuring spoons, sugar frozen berries, boiled water, and a sharp knife.

Method: <sup>1</sup> chop up the frozen berries and put to the side. <sup>2</sup> Next ~~add~~ <sup>measure</sup> out 2 tablespoons of gelatin and mix ~~with~~ <sup>disolve is more specific</sup> drop into boiling water. <sup>3</sup> Gently drop in the chopped up frozen berries and leave in the fridge for one hour. after one hour.. ENJOY!!

Note: Make sure the be chopped berries are evenly placed.

another ~~Note~~ Note: it doesn't have to be berries!!!<sup>\*1</sup>

~~Note~~ <sup>\*1</sup> it can be pears apples or kiwifruit! <sup>basically any thing</sup>

By Finn-Oskar

Can you give some more examples/options?

RECYCLING

**Oral Care Recycling**

Our collection box is nearly full so please remember that we are recycling Terracycle Oral care items at Houghton Valley School. A collection box is located near the recycling area between the hall and the main block.

We are grateful to parent Rona Carroll, who will be sending our full boxes of oral care products to the Colgate Terracycle partnership team. In return we are teaching our students further ways to the recycle different household items. There will also be a small reward for HVS based on quantity of our recycled items.

**What can be recycled?**

Program accepted waste: **Empty Toothpaste tubes and caps, stand up toothpaste bottles, toothbrushes, toothpaste cartons, toothbrush outer packaging, and floss containers.** Please note: Electric toothbrushes, battery toothbrushes, and/or their parts are not recyclable through the programme.



**PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY  
THIS FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2PM  
IN THE SCHOOL HALL**



**TERM 2 EVENTS**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Week 1</b> 30th April - 4th May	School starts for term 2				
<b>Week 2</b> 7th-11th May	<i>"Pedal Ready" here at school</i>		HVS Cross Country	BOT meeting	Powhiri for all new students and their whanau
<b>Week 3</b> 14th-18th May			HVS Cross Country (ppt)		
<b>Week 4</b> 21st-25th May		National Young Leaders Day for Year 6's	Production - Dress rehearsal and first show	Production Second show	

**HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**



**It's the AGM on Thursday - we'd love to see you**

We are having the Home and School AGM this Thursday (12th April) at 7.30pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Every year elections are held for the officer positions at the AGM. We also review what has happened over the previous year and look at the Association's finances.

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 little bit helps and it can be as much or as little as you like.

**Are you interested in being a Parent Classroom Rep?**

We are still 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 Mel Dash: [melanie.dash@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:melanie.dash@yahoo.co.nz)

There is also be a sign up sheet in the foyer if you want to sign up there or are interested in knowing who your classroom rep is.

***Chris Taylor on behalf of HVS Home and School Association***

## KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMS TERM 2

### **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](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) email [islandbay@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto: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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**\*\*CHEAP ROTI\*\***- Help the Ponoke U12 rugby kids get to the Gold Coast tournament in the July holidays. 10 roti per pack for \$15, made locally, no preservatives and good to freeze. Please email Deb Tapp at [debtapp@gmail.com](mailto:debtapp@gmail.com) ASAP to place your order!

**\*\*Ponoke U12 quiz night fundraiser\*\*** - Get a team together and support the Ponoke U12's get to the Gold Coast for a tournament - quiz night Friday, May 11, at Ponoke clubrooms/The Hub, 7pm start. Tickets \$20. Save your table of 8-10 now, email [debtapp@gmail.com](mailto:debtapp@gmail.com).

**\*\*Ponoke U10 comedy night fundraiser\*\*** See one of New Zealand's favourite comedians Gish on Wednesday, June 7, at the Ponoke clubrooms/The Hub, 7pm start. Tickets \$30, contact Deb Tapp, [debtapp@gmail.com](mailto:debtapp@gmail.com).

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS: CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES APRIL 19 – 20** - In the upcoming school holidays, Weta Workshop is opening its doors to a new cohort of creative superheroes! We warmly invite the children of Houghton Valley School to come along. From sketching and sculpting, our workshops for ages 7 – 12 years old will excite and delight! Don't miss out. Book online at [www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays](http://www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays)

**Scratch Tutor Available** - Do you like computers? Do you want to make your own games and animations using Scratch? I can help you! Scratch is an easy and fun way to learn programming: [scratch.mit.edu](http://scratch.mit.edu)  
I can help you if you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced Scratcher. You'll need your own laptop or computer (a Chromebook is fine). I'm a year 10 student at Wellington High School. Ex-HVS student. Friendly and helpful. Five years Scratch experience. \$15 per hour Eli Martin [eli@hiccup01.com](mailto:eli@hiccup01.com) 021 08285071



### **BIGAIR GYMSPORTS OWHIRO BAY WGTN**

Cartwheels, Walkovers, Flips, Kongs, Handstands, Barrel Rolls, Handsprings - it's all here at Bigair Gym! Kids love learning a vast range of skills in Gymnastics, Trampoline, Tumbling, Parkour and Cheerleading! We have classes to support children of all levels and interests, and these classes are designed to increase children's strength, flexibility, balance, co-ordination and fitness. Children also learn extensive personal skills from Bigair Gym Classes, including increased self-confidence, self-reflection, listening skills, persistence, self-pride, increased self-esteem and so much more! These skills are so important for our kids to learn. Did you know that Bigair Gym also offer Birthday Parties? Bigair Gyms Term 2 Classes, plus fun & active School Holiday Programme are open for bookings NOW! To find out more, please call our Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay on 3838779 or email [wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz)

### **Marrzipan Holiday Workshop - Come and join our HILARIOUS!**

Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day! All workshops run 10am - 4pm.  
Thorndon School - Tuesday 17th - Thursday 19th April - Evans Bay Cadet Centre - Thursday 26th - Saturday 28th April. Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment. For more information check out our website! Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick! W: [marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://marrzipandrama.co.nz) E: [workshops@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:workshops@marrzipandrama.co.nz) T: 027 217 0693

**Wellington Botanic Garden Discovery Garden** - Want to get the kids outdoors these school holidays? Join us in the Discovery Garden at Wellington Botanic Garden as we explore the amazing world of plants. We'll be hut building, paper making, designing and creating some cool recycled art and even making some lotions and potions to help us with the winter chills. Check out our website for more details on how to book. <https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/enjoy-the-outdoors/gardens/botanic-garden/school-holidays>

**ARTRAGEOUS April Holiday Programme: Mon 16 – Fri 27 April BOOK** Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington 8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15 Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! Bookings essential. View the programme. **BOOK NOW!**

**Big Kids (Olderageous) April Programme: Mon 16 – Fri 27 April BOOK OLDERAGEOUS APRIL**

Venue: Pavillion at Wellington High School, Taranaki St, Mt Cook, Wellington 8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15 Our BIG KIDS programme is aimed at children aged 10-14 years. Providing them with a space, focused adult attention and loads of resources. This programme is tailored to draw out older children's interest in creating and using their imagination and creativity in a hilariously fun atmosphere. Bookings essential. » View the programme. **BOOK NOW!**

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**Kelly Club After School Care** • Helen- Cell 022 010 9981 or email [houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz)

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