



NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 3rd May 2018

Week 1 of Term 2

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Nau mai, haere mai and welcome back to term 2. I would also like to welcome the 8 new students who have started this week to Houghton Valley School and to our new whanau.

We have had amazing weather over the April holiday break so we have all had a chance to relax and recharge our batteries for a very creative and busy term. It also allowed us to finish off the last few jobs in Room's 3 and 4.

Key events for this term:

- Powhiri
- Cross Country
- Production
- Student reports

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Production Time

This year we would like you to drop your child/ren off at Wellington High School for our dress rehearsal practice. This way we can reduce our transport cost and organisation. You maybe able to assist in transporting other children too.

Wednesday 23rd May from 8.40am-9.00am

We will have staff working as traffic directors and collecting children at the drop off point so you can just drop and go. This will allow us to keep the traffic flowing. There also isn't anywhere to park.

We will then travel back to school on buses. Just transporting the children one way saves us a significant amount of money.

We realise that this won't be possible for all whanau so let us know by Tuesday 15th May so we could see if we could arrange transport with another whanau (carpooling).

If you have any questions or feedback please contact me - principal@houghton.school.nz

Powhiri for new students and their whanau

At the beginning of each term, we have a powhiri to welcome our new students and their whanau. This terms powhiri is on Friday 11th May at 9.10am. Please come along and join us welcome our new Houghton Valley whanau.

Bullying - "Let's talk about it!"

In week 3 (14th-18th May) there is a Nation wide Bully free week - "**Let's talk about it!**". I thought it was timely to start a conversation about what bullying is and how we deal with different situations. There have been several situations where I have heard children say that they are being bullied but actually they were just having disagreements between each other. It is a word that is often used in the wrong way to name or escalate a behaviour or situation.

With the implementation of PB4L we are using a corrective approach to behaviour rather than punitive approaches for reducing problem behaviour in our school. This aligns well with the positive, inclusive vision and principles of the New Zealand Curriculum.

Corrective responses are those that provide the feedback and encouragement students need to become self-reflective, self-managing learners who relate positively to others. They encourage students to think ahead, to use effective strategies, and to make good choices.

Where there are situations of bullying we do want to know about them so we can work with both parties to resolve and support our tamariki. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself. We take bullying very seriously.

We encourage you to discuss this at home and help your child to use the correct names and terms for the different situations. We will be doing that too.

is it BULLYING?

When someone says or does something
unintentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
RUDE.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
MEAN.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful and they *keep doing it*-
even when you tell them to stop or show
them that you're upset—that's
BULLYING.

What is bullying?

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behaviour that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. Kids who bully use their power – such as physical strength, knowing something embarrassing, or popularity – to control or harm others. Bullying is when one student (or a group of students) keeps picking on another student again and again to make them feel bad. They say or do mean things to upset them, make fun of them a lot, try to stop them joining in, or keep hitting or punching them. Bullying can happen anywhere, at any time, and can be verbal, physical or emotional. It can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious or hidden.

What is not bullying?

Bullying is a word often used to describe a lot of things that are not actually bullying. These other behaviours may be just as serious as bullying, but may need to be sorted out in a different way. Sometimes there might be a fight or argument between students. If it happens once, it is not bullying even though it can be upsetting. It is also not bullying if someone sometimes fights with a friend and they can sort it out.

This is from the bullyfree resource. There are more great parent resources on here to -
<https://www.bullyingfree.nz/parents-and-whanau/>

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Bullying is deliberate – harming another person intentionally.

Bullying involves a misuse of power in a relationship.

Bullying is usually not a one-off – the behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

Bullying involves behaviours that can cause harm – it is not a normal part of growing up.

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Conflict between two or more people who have a disagreement, a difference of opinion or different views (where there is no power imbalance) does not always mean it's bullying.

Not liking someone or a single act of social rejection is not bullying.

One-off acts of meanness or spite are not bullying.

Isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence are not bullying.



Cross Country - Wednesday 9th May

We look forward to seeing you there to support our tamariki.

Staff Only Day - 5th JUNE

We have planned to have one staff only day this term and we are going to attach that to Queen's Birthday weekend. There will be **no school for our students on Tuesday 5th June.**



Traffic and Parking

On Monday we had a parent who had their car door hit as she was getting in and we have had a lot of complaints about people parking on yellow lines. We know it is difficult to find a park some mornings and afternoons but we ask that you are patient and sensible as we would hate to see anyone get hurt.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

☺ Bruno Rice ☺ Matteo Kyle-Coles ☺ Alfie Hales

☺ Matiu Gauldie ☺ Annabel Chao

ALSO IN MAHOE: ☺ Ra Ngati Ra Greenfield

IN NIKAU: ☺ Raghad Abed

AND IN POHUTUKAWA : ☺ Mohannad Abed

HVS CROSS COUNTRY 2018

10.40am - 11.05am - morning tea

11.10am – Assemble on bottom field in year groups with water bottles. Wear Whanau colours. Wet day monitors to sit with year groups to help with supervision. Miss Carroll's welcome speech.



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Parent Gut Buster Challenge
11.20am	11.30am	11.40am	11.50am	12.00pm	12.10pm	12.20ish

12.30pm – Closing speech and thank you.

KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMS TERM 2

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

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Ezlunch orders this term - Thursday Sushi orders available and Pita Pit on Fridays. 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. A full menu, prices and allergy information can be obtained via your ezlunch account. Lunch orders will be delivered to school at lunchtime.

Thursdays



Fridays



ezlunch orders are made online through www.ezlunch.co.nz One account for the whole family!

Mothers' Day Gift from ezlunch.co.nz

ezlunch is offering a Mothers Day gift! Place an order for delivery 7th – 11th May and be in the draw to win one of TWO \$50 magazine vouchers to gift to Mum on Mothers' Day. The winner will be notified by email and/or phone on Friday 11th May. Go to www.ezlunch.co.nz Thanks for your support and all the best for a great term.

TERM 2 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 30th April - 4th May	School starts for term 2				Te-hui-a-kura - Assembly 2:15pm
Week 2 7 th -11 th May	<i>"Pedal Ready" here at school</i>	Home & School Meeting @ 7:30pm	HVS Cross Country Start @ 11:1am	BOT meeting @ 7:30pm	"Powhiri" at 9:10am
Week 3 14 th -18 th May			HVS Cross Country (ppt)		No Te-hui-a-kura - Assembly
Week 4 21 st -25 th May		National Young Leaders Day for Year 6's	9am Production Dress Rehearsal (drop off at Wgtn High School) & 6:30pm Production 1st Show	6:30pm Production 2 nd show	No Te-hui-a-kura - Assembly
Week 5 28 th -1 st June					Te-hui-a-kura - Assembly 2:15pm
Week 6 4 th – 8 th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday	Staff Only Day School Closed			No Te-hui-a-kura - Assembly

Next Home and School Meeting - Tuesday 8th May

All are welcome to our Home and School meetings. The next one is on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30pm in the school staff room. Note the day change (we normally meet on Thursdays). We look forward to seeing you there.

Wanted - Fair Co-ordinator

Our school fair is our biggest fundraising event of the year, raising just over \$25,000 which helps with all those extras around the school. It's also a really fun day out enjoyed by the community.

We need a new fair co-ordinator (or a group of people prepared to work together on this). There is lots of information on what needs to be done and the previous fair co-ordinator would talk you through what it all involves. If you are interested, please contact Megan: homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz

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 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.



Entertainment Books for Sale

Houghton Valley School is offering Entertainment™ Books for sale as part of our Home and School Association Fundraising. The Entertainment™ Book is a local restaurant and activity guide which provides hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from restaurants, cafes, attractions, activities, retailers and hotel accommodation. They cost **\$65 each** and pay for themselves after a few meals out.

There is a display book outside the office. You can order online at <https://www.entbook.co.nz/1097k91> Remember to put in Houghton Valley School as your fundraising organisation. You can contact also contact homeandschool@houghton.school.nz if you have any questions.

HVS Home and School Association

COMMUNITY NOTICES



CLOTHES Wanted: Brr, it's got chilly, and while most of our children are fortunate enough to have warm clothes to keep them dry and warm through the winter months, there are some children who don't. So if you have any warm winter clothes in good condition that you no longer need and would like to pass on, drop them in the collection box outside the school office. The clothes will be given to two organisations, Kokiri Marae in Lower Hutt and the Kura Kaupapa in Seatoun, who work closely with families and can pass them on to those they know need them. Any questions feel free to contact Laura Vasquez at kiwilaura@gmail.com



The National Library invites families to celebrate the first birthday of the He Tohu exhibition at a Whānau Day. There is something for everyone!

Attend the speaker series to learn about the three documents that shaped Aotearoa New Zealand or take a tour of He Tohu in either te reo or English throughout the day.

Enjoy contemporary music in te reo, hip hop, kapa haka, pasifika music, storytelling and 3D printing, plus lots more. Get creative in the arts & craft spaces, **suitable for all ages.**

- **Date:** Saturday, 19 May, 2018 · **Time:** 10am – 2.30pm · **Cost:** FREE No bookings required.
- **Location:** Te Ahumairangi (Ground Floor), National Library, corner Molesworth and Aitken Streets, Thorndon · **Contact Details:** events.natlib@dia.govt.nz



Let it move you, Zumba® fitness. First class free for beginners, New classes start now! Groove to gorgeous tracks from around the world. Bollywood to Latin, Hip hop to pop. Zumba Gold (less jumpy) Monday 9:30am - Indian Assoc hall 48 Kemp St. Just **\$2!**



Wednesday 7 pm \$12-15 and Thursday 12:10 pm \$5-7 - Newtown Com Hall, 7 Colombo St. Tuesday - Miramar Uniting Church at 9:30 am 56 Hobart St \$12-15 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/natzumba/> Natasha Macaulay 021 258 9580

Instep Dance Studio- Houghton Bay & Island Bay. Offering dance classes in ballet, jazz & contemporary for ages 3-18years. Taking new enrolments now for term 2. FREE trial classes available. For more information visit www.instepdancestudio.co.nz Contact Lesley 021 202 7750 instepdance@hotmail.com

****CHEAP ROTI****- Help the Poneke 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 ASAP to place your order!

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

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

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Kelly Club After School Care • Helen- Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz

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