



NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 7th June 2018

Week 6 of Term 2

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,



Winter has arrived with a punch! He tino makariri. With this in mind, it is important that children aren't at school too early. 8.30am is the legal time for teachers to be responsible for our children and they use the time before this to prepare for the day. In this weather we don't want children here before school is open and ready for them.

Matariki

Matariki can be translated in two ways – Mata Riki (Tiny Eyes) and Mata Arika (Eyes of God).

Some say Matariki is a mother surrounded by her six daughters while others suggest Matariki is a male star.

However, the Matariki cluster can be seen from all parts of the world, and is most commonly known as Pleiades. Other names it is known by include Subaru, the Seven Sisters and Messier 45.

Iwi have their own names for the seven Matariki stars, and the most common are:



Matariki is a good time to reflect on your place in the world, to reawaken old skills or try out new ones and to set new goals.

THE MĀORI LANGUAGE COMMISSION ©

We are marking Matariki here at school and we encourage you to do something at home too. We have been given new trees to plant in the forest (this is weather dependant so we haven't got a date) which will be planted by the whole school.

Our school wide unit on Tihei Mauri Ora is also focused on Te Ao Maori and how we can use more te reo maori in our class programmes, learning more about our bi-cultural heritage and what that means for us here at Te Kura o Haewai.

Swimming



In term 3 we are swimming at Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre. We start in week 2, 30th July. From this term we are no longer able to use GO Wellington buses for school trips or events. This means that transport is costing us more for swimming (all school trips). This years cost for swimming will be approximately \$60 per child for their 9 swimming lessons. We wanted to let you know about the changes and to let you know if you are booking swimming for term 3 that we will be going on Monday's. More information will come out next week with all the details.

Teacher Paid Union Meeting All teachers are attending the Paid Union Meeting on **Tuesday 19th June**. We would appreciate it if you could organise for your child/ren to be picked up from school from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. If you aren't able to pick up your child can you please email Denise and let us know asap.

Year 5 and 6 Tapa Artwork



Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

A BIG WELCOME BACK TO THE HALES WHANAU:

😊 Lukas Hales in Nikau & 😊 Caitlin Hales in Rata

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Reminder to come along to our meeting next week (Wednesday 13th June – 7:30pm) **and find out about our amazing Fair**

Everyone is welcome to our Home and School Associations meetings. They are usually at 7.30pm the first Thursday of the month. BUT... we have had to move this month's meeting to Wednesday 13th June.

We are going to focus on the Fair. It might seem a while away but we need to start getting organised and hopefully find that wonderful fair co-ordinator(s). Come along if you have any ideas for the fair and/or any interest in being involved - however, big or small (any help is gratefully welcomed). The two past fair co-ordinators are going to talk about what it all involves.



Bake Sale Thanks

Thanks to the baking and selling skills of Karaka whanau, the bake sale on Friday raised **\$495!** Special thanks to Peter for publicising the bake sale so well and inspiring the children to be involved - they did a great job on the stall. We had some amazing baking - very fancy!

The funds will be used by the Home and School Association as part of our fundraising efforts for school projects. Every year we donate 80% of our funds raised to the Board of Trustees and then use 20% to fund projects around the school such as flying fox maintenance, buying the chicken coop. Now that we are not doing burgers in terms 2 and 3 we have decided to try out bake sales as a replacement fundraiser.

Entertainment Books for Sale Houghton Valley School is selling Entertainment Books™ for a fundraiser again this year. Entertainment Books include hundreds of discounts for activities, shops and restaurants around Wellington. The books are \$65 but there are thousands of dollars worth of discounts. To order your book online visit: www.entbook.co.nz/1097k91. Please pass this link on to family and friends - our school gets about 20% from every sale. Any questions, please contact Kate (Te Maihi's mum) ph 383 5234.



HVS Home and School Association

KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AVAILABLE TUESDAY 19TH JUNE NZEI UNION MEETING 1:30PM



Kelly Club will be running a Holiday Programme on the half day on Tuesday **June 19th** from 1:30pm while the school is closed for NZEI Union Meeting. Join us for Crafts, Sports, Games, Baking and Discovery Time.

On **19th June** we're giving you the extra half an hour for no extra cost! Price will be our usual after school care prices. 1:30pm - 4:30pm \$12 and 1:30pm - 6pm for \$19

For more info visit our website www.kellyclub.co.nz OR contact Genevieve on 022 010 9981 houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz

TERM 2 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 4 th –8 th June					No Te-hui-a-kura – No Assembly
Week 7 11 th –15 th June		BOT Meeting @ 7:30pm	Home and School Meeting @ 7:30pm		Te-hui-a-kura - Assembly 2:15pm
Week 8 18 th –22 th June		Teacher Paid Union Meeting-children to be picked up by 1:30pm ----- Kelly Club Holiday Program (½ day)			Te-hui-a-kura - Assembly 2:15pm
Week 9 25 th – 29 th June					Te-hui-a-kura - Assembly 2:15pm
Week 10 2 nd –6 th July			Student Learning Reports go Home		9am - 11am Performance Assembly and Farwell Lara Nemet ----- End of Term

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS: CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES - JULY 16 – 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 to sculpting and costume making, our workshops for ages 6 – 12 years old will excite and delight! Don't miss out. Book online at www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays

Artrageous Kids Programme: Mon 9 – Fri 20 July

BOOK ARTRAGEOUS JULY 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. **BOOK NOW!**

Big Kids (Olderageous) Programme: Mon 9 – Fri 20 July BOOK OLDERAGEOUS JULY

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. **BOOK NOW!**

Adelaide 2018 Raffle
Quality Early Childhood Education To raise funds to improve our outdoor environment & make Adelaide more awesome.



Flights and tickets for two to LONDON to see FLIGHT OF THE CONCHORDS
Live at London Eventim Apollo on 03 July 2018

- Return Qantas flights for two people from Wellington to London, UK (Flights departing 02 July from Wellington, and 09 July from London)

(Prize does not include accommodation, transfers, taxes, incidentals or alcohol)

Prize drawn at Adelaide Early Childhood Centre (28 Colombo St, Newtown, Wellington) at 12.30pm on Monday 18 June 2018. Winner will be notified by phone and email. Updates on the Adelaide Facebook page. Prize winners must be available to fly on the following dates: 02 July 18 from Wellington, and 09 July 18 from London. Flights are non-transferable. Prize value is under \$5,000. If raffle is cancelled, ticket holders will be advised via email and Adelaide's Facebook page with full refund.

Organised by C M Gage, 69 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington, 6023. Tickets will range from 0001 to 2500.

\$10

per ticket

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

HVS School Fair – Saturday 27th October 2018

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