



NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 21st June 2018

Week 8 of Term 2

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

On Monday we had an unexpected fire drill. We have since found out that it was caused by a tiny spider crawling into one of our smoke sensors.

We were all very impressed at how calm and sensible all of the children were, as it happened at lunchtime and it was drizzling outside. We had to wait for the Fire Bridge to come and check out the buildings.

Enjoy Ashton's writing on the fire drill



Fire Alarm

So, it all started when the smoke alarm went off. We panicked a little bit, but I didn't panic at all! I was just reading a book and then suddenly the alarm went off.

Our teachers started the rolls but "Where is Whaea Monnie? and Denise and Miss Carroll?" On no! They might be in the fire! I was concerned. There they are, that was a close one.

Then Whaea Monnie did the roll and we kind of did Kapa Haka. I heard a noise. It was a fire truck. Weo Weo!

The firemen investigated the school luckily, it was a faulty alarm.

By Ashton, aged 7.



Reminders

- 2:15pm Te-hui-a-kura - Assembly this Friday (Year 6 Leadership, Room 5 & Room 3)
- Fri 6th July – 9am-11am Farewell Lara Nemet and Performance Assembly



New Teacher in Ngaio

Next term there will be two teachers based in Ngaio. We are very happy to welcome Mazlinah. She is an experienced new entrants teacher who moved to Wellington in July last year. Mazlinah also started up a new class of new entrants this time last year at Johnsonville School where Barry Schon is the principal.

We have had a huge number of new entrants start this year and we still have more coming in during terms 3 and 4. Having two teachers in this space will allow us to provide a wonderful start to all of our new children.

Mazlinah will come in during the next 2 weeks to spend time getting to know Houghton Valley School and the children in Ngaio.

I would also like to thank Jos for the outstanding job she has done as Ngaio. We hadn't intended this class to grow as quickly or as much in terms 1 and 2. We appreciate all the extra time and effort you have put in to make this a fantastic start for all our new learners.



Bus Changes

We had our fingers crossed that our school bus route wouldn't be affected by the new bus company but unfortunately we found out on Friday that Metlink have made changes to our school bus route. It will no longer just be a dedicated school bus but incorporated into bus route 23. They have changed bus 23 timetable to coincide with our school timetable.

I have spoken to Wellington Regional Council to get more information behind their decision, as we weren't consulted with at all. They have apologised and giving us some reasoning behind their decision. It comes down to usage. Over the past 2 years on average there is about 5-10 children use the bus daily. They feel that they can incorporate these numbers into bus 23 without overcrowding while continuing to provide a bus for our children.

What is different:

1. The bus will no longer pick our students up outside the front entrance but up the road at the bus stop outside the Playcentre
2. Bus 23 will start and stop at the hospital. This is one of the new 'hubs'.
3. In the morning the bus will leave at 8.42am from the hospital
4. In the afternoon it will leave from Playcentre bus stop at 3.07pm
5. It will be a public bus

Bus Line

The staff will have to discuss procedures for managing the bus line now that it has changed. If you want to provide us with any feedback please feel welcome to do so to principal@houghton.school.nz

Thank you for Supporting Us

Thank you for your support on Tuesday. We ended up with all students going home or to Kelly Club. Teachers have voted and we will hear about the next steps in two weeks time once the union has completed their meetings around the country. We will keep you posted!

Bon Voyage Jill

Jill Holmstead will be on leave for weeks 9 and 10 of this term. Jill and her whanau are heading to England to explore more about her whakapapa and to catch up with her English whanau. She will be back to start the new term on Monday 23rd July. No doubt with a spring in her step after a wonderful holiday.

Due to the wet weather we have decided to postpone the planting in the forest until week 1 of term 3.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

😊 **Eva Grant**

Re-Tell of Slinky Malinki

It was a dark and mysterious night as shadows boomed and spirits howled. Suddenly a piercing screech of a million whoooooos.... echoed through the air.

Then a howl! "A head, a body, a tail" out comes Slinky Malinki. Sleek black and beautiful. He prowled and he pryed until he came too a house.
By Lotte, aged 6.



HEADLICE

Please check your child's hair regularly. If you sight head lice please treat everyone in the family together. A combination of correctly applied insecticide and very thorough nit combing is your best bet for getting rid of headlice.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a mountain of lost property piling up in the main corridor. The next fine day we will put the clothes out in the courtyard. It could be useful to label coats and jackets as these will be needed over the coming months. Thank you.



We have a NEW unnamed navy blue MACPAC Jetstream Kids jacket with a hood (size 6). If this is your child's jacket please come and collect from Denise in the office. Thanks

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Coming up...

It's been a quiet term for the Home and School association but next term we have two events planned and will start gearing up for the fair.

There is the **Quiz** planned for early August (2nd at this stage) and the **School Disco** at the end of September (20th or 28th).

If you are interested in hearing more about these or being involved, come along to one of our meetings (next one is Thursday 5 July) or contact Megan: homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz.



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.

TERM 2 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 18 th -22 th June		Teacher Paid Union meeting 1.30pm		Interzone Cross Country @ Karori Park 9am-12pm	Te-hui-a-kura - Assembly 2:15pm – Classes Presenting (Year 6 Leadership, Room 5 and Room 3)
Week 9 25 th - 29 th June	Jill Holmstead on leave for 2 weeks				Te-hui-a-kura - Assembly 2:15pm
Week 10 2 nd -6 th July		8am till 8:50am Coffee morning with the Leadership Team ----- BOT Meeting	Student Learning Reports go Home	Home & School Meeting	9am - 11am Farwell Lara Nemet & Performance Assembly ----- 2:55pm End of Term 2

HVS School Terms Dates for 2018

Term 3 - Mon 23rd July to Fri 28th Sept

Term 4 - Mon 15th Oct to Thurs 20th Dec

KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME JULY HOLIDAYS



KELLY CLUB ISLAND BAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES: Mon 9 July – Fri 20 July 2018

Kelly Club Island Bay 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 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME! – Wellington Indoor Sports Centre, Newtown - 9th July – 13 July 2018

Let the kids come and try some of their favourite sports; Rugby, Netball, Football, Hockey and much more!! Learn new skills, gain self-confidence and make new friends! Have fun at Junglerama or Jumparama – Jump, Play, Enjoy! or try Ten Pin Bowling, plus there is a trip day! To book To book <http://www.kellysports.co.nz/events/3245-Wellington-Indoor-Sports>

KELLY SPORTS TERM 3 2018: Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 with their fun and exciting classes. “Play Like a Sports Hero” (Yrs 1-4) – Thursdays 3:05-4:05pm - Come and try Football, Netball, Rippa Rugby and Handball. 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!



SWIMMING LESSONS for TERM 3 2018 MONDAY's



Starting Week 2 - 9 Lessons – 30/7, 6/8, 13/8, 20/8, 27/8, 3/9, 10/9, 17/9, 24/9

Swimming lessons for the whole school begins on Monday, 31st July (Week 2) for nine weeks. The children travel to the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre by bus. Please help them remember to bring their togs every MONDAY.

Lesson timetable is:

SENIORS - Karaka, Nikau & Rata (Rm 4, 3 & 9) 11am-12pm

MIDDLE - Pohutukawa, Kowhai & Ti Kouka (Rm 1, 2, 6) 12pm-1pm

JUNIORS - Harakeke, Rimu, Mahoe & Ngaio (Rm 5, 10, 7, 8) 1pm-2pm

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Swimming is a valuable component of our Physical Education programme and is a requirement for us to provide from Years 1-6. If there is a reason for your child not to be swimming, please drop a note to the class teacher or get in touch to discuss. All children will be tested during the first session so they can be grouped appropriately for their swimming ability. Depending on ability, year 5 and 6 students will be in either "learn to swim" or another water based activity.

If you have any queries regarding swimming lessons at any time, please contact Sophia Bridgwater as the Kilbirnie Pool staff donot want to be approached directly.

**PLEASE - it is really important to name all clothing!**

**Junior Classes:** Please ensure Junior children wear appropriate clothing to school on Mondays for ease of undressing and dressing themselves at the pool i.e. no tights or difficult shoes to put on! Thanks

**Payment:** The cost for the 2018 swimming programme is **\$55 per child**. This includes transport, pool entry and instructor costs for the 9 lessons.

We would prefer payment to be made by internet banking to the:

***Houghton Valley School BOT Bank – ASB - 12-3481-0045763-00 (preferred)***

Please use details below and clearly state "HVS Swimming" in particulars column and your child's name in "reference" column (or similar) however cash or cheque can be paid through the class pot system.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any difficulty in paying these amounts. Any such enquiries are treated with strictest confidence and no children will be excluded from the swimming programme.

Sophia Bridgwater, Sports Co-ordinator  
Houghton Valley School

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Kapa Haka Rehearsal** Te celebrate Matariki, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngā Mokopuna will be doing a dress rehearsal in preparation for the National Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Championships in Manawatu from July 3-6th, 2018. Whaea Monnie has two daughters, Faith and Chloe performing with this school group next week and cordially invites you come along and see some amazing young people in an outstanding and deeply moving performance.

**TKKMNM 'MATARIKI' DRESS REHEARSAL**, Seatoun School Hall, Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 6.00 pm

Gold coin entry (funds support the Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngā Mokopuna to attend the event in Manawatu)

**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 If you have nine sessions, the tenth one will be free :-). Eli Martin [eli@hiccup01.com](mailto:eli@hiccup01.com) 021 08285071

**Wonderplay Drama Classes** Places are available for 5-8yrs and 9-12 year olds in Wonderplay drama classes for term three. Sign up now to be included in our big show! Classes on Thursdays at Island Bay Community Centre. Register at [www.wonderplay.co.nz](http://www.wonderplay.co.nz) or contact [debs@wonderplay.co.nz](mailto:debs@wonderplay.co.nz)

**Wilderkids** - Bookings are open for the July school holiday Wilderkids programme run by Sustainability Trust, is a school holiday programme for kids who really want an adventure. Based in Wellington's Town Belt, Wilderkids gets kids exploring the nature on our city's fringes. The focus on care, connection and curiosity.

We've got another great Wilderkids programme lined up for July school holidays. You can book at <https://sustaintrust.org.nz/pages/school-holiday-programmes>.

From July 9 to 20, we'll have your children building huts, making candles, planting native seedlings, bush baking on a fire pit and building a camp fire! The days are based around the cold season, learning about nature in winter, being active - with a good dose of snuggly warm activities. And we're bringing back a favourite - building huts (but get in quick, this is popular!) The programme is: · For kids aged 5 to 12

- Focused on connecting with and caring for nature and encouraging curiosity
- \$56 a day, with a 10% discount for full week bookings
- Held at Innermost Gardens in Mt Victoria

If you have a Community Services Card, we'll be running a random ballot for \$10 places again. Please register on our website by 25 June. Looking forward to exploring nature with your wonderful kids!

**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](http://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.

**Bee Healthy Dental Clinic** • 0800 825 583

**Ezlunch.co.nz** • Thursdays • Sushi – go online to [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) before 9am to order

**Ezlunch.co.nz** • Fridays • Pita Pit – go online [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) before 9am to order

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

**HVS School Fair – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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