



NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 28th June 2018

Week 9 of Term 2

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

It has been a very busy few weeks for staff as they write mid year reports. I would like to thank and acknowledge all the work and time that has gone into each report. Teachers, spend hours gathering and analysing information and assessments to make informed decisions and comments for every learner.

We will hold 3 Way Goal setting in week 2 of term 3 (Tuesday 31st July and Thursday 2nd August) to set next steps from these reports with students and whanau.

The report form will look different to last year with the removal of National Standards and we hope it gives you more information and understanding of how your child is doing here at school.

Reminders

- 2:15pm Te-hui-a-kura - Assembly this Friday
- Thurs 5th July - 2pm Performance Assembly
- Fri 6th July – 10am -11am Farewell Lara Nemet

Tihei Mauri Ora Unit

Our school unit at the moment is called Tihei Mauri Ora. The senior team have been trying some new ways to engage our learners. Here is what they have been up to;



Following the production, the school's current Inquiry is 'Tihei Mauri Ora'. It has an arts curriculum focus and is based around the big idea that "children will know that as learners we have responsibility to use te reo and tikanga Māori as a way of honouring the indigenous people of Aotearoa NZ".

In the senior school we started the inquiry with a provocation day, based around Dr Seuss's book - 'The Sneetches'. Students were asked to experience a day where one group of students initially received preferential treatment, and then as the day progressed the power was transferred across to the other group, hinting towards what happens when an indigenous culture loses its rights and power to the colonising culture. It encouraged students to think about whether privileges and rights should be given, earned or negotiated, and there was much discussion and analysis of fairness - of what is right and wrong.

Following this, students have been thinking about how to make sure our school honours the indigenous people of Aotearoa, as the Principles of the NZ Curriculum require us to 'acknowledge the Treaty of Waitangi and the bicultural foundations of Aotearoa NZ.'

Teachers are trying to use more te reo in class each day, and the students are exploring a variety of Maori art forms, as well as studying well-known Māori artists and their styles.

This inquiry will run into the first few weeks of Term 3, so keep an eye out for the finished pieces of art which will start popping up around the school. Tihei Mauri Ora! Senior Syndicate Team

Lara's Farewell Assembly and Morning Tea

On Friday 6th we will be farewelling Lara Nemet. We would love for you to join us and hear about her time here at Houghton Valley School. If you are attending her morning tea at 10.30am please RSVP to the office admin@houghton.school.nz (catering numbers).

Maori Artwork from Ti Kouka class



Feedback and a catch up with the Leadership team - Tuesday 3rd July 8.00-9.00am

As a leadership team we are always keen to hear your feedback and how things are going for your child/ren and the things we are doing here at Houghton Valley School.

Each term we hold a coffee morning with the leadership team to provide an opportunity to hear your feedback and to share the term ahead. We don't want to make this too formal so if you only have time to pop in for 10 minutes please do.

We would love to hear your feedback on term 2:

- Production
- PB4L
- Learning programmes
- Communication



Driving - Dropping off and Picking up

We ask that you drive sensible and aren't using the staff car park or the driveways on our neighbours at the main entry. We have had a lot of people parking and driving into the car park before school. As children often walk through here we ask that you park outside for their safety.

Bus Changes -starting in Term 3 (Monday 23rd July)



We have received a few emails from concerned parents and whanau about the changes to the school bus service.

As a school we are working hard to find solutions to help mitigate the some of the challenges.

Procedures for term 3:

- The teacher on patrol duty will cross the bus children in the morning
- In the afternoon we will still walk children up to the bus and record their names in the morning (we need to have all names recorded in the morning so we don't leave anyone behind)
- Teachers will ensure all bus children are released on time 2.55pm to give plenty of time to walk up to the bus stop.

If you want to provide Metlink with feedback please email - schools@metlink.org.nz

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

SWIMMING – TERM 3 – MONDAY'S (STARTING WEEK 2)



Swimming lessons for the whole school begins on Monday 31st July for nine weeks. They will travel by bus.

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.

ROAD PATROL – TERM 3 – PARENT SUPERVISORS



We would like to get the Term 3 road patrol roster sorted before the end of this term so we can get straight into it in the first week.

Are you able to assist with parent supervision in the afternoon? (teachers do the morning).

You would be required from 2.55pm until 3.10pm - all weathers :)

Please contact peter@houghton.school.nz if you can help - thnx. Thanks to all those parents who have helped out this term. It's really appreciated. Peter Holmstead - Road Patrol Coordinator

FROM THE LIBRARY.....



Holiday Reading....

Perfect weather for snuggling up with a good book.

Please come and borrow books (Red Bags available) to see you through two weeks of holidays!

Picture books, chapter books, Non-fiction books. Something for everyone. Lots of easy readers in te reo Maori too.

Parents/guardians are welcome to come in at 3pm Monday to Thursday to borrow for the whole family. Thanks, Joanna

PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY THIS THURSDAY 5TH JULY 2PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL (NOTE CHANGE OF DAY)



SPORTS RESULTS – INTERZONE CROSS COUNTRY

These are our 3 runners who placed in the top 10 to make it through to the Regional Champs held on 3rd July, pp 5th July.

- Matilda Wallace - year 4
- Marco Stevenson-Loboa - year 4
- Jackson Hill – year 6



HVS NETBALL THANKS



HVS netballers, coaches and school would like to thank “Phil Halasz” (Nico’s Dad) for sorting out the school netball poles, much appreciated. They are getting used heaps during the school day as well.

BIZZY BEESWAX WRAPS

Hello, We are a group of Yr 6 Students and we were wondering if anyone has any spare 100% cotton material in these sizes:

- 25cmX25cm
- 30cmx30cm
- 50cmx50cm

If so can you please drop it of to Nikau, Rm3 Thanks.



Come along to our Next Meeting

Everyone is welcome to our Home and School meetings. They are a chance to meet some of the other school families, hear about what is coming up and add your ideas into the mix. The next one is next week: 7.30pm Thursday 5 July in the staff room.



Bake Sale - Next Week

After the success of the last bake sale we are holding another one on Thursday next week after the performance assembly. Please bring your gold coins to help us fundraise for school projects. Thanks in advance to Nikau this time.

Start Saving Things for the Fair

It's a good time to start saving clothes, toys, books along with items for the silent auction. Next term we will set up collection points for these. We are after good quality items; clothes and toys should be washed / clean.

Working Bee

We will be organising a working bee early in Term 3. Meanwhile, if anyone has building or other practical skills and can offer a few hours to help with some larger maintenance tasks, please let Karen know; parr.karen@gmail.com.



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

TERM 2 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 25 th – 29 th June	Jill Holmstead on leave for 2 weeks				Te-hui-a-kura - Assembly 2:15pm Classes Presenting Room 5 and Room 3)
Week 10 2 nd – 6 th July		8am till 9am Coffee morning with the Leadership Team ----- BOT Meeting	Student Learning Reports go Home	Note Change 2pm-2:50pm Performance Assembly ----- 2:55 Bake Sale outside Room 3 ----- 7:30pm Home & School Meeting	Note Change 10am-11am Farwell Lara Nemet and Morning Tea ----- 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!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Houghton Valley Forest Restoration - Working Bee Sunday 8 July 10am - 1pm The area between Houghton Valley School and the Playcentre used to be covered in giant native trees until it was deforested for farmland. Pest weeds like blackberry, old mans bed and ivy then dominated the area until recently. Over the past few weeks the WCC has cleared the weeds and various volunteer groups have come in to plant over 700 native trees including some big giants like Totara, Kahikitea and Rewa Rewa.

We have another 100 trees to be planted into this beautiful area which is sunny and sheltered from the winds. Please come along on Sunday 8th July and help out with the last of the planting. You will need to bring gloves, boots, and if you have grubbers, forks or rakes bring these although we have some spare. There is some rubbish to be picked up too.

This is a special area for the school and community - please come and help out restoring it to its natural beauty. Feel free to contact Siobhan on 021 578 654 otherwise if you can make it look forward to seeing you there.

Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshops - developing self confidence and public speaking ability in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. 1-5 day courses available running 8.30am-5.00pm for \$60 per day or \$270 for the whole week. For more information check out our website. Spaces limited to 16 per group so your child gets the special attention they deserve! W: www.marrzipandrama.co.nz E: workshops@marrzipandrama.co.nz T: 0272170693

JULY HOLIDAY FOOTBALL PROGRAMME 2018 5 days of Indoor Football Wellington United is again offering our popular indoor Football School Holiday Programme. This is a great way to have some fun and learn some new skills and tricks. The programme on Monday 7th - Friday 13th July and is open to all players (Girls and Boys) aged 7-13 years regardless of which school or club you play football for. For more information visit <http://www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/junior-holiday-programmes.html>

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. 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.

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Ezlunch.co.nz • Fridays • Pita Pit – go online www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am to order

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

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