



NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 26th July 2018

Week 1a of Term 3

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

We welcome John Harland to Houghton Valley and as the new teacher of Nikau. He comes with a loads of experience teaching Year 5 and 6.

John comes from England and has also taught in Australia. He is looking forward to working in Nikau and at Houghton Valley School. He is excited by the opportunities of working in such an amazing environment.

John starts on Monday 6th August but will be around school next week as he meets and starts to work with the students and staff.

3 Way Conferences - Term 3 Week 2

- **Book** <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> • Click on "Making a Booking"
- Enter this code - **3whzk**

The NZEI Teacher's Union Campaign 2018

In Aotearoa, there are 47,000 principals, teachers and support staff who work in primary, area and secondary schools as well as early childhood centres, special education and school advisory services.



We come together as NZEI Te Riu Roa to fight for quality public education—because every child is worth it.

These are the key issues being addressed with the government by the NZEI negotiation team;

- Teachers and principals have consistently raised high workloads,
- Lack of support for students with additional learning and behavioural needs
- Better and more equitable pay for school support staff
- Undervaluing of the teaching profession over the last 10 years through poor recognition and pay
- The difficulty to recruit and retain teachers and principals within the profession is now at a crisis point.

The '**Kua Tae Te Wā/It's Time**' campaign has been launched to achieve the significant investment we need so that all children can reach their potential, and to ensure that teaching is an attractive, valued and well-supported profession.

Together we need to build strong community support to ensure the government understands that this crisis can only be solved by major investment from them right now.

We will do this by:

1. Talking and sharing information with parents and explain how the crisis will affect their children's learning.
2. Speaking out to the media and on social media about our campaign.
3. Meeting with MPs and other people who can influence change to ask them to support us.

Once we have run a successful campaign, we will be able to negotiate with the Ministry of Education to deliver new staffing and resourcing to all schools as well as improvements to our collective agreements.

In order to achieve our goals of connecting with our community so everyone better understands the situation and to obtain the best deal for our children, there are two main events that will take place on the following dates:

Friday, August 3rd: - Communicating and connecting with our Communities about the importance of our campaign.

Wednesday, August 15th: - The possibility of a Full-day Strike from 7.00am - 7.00pm. Every teacher will not be paid on this day and are expected to campaign for a full 12-hour hours to send a very clear message to the government and to everyone across Aotearoa that **'Kua tae te wā - it's time and we are stronger together for our tamariki'** .

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

Reminders

- Mon 30th July – Swimming every week – Bring togs

HVS School Terms Dates for 2018

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

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

HOME AND SCHOOL INFORMATION

Next Home and School Meeting: Wednesday 2nd August 7:30pm

Come along to our next Home and School meeting and hear about all the events we have coming up over the rest of the school year. This month the meeting is on a Wednesday (2nd August) - usual time and place: 7.30pm in the school staff room. Hope to see you there.



School Fair Saturday October 27th - only 14 weeks to go!!

We are happy to report that we now have coordinators in place for Food (Kate Mitcalfe) Silent Auction (Susan Hall/Monique McDougall), Clothes (Mel Dash) and Toys (Michelle Dockrill). People who have previously worked these stalls will be contacted by the coordinator in the coming days. We also have Flic Morris looking after the environmental side of things: ensuring we are making wise choices with our resources and waste disposal at the Fair. Huge thanks to them for volunteering for these key jobs.

At this stage, we have just ONE request - Can you help?



STORAGE: We desperately need storage so that we can start collecting donated goods. The area required is about the size of a dry/rodent free single garage or spare room. If you have a smaller space available, it might still be really useful. Please let us know if you, or your kind neighbours, have anything that fits the bill.

If anyone else is keen to be involved in a coordinator role, now is the time to let us know. Or, if you have great ideas for the fair and feel you can make a contribution in areas such as craft, entertainment, activities, etc, we would love to hear from you. As the date approaches we will be staffing all the stalls/activities, and ask that every family provides a volunteer for a couple of hours on the day if possible. The success of our Fair, which is both our major fundraiser and a key event for our community, depends on you.

Any fair-related questions or offers of help can be directed to Karen Parr: parr.karen@gmail.com Tel. 027 209 4832, to anyone on the Home and School committee, to Luana, to Denise.....in fact, just murmur the words 'I can help' and we will find you!



Nikau Bake Sale

The end of term bake sale organised by the students and whanau of Nikau class raised a whopping **\$470!** Huge thanks to all the bakers and sellers, and to Louise for her support. Which class will be next?



HVS Quiz Night - Venue is locked and loaded and we are all go for the 2018 HVS Quiz night. The date you need to mark on the calendar is **Thursday 23rd August**.

The quiz is the annual fundraiser for our awesome Flying Fox - we are so lucky to have the coolest piece of playground equipment in town so let's keep it in tip top shape!

A team of six costs just \$90. Once you've got your six, nominate one person to email hvsquiz@gmail.com and we'll let you know how to pay (preferred payment is direct credit into our Home & School account but we will also accept cash). We will confirm your registration and your team's reference code once we have received payment.

Tickets will be issued on the night but please note there will be no door sales so you will have to get in quick to be one of the 25 teams in the running for the title of HVS Quiz Champions 2018.

We would love to promote your business so if you or anyone you know has something to donate like a Rocket Ship or a Unicorn, please email ande.spencer@gslpromotus.co.nz

LUCK BOOK CLUB



Brochures have been sent home. Purchases are to be made on-line. Please follow the instructions for LOOP orders (Payment Option 1) on back page.

Orders close at end of Sunday, 5 August and items are delivered about 2 weeks later. Please send a reusable bag to school for your child to collect their order in. I can hold orders for parent collection if they are gifts/surprises; please email me (joanna@houghton.school.nz) if you prefer this. Many thanks. Joanna

SCHOOL LUNCHES IN 2018 - WWW.EZLUNCH.CO.NZ



Sushi Lunches

Sushi Lunches – delivered every Thursday and Pita Pit delivered on Friday's. Place your order via www.ezlunch.co.nz. Order are accepted up to 9am on a Thursday and Friday morning. Menu and pricing you can see online. One account for the whole family!



TERM 3 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 23 rd -27 th July	Start of Term 3				Te-hui-a-kura – Assembly at 2:15pm
Week 2 30 th -3 rd August	SWIMMING STARTS	3 Way Conferences Goal Setting <hr/> ICAS English Exam	Home and School Meeting 7:30pm	3 Way Conferences Goal Setting	Te-hui-a-kura –Assembly at 2:15pm and Farewell Assembly for Louise
Week 3 6 th -10 th August	Swimming				Powhiri for New Whanau 9.10am

COMMUNITY NOTICE

National Scout Scarf Day is 1st August. If you see a Cub or Kea wearing his or her Scouting scarf to school next Wednesday - 1st August, it's to celebrate the uniqueness and opportunities that Scouts New Zealand can offer young people. Thinking of getting involved? Come and try it out! (ages 5-11). Call Sue Devereux, Island Bay Cubs leader, on 021620599.

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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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