



NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 9th August 2018

Week 3 of Term 3

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

During the July holidays I attended the Houghton Valley Progressive Association AGM. I was given the privilege of being the guest speaker.

The main emphasis for me was about building stronger relationships between the school and our local community for the benefit of our tamariki. It was a warm and enthusiastic group of people who are passionate about Valley.

Here at school we value the connection we have already with HVPA, especially with the growing of plants and selling them at the school fair. We are always looking for ways to reciprocate so that we can develop our partnerships further.

One item that was discussed at the meeting was about the community hall and how we utilise the use of it more. This is a great community resource to have and it would be sad to lose it.

I have included a snippet from the HVPA monthly newsletter so if you have ideas then please get involved by sharing them with the community and contacting Ken Munro.

Call for Proposals to use our Community Hall

At the HV Progressive Association AGM the committee decided to invite proposals for attracting more community use of the hall, or engagement with the Association. If you have an idea, they can help fund it from a total pool of \$3,000. The pool may be for one or several proposals so even if yours is just a small cost still get the idea in. Ideas floating around are:

- *improving the seating with new cushions;*
- *better heating;*
- *a new coffee machine;*
- *registering with Timebank;*
- *a mini-beer festival.*

You can discuss any ideas at Koha Koffee if you want a sounding board, otherwise email your proposals to kenandmirandaoe@gmail.com

Furniture - Surplus

We have some spare furniture that we are giving away. If you would like it please contact admin@houghton.school.nz or pop in to see us. First in first serve. We want to have it pick up by Tuesday 14th August. We have a number of each of the student desks, 4 wooden tables, 2 blue table 6 chairs, and 1 bookshelf.



BOT Update

The NZEI Teacher's Union has advised the Houghton Valley Board of Trustees that the teaching staff at our school will be taking strike action on Wednesday 15 August 2018, for the full day. There will be no school on this day.

NZEI Strike Action - Wednesday August 15th, 2018

There will be approximately 3,000 primary teacher/principal members in the Wellington area who will be striking and will march on Parliament 11:20am till 1pm. Teachers and Principal will not be paid on this day.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

Reminders

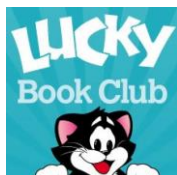
- Swimming every Monday
- **Strike Day** Wed 15th Aug -
No School

HVS School Terms Dates for 2018

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

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

LUCKY BOOK CLUB



SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOKS.....

One delivery of books has arrived, and the rest should be here early next week. The orders can be collected from the Library at morning tea, lunch time or at 3.00pm. Please ensure your child has a clean recyclable bag to put their orders in. There will be one more catalogue this year (at beginning of Term 4).

Thank you for supporting this programme. Joanna

SWIMMING PAYMENTS – TERM 3 – MONDAYS



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.



School Fair - October 27th

STORAGE PLEA - due to the massive amount of quality donated goods we are hoping for, the storage we had secured for clothes and toys will not be large enough. We are looking for a home for TOYS - if anyone has an unused garage or spare room, dry and rodent free, we would really appreciate borrowing it until the day before the Fair.

Please let Karen know ASAP if you can help. parr.karen@gmail.com 027 209 4832



HVS Quiz Night – Thursday 23 August @ 7.30pm

You've only got two weeks to register your team for the HVS quiz night so get your skates on!

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.

Then all you have to do is book the babysitter and get on Wikipedia for some last minute cramming.

Not got a full team? That's okay, you can register as an individual (\$15/person) and we'll allocate you to a team on the night – it's a fantastic way to meet others from the community and school.

Tickets will be issued on the night but please note there will be no door sales so get in quick people!!

If you would like to earn your team an extra 10pts, we'd love some baking for the night – you can drop off your delicious morsels to the kitchen at the back of the hall on the morning of the quiz....just kidding about the points but your help would be appreciated.

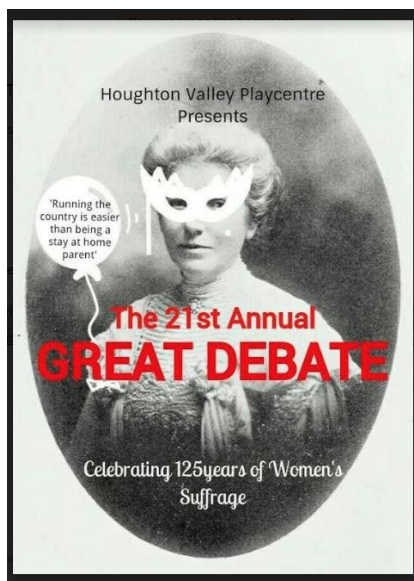
TERM 3 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 6 th -10 th August	Swimming	Year 5/6 Camp meeting 7.00pm			Powhiri for New Whanau 9.10am
Week 4 13 th -17 th August	Swimming	ICAS Maths Exam	"NO SCHOOL" Teacher's Strike Day		
Week 5 20 th -24 th August	Swimming	Southern Zone Swimming	Road Patrol Training 9-11am	Home & School Quiz Night @ The Pines 7:30pm	

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Houghton Valley Playcentre Boomerang Club Catch up - Sunday the 8th of August. 1pm - 3pm.

For the big kids and their families to come and play at Houghton Valley Playcentre. If you are keen for a visit, please RSVP to Simmonne: ennommis@gmail.com



Houghton Valley Playcentre Great Debate - Join Houghton Valley Playcentre on 30 August at the Pines for the Great Debate. Local politicians and personalities will be debating whether "Running the country is easier than being a stay at home parent". Fun, food and corny jokes for just \$25 a ticket - all proceeds going to the cheeky tamariki at our local playcentre. For tickets go to <https://great-debate2018.lilregie.com/booking/attendees/new>, HVPC facebook page or email hvpc.greatdebate@gmail.com.

Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool - Wellington Diving Club runs introductory diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up (plus separate Young Adult training sessions). Try something new - visit our website and arrange to come along for a 30min Trial Lesson! After-school sessions available on Tues/Wed/Thursdays and we cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. For more information, please visit our website www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.

SWIS ART SHOW

South Wellington Intermediate Art Show: Briefly the show features artists with a connection to Wellington alongside student art. Lots of great featured artists this year such as Max Patte, Ans Westra, Lisa Walker & John Drawbridge and lots of local artists too.

The event starts with a ticketed gala opening on 31st August from 7pm-9pm tickets are \$22 including a complimentary drink, the show is also open during the day on 1st and 2nd September with free admission. We're fundraising for tiered seating for a performance space. We also have an opportunity to tour Max Patte's studio in Miramar the following day (Saturday 1st September 2pm-4pm) and see his work in progress for an additional \$15.

Tickets can be bought via facebook or I am happy if you put my email in the school newsletter and I can organise them. There are door sales too.

Our facebook page is here <https://www.facebook.com/southwellingtonartshow/>

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Ezlunch.co.nz • Thursdays • Sushi – go online to www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am to order

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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