



## NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Week 6 of Term 3

**Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,**

I would like to start this week by thanking Home and School for an amazing Quiz evening! A special mention to Ande Spencer for her fantastic organisation and to the quiz master, Aaron. It was a fantastic evening and the funds will go towards the maintenance of the flying fox. We appreciate all the hard work that our community puts into supporting our children and school.

### **Influenza Outbreak**

We wanted to make our whanau aware that there is an outbreak of influenza.

Here is the information we have been provided with by the Regional Public Health. It is important that sick children stay home.

Influenza outbreaks occurring in schools in the last week Regional Public Health has been notified of influenza outbreaks in a number of schools and early child education centres in the greater Wellington region.

The symptoms of influenza are fever, cough and sometimes vomiting or diarrhoea in younger children. Influenza spreads quickly in schools and 20-30% absenteeism is not uncommon. To reduce further spread in schools and communities we advise the following:

1. Make sure everyone covers their mouth and nose with tissues when coughing and sneezing and have tissues readily available.
2. Make sure students (and staff) with symptoms stay at home until they are well and free of symptoms. Students can still be infectious even when symptoms improve so ensure they do not return to school until **48hrs after symptoms have stopped**.
3. Encourage everyone to wash their hands regularly and make sure they have the supplies to do so. Wash hands several times a day using soap and warm water for 15-20 seconds and then dry hands thoroughly. Alcohol-based hand rubs also may be used. Toilets should be checked regularly to ensure that soap and paper towels are always available.

[Influenza brochure for more information](#)



### **Working Bee - Anniversary of Treemendous**

We are looking forward to seeing you on Sunday 2nd September at 10.00am.

We are holding our 1 year anniversary working bee in Treemendous area. We would like to tidy this up before the building starts on Room 9. There will be a sausage sizzle. Bring your gardening gear and come on down to pitch in. Many hands make light work!

### **Jill Holmstead - Injury**

Today, at morning tea, Jill was on duty when she was hit on the head with a ball. This was an accident. We were fortunate to have Constable Aaron Dann here training our road patrol. He was able to take Jill to A & E to have her checked out. We wish Jill a speedy recovery.

### **Nicola O'Halloran - Leave**

As many of you will be aware, Nicola has been on bereavement leave this week. Unfortunately her father passed away on Friday. As Nicola's whanau live in the South Island she will be away for next week too. She will be helping sort things out and to support her mother. We sent the whanau flowers from the Students, Staff and Community. Our thoughts are with the O'Halloran whanau at this sad time. Caryl Titcombe will be in Mahoe all of next week.



### **PJs for Patea - Friday 24th August**

Thank you for supporting our PJ for Patea. We raised **\$486.20!**

It is awesome to have meaningful opportunities for our students to learning about how they can participate and contribute towards others.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa, Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

### **Reminders**

- Assembly 2:15pm this Friday
- Treemendous Working Bee this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 10am
- Swimming every Monday

### **HVS School Terms Dates for 2018**

**Term 3** - Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Term 4** - Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Oct to Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

**HV School Fair** - Saturday 27th October

## A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TD:

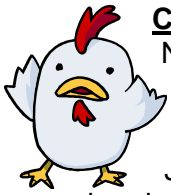


**Freddy Young-Leathers**



**William Jefferies**

### HVS CHICKEN CDUP



#### **Chicken Coup**

Ngaio and Nikau class are now looking after the chickens. On the weekend school parents have been organised to feed the chickens and collect the eggs. So NO other children should be entering the chicken coup.

Jos is looking for parents to look after the chickens in the coming school holidays and weekends in Term 4. Please contact via email [jos@houghton.school.nz](mailto:jos@houghton.school.nz) if you can help!

**Eggs for Sale** – if you would like to buy a dozen fresh eggs for \$8 (cash only) – please email Jos [jos@houghton.school.nz](mailto:jos@houghton.school.nz) to place your order. Thanks Jos

### JUNIOR NETBALL FDR YEAR 1 TD 4 – TERM 4 SATURDAYS



**Junior Netball For Term 4 2018 @ EBIS on a Saturday:** Year 1 to 4 players: Motu Kairangi is now accepting registrations for the term 4 MotherEarth futureFERNs netball programme for Year 1 to Year 4 players. Season dates and times MotherEarth futureFERNs will be run over 8 weeks in term 4 at EBIS:

- Saturday, 27 October to Saturday, 15 December – The proposed session times are Year 1&2 Programme – 10.00 am to 10.45 am or 11am to 11.45am approx..  
Year 3&4 Programme – 12.15 pm to 1.15 pm or 1.30pm to 2.30pm approx..

Please note: these times may change due to the number of team entries. Teams and individuals need to be registered thru the HVS school office by **FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. Cost is \$28 per player for the term, no late registrations.

Contact Denise email: [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz) for further information or checkout the MK netball [www.mknetball.co.nz](http://www.mknetball.co.nz) website.

### EZLUNCH

**Fathers' Day gifts from Ezlunch** - It's time to celebrate dads – and how better than to get them something a little different, and not socks! Place an order with ezlunch for delivery 27th August –31st August and be in the draw to WIN ONE OF TWO \$50 Gift Vouchers to gift to Dad on Fathers' Day. The winners will be notified by email and/or phone on Friday 31st August. Good luck! If you have any queries, reply to this email or call the Helpdesk 8am-4pm school days, on 0800 EZLUNCH (or 09-475 5287) or email [helpdesk@ezlunch.co.nz](mailto:helpdesk@ezlunch.co.nz).

### HOME AND SCHOOL INFORMATION



**Bake Sale This Week** - Bring your coins for the bake sale tomorrow

This year we are running bake sales to supplement our fundraising efforts. The next one of these is tomorrow (Friday 31 August) after school. Please bring your coins to help us fundraise for school projects - baking will cost \$2, \$1 or 50c. Thanks to Miss B and the children and parents of Kowhai (room 2) for making this happen.

#### **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 6 September in the staff room.

#### **The School Disco is coming later this Term**

The school disco will be held on Thursday 27 September at SWIS. We have an organising committee on board planning a fun evening. We are planning to sell some baking along with the usual sausages so will be putting a call out for that nearer the time. We will need help on the night for food set-up and selling;

along with some parents to be on perimeter duty. The more parents the better as that way we can have short shifts. If you are interested in helping out on the night, get in touch with Megan at [homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz)



## **School Fair - Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Time is flying by and the fair is now only a couple of months away. The list of all the main coordinators can be found on the notice board just inside the main entrance to the school. Contact these people, or Karen, to volunteer for the fair.

We have had a trickle of donations so far, here's hoping the deluge is on its way. Clothes, books and toys in good condition can be left near the office - thank you!

We really need items for our craft stall, and there will soon be available a summary of simple crafts that can be made at home, for those people with time to craft. If you have any ideas, please let Karen know. If you can host a craft evening where we can produce a pile of goodies, that would be awesome, and fun! [parr.karen@gmail.com](mailto:parr.karen@gmail.com) 027 209 4832

### **Which Bin Do I Put That In? HVS Fair Waste Management.**

The wheels are in motion to significantly reduce the rubbish we produce at our school fair. We're aiming for a zero-landfill event.

It looks a bit like this:

**Stall Holders:** - Committed to using compostable packaging.

**Waste Educators** - Trained adults & children monitoring the Waste Stations educating the fair-goers how to dispose of the waste (think Newtown Fair & Womad styles).

**Fair Visitors** - encouraged and rewarded for BYO containers & cups; spot prizes!

You can help by:

- 1) Donate paper carry bags or surplus reusable bags to school to be used for books, clothes etc.
- 2) Volunteer your time to be a waste educator. This involves a bit of pre-fair training and a shift on the bins. It's a supplementary job, as we still need all hands on deck on the other great stalls.

Contact [flicmorris@gmail.com](mailto:flicmorris@gmail.com) if you're keen. And stay tuned for more waste updates.

### **Clothing - New Event!**

Kia ora, Just a few tips for cleaning out your closet in preparation for the school clothing sale...

This year we are going to have a presale of all the best items. This will be on Friday in October so the earlier we get those quality clothes the better. :-)

More information on this coming soon!!

International brands sell the best as well as boutique and 'Made in New Zealand'. It would be great to have a vintage rail too so please have a good rummage at home.

For men's and women's clothing we need stain free, hole free and pill free clothes in excellent condition. Kid's clothes (including teens) in good to excellent condition only please.

All shoes need to be in good to excellent condition with very little wear on the sole.

We'd also love accessories... hats, sunglasses, jewellery and scarves.

Also, please NO underwear (i.e. bras and undies). Only near new socks, tights or leggings will sell.

Sorry to be so picky but anything less just doesn't sell and we end up with heaps left over.

To volunteer for sorting or selling clothes, contact Mel: [melanie.dash@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:melanie.dash@yahoo.co.nz)

## HVS Quiz Night!

A massive thank you to everyone who came to the Quiz last Thursday and helped make it an awesome night!



Congrats to all our quiz, auction and competition winners - kids, you're clearly doing a great job teaching your parents how to floss, because it was very hard to make choose the best!!

A special thank you to Fantastic Mr Fox himself (AKA Aaron McKirdy), Michael Restieaux, Anna Ririnui, Katy Macleod and Kevin Hales.

Finally, another shout out to all our sponsors - we got some great prizes this year and it never ceases to amaze me how generous our local businesses continue to be - to you all, thank you so much!

### **We need to sell one more Entertainment Book to meet our target!**



**Entertainment Books for Sale** – Last chance to purchase an Entertainment book – we have them here at Houghton Valley School and are selling Entertainment Books™ for a fundraiser again this year. **We need to sell one more to meet our target.** 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](http://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 3 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 6</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> August	Swimming			Year 5/6 Roti Orders Closed 5pm	Te-hui-a- kura - Assembly @ 2:15pm Classes Presenting Rm 8 & 10 ===== Bake Sale 3pm (Kowhai-Room 2)
<b>Week 7</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> September	Swimming			Maori Whanau meeting 6.00pm in the library ----- Home & School Meeting 7:30pm	Road Patrol Parade in Town (Year 6)
<b>Week 8</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> September	Swimming	BOT Meeting		PSW Swimming	
<b>Week 9</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> September	School Photos ===== Swimming	School Photos			
<b>Week 10</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Swimming			School Disco @ SWIS	Last Day of Term



Let it move you Zumba® fitness, for beginners! **NEW NIGHT CLASS** coming Sep 5th register your interest for new 5 week block course \$50  
 WED 6:45 pm, Wgtn Indian Assoc, Kilbirnie \$10-12 (from Sep 5th - ends 3rd Oct) TUES 9:30 am, Miramar Uniting Church, 56 Hobart St. \$12-15 MON 9:30 am Gold class - lower intensity. Wgtn Indian Assoc, Kilbirnie \$3-5 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/natzumba/> Natasha Macaulay 021 258 9580.

**South Wellington Intermediate School (SWIS) Open Evening** are having their open evening for parents and families on Tuesday 4th September. The evening starts at 6pm in the school hall with introductions and information about the 2019 school year. Families will then have the opportunity to walk around the school to meet the teachers and see what happens in the different classrooms. Students will also be attending the open day on Friday 31st August with the school. If you have any questions please contact Rauru Walker on [rauru.walker@swis.school.nz](mailto:rauru.walker@swis.school.nz).

**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](http://www.wellingtondiving.org.nz) or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.



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## Massey University – Child Asthma Study

Massey University is conducting a study looking at the different types of **asthma in children** aged 8-18. The aim of the study is to improve the understanding of childhood asthma and develop better treatment options for all asthmatics.

The study involves a lung function test and a short questionnaire.  
 If your child is between 8 and 18 years old, the researchers would be very grateful if you could take part. They are looking for children **with** and **without** asthma to participate.

Please contact:  
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## SWIS ART SHOW

**South Wellington Intermediate Art Show:** 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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