



2nd August 2018

Board of Trustees Pānui

Kia ora HVS Whānau

We want to begin this pānui with a big shout out to all our fabulous teachers who have put in long hours creating the reports that went out at the end of last term, and this week have held up the third point of the triangles in HVS “3 way conferences”. We are so lucky to have such an incredible teaching team at Houghton Valley, and we hope that you enjoyed hearing about your student’s learning through both these channels.

OUR BIG NEWS: The HVS [charter](#) and strategic plan is up for review this year, and we need your help!

This review process is about generating a shared sense of our priorities and aspirations for our tamariki as a school community. It is an opportunity to build a collective view of the core values that we share as a community, and how these could better inform learning in classrooms at our awesome school. This term marks the start of our real and deep conversations with students and all of you. We are still working through exact details of what and when but will be making sure that people can contribute in different ways to accommodate different communication preferences and busy lives. There will definitely be an opportunity for face to face discussion as we think that this is really important. We’re also very focused on putting the children and their perspectives in the centre of the process. We would love any assistance that you can offer with the process, so get in touch if you are interested in finding out more or getting involved (email botchair@houghton.school.nz).

In the meantime, you could start the conversation at home about how your family sees HVS and the role that you’d like it to play in your lives.

Here are some questions you could ask around the dinner table:

- What’s the coolest thing about Houghton Valley School?
- What do you think is special/unique about HVS?
- What in a school is important to you as a family?
- What do you think is the most important thing that children should learn about at HVS?

You can email the answers you generate to these questions to botanya@houghton.school.nz

Watch this space for news of other ways to feed in your ideas about what makes this an awesome school.

Nga mihi nui
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