



NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 13th December 2018

Week 9 & 10 of Term 4

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

This is our last newsletter for 2018. We have a lot to celebrate after a very successful year, which has been full of amazing events and learning experiences. This is due to the amazing staff and students we have here at HVS. Our tamariki deserve a well earned break.

To our whanau who are leaving the valley we wish you all the best with your new endeavours. We know that HVS will always be a special part of your journey.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all back safely in 2019.

Achievement Results

At our BOT meeting last night we looked at our end of year data for reading, writing and maths. It was great to be able to show the progress and achievement our students have made throughout the year. We saw a significant shifts in maths and reading. We made some progress in writing but this continues to be are area of focus which is inline with the national results. As a staff we have focused on writing with our professional development too.

We have been able to accelerate the progress of students through additional programmes. In term 1 we will review these programmes so we can identify the effectiveness of these for our tamariki. It also allows us to target our resourcing to support our children to have success with their learning.

Staff Leaving



At the end of the year we will be farewelling a number of staff. One of those is **Jo Graham**. She has worked here at HVS since 2007. During that time she has worked with numerous teachers and supported hundreds of tamariki. Thanks Jo for your wonderful work and we wish you well at Miramar Central School.

We also say goodbye to **Mary Smith** who has worked as our Reading Recovery and part-time teacher. Mary's ability to encourage and engage our students with reading sets them up for the rest of their life. Reading is such a vital skill to have.

We also say farewell to **John, Mazlinah, Keila** and **Marilyn** who have been great additions to our HVS team. We wish you all the best for the future.

We are having a special assembly on Monday morning at 9.15am to acknowledge and farewell all of our staff who are departing.

Reminders

- 2pm Fri 14th Dec – Mr Holmstead Farewell Assembly
- 9:15am Mon 17th Dec – Staff and Students Leaving Assembly (Non-Year 6's)
- 6pm Wed 19th Dec – Year 6 Farewell Assembly
- **12:30pm Thurs 20th Dec – School Closes before Lunch**

HVS School Terms Dates for 2019

Term 1 - Monday 4th February - 12th April 19

Term 2 - Monday 29th April - 5th July 19

Term 3 - Monday 22nd July - 27th September 19

Term 4 - Monday 14th October - 18th December 19

(We will have one teacher only day in here too)

Teachers and Classrooms for 2019

Teacher	Year Group	Room Name	Room Number
Jos Abernethy/ Mel Beirne (every 2 nd Friday)	New Entrants (starting in term 2) but supporting teachers in term 1	Ngaio	8
Nicola O'Halloran	New Entrants/Year 1	Mahoe	7
Ashleigh Kulwant	Year 1/2	Ti Kouka	6
Monica Mercury	Year 2 (Deputy Principal and Year 1/2 Team Leader)	Harakeke	5
Michelle Pontifex/ Jill Holmstead (Fridays)	Year 3/4	Library	11
Stephanie Bosch	Year 3/4 (Team Leader)	Pohutukawa	1
Ben Gittos	Year 3/4	Kowhai	2
Matt Titcombe	Year 5/6	Nikau	3
Briar Prestidge	Year 5/6	Karaka	4
Miriam Gaynor	Year 5/6 (Team Leader)	Rata	9
Fiona Crossett	Year 5/6	New classroom	10
Jill Holmstead	Reading Recovery and Sustainability Leader across the school	In the Library on Friday's	
Rekha Tiwari	2 Days a week	Harakeke and Ti Kouka	
Jenny Cossey	1 Day a week	Leadership Release	

We follow a very comprehensive process to ensure that your taonga are supported and catered for so that we optimise learning/social and emotional conditions. We consider many factors through this process and we ask that you, as whanau, support our professional judgement decisions around class placements. Classes will be available on school reports tomorrow.



Big Fun Day

Tuesday 18th is Fun Day at school to thank the children for a great year. We've got lots of fun activities planned including the famous water slide. Children need to bring a towel and togs to get changed in to if they want a go on the water slide. The year 5 & 6 students will be able to take part in a water fight to end the day if they want so togs and a towel will be needed for this too.

Home and school are going to provide the sausages for a sausage sizzle lunch. We need some parents to work the barbecue and cook the sausages from 11:30am. If you are able to help please email admin@houghton.school.nz

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

NOTICE FROM THE BOARD



First of all we would like to say a huge thank you to Luana and the staff for their amazing work this year. It is really valued and appreciated.

We have been really impressed by the fantastic engagement from our school community in coming up with a new charter. Thank you. We are in the final stages of trying to pull it all together into a final version that we can share with you next year.

On a more sad note, Anya Satyanand is resigning from the Board as her work is taking her and her lovely whanau to Auckland. Anya's enthusiasm and wisdom will be greatly missed.

The Board has decided that it would be best to select someone to replace Anya rather than run a by-election. When selecting someone we will think about viewpoints, skills and backgrounds that the Board needs. That person would then be on the board until the next lot of elections in mid 2019. It would be a great chance to give it a go for half a year and then see if you want to go into the elections.

We would love to hear from anyone interested in getting involved in the Board. It is a really interesting and rewarding thing to do and you learn a lot. Talk to any board member to find out more - our details are on the school website <https://houghton.school.nz/board-of-trustees/>

We have to give our school community notice of this intention and you have the option to write to us within 28 days saying that you wish an election to be held instead. If 10% or more of those entitled to vote write saying that they want an election, then we will have one. We realise that might all sound a bit formal and complicated, but that's the Education Act! Any queries please contact Sarah Graydon - botchair@houghton.school.nz

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



What are we planning next year?

At the last Home and School meeting we pencilled in some events for next year; some of the old favourites along with some new possibilities. Of course these events need help to make them happen. We have a few volunteers already but could use some more. See below.

Term One we are planning on having a welcome back picnic with the school staff on 15 February and an outdoor fundraising event. Then in Term Two we are planning on holding a quiz and selling a cookbook. In Term Three we want to explore holding an event for Matariki and hold a disco. Finally in Term Four it will be all about the fair. We will also hold a few bake sales over the course of the year.

Can you help us Organise any of these Events?

If you are interested in being involved in the term one outdoor fundraiser can you get in touch with Ian at homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz. We are looking into whether this could be a move-a-thon like we have had previously or some kind of outdoor concert.

Johanna is organising a cookbook and if you are interested in getting involved let Megan know at homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz.

If you are interested in helping out at any other event, let also Megan know using the above e-mail address.

Houghton Valley Cookbook

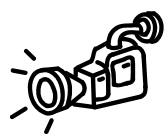
For 2019 we are making a school cookbook as a fundraiser!!!

So start thinking about those favourite recipes you have, the ones people keep asking for you to share, your Aunty's best chutney, failsafe Pavlova's the works. We have a designer and will also need some help with writing, editing and photographs. The idea is to make a snapshot of Houghton Bay and the people in it and nearby. Please contact Johanna Sanders directly if you have questions or contributions seminalfilms@gmail.com , ph 021 627679.

Thank you and have a Great Summer Holiday

The Home and School Association would like to thank everyone who has helped out in some shape or form at any of the events or fundraisers we have had over the year.

We hope you all have a great summer holiday and look forward to seeing many of you again next year.



School Production Video – Note Pay to Home and School Bank Account

We're delighted to make available a recording of this year's school production thanks to our amazing camerawomen and editor extraordinaire, Amanda Berkahn.

The one hour recording is available via direct download or memory stick (\$10). Parents and whanau may like to make a small koha direct to the Denise or via the **HVS Home and School account 12-3481-0049991-00** (please note 'production') in any payment.

Please email homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz by 14 December, noting 'download' or 'memory stick' and we'll get the recording to you.

FROM THE LIBRARY ...

- **Holiday Red Bags:** Are being issued. Parents are welcome to come at 3.00pm to select books for the family to share and enjoy during the holidays.
National Library research has shown that *"Weeks, if not a term or more, are spent helping some students catch up to their reading levels from the previous year."*
Let's avoid the 'Summer Slide' and keep reading every day.
- **Wellington City Library** (wcl.govt.nz/kids) is running a 'Summer Reading Challenge'. This can be done on-line, and there are prizes to be won. I strongly recommend participation.

ENVIRONMENT

Congratulations for the Oral Care Recycling!

Thanks everyone for your amazing efforts with recycling of tooth-brushes and empty toothpaste tubes for our recycling collection. Our collection box is full now so we can post off all these recyclable items and save them from reaching the landfill.

We will continue collecting Oral care items next year, so please keep collecting these during the holidays, ready for our new collection.

What can be recycled?

Program accepted waste: Empty Toothpaste tubes and caps, stand up toothpaste bottles, toothbrushes, toothpaste cartons, toothbrush outer packaging, and floss containers.

Please note: Electric toothbrushes, battery toothbrushes, and/or their parts are not recyclable through the programme. Jill Holmstead



TERM 4 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 10 th Dec – 14 th Dec					2pm Farewell Assembly for Peter Holmstead ===== School Reports go Home
Week 10 17 th Dec – 20 th Dec	9.15am Farewell Assembly for students who are leaving in years 1-5 and staff who are leaving	School FUN Day	Year 6 Leavers Farewell 6.00pm	Last Day of Term Finishing @ 12:30pm before Lunch	

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Christmas Crafting Have some time out while the kids do some making at our Christmas crafting sessions for The Green Cafe at Vogelhorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Road. We'll be making cards, decorations, pet rocks and much much more... All the Saturdays till Xmas 10am-12.30pm. Hosted by HVS mums Jessica and Johanna, with help from Pearl and Britta.

Artrageous Kids Creative Christmas: Mon 17 – Fri 21 Dec 2018
 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
 Come and join our magical pre-xmas Artrageous Holiday programme!!! We will be exploring many exciting Christmas crafts including baking, decoration making, ornaments, and creating love filled handmade gifts. Our trusty favourites will also be on hand like paint, paper, clay, stone, collage, construction and of course the "glue gun table" will all be available. **BOOK NOW:** Artrageous for younger kids. **BOOK NOW:** Olderageous



Artrageous Kids Programme: Mon 7 Jan – Fri 1 Feb 2019 **BOOK ARTRAGEOUS JANUARY** 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. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! Bookings essential.

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