



NEWSLETTER

Thursday, 6th December 2018

Week 8 of Term 4

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

As I write this week's newsletter and countdown the days to christmas there is a lot of feel grateful for at this time of the year. Today I would like start by acknowledging two that do amazing work for our school.

Board of Trustees

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our dedicated BOT. This years chairperson Sarah Graydon has expertly led our board team, made up of Anya Satyanand, Phil Walker (resigned during the year), Richard Carroll, Susan Hall, Jos Abernethy (staff rep) and Teneti Ririnui.

Your board really does have our children and school community as their key focus. This have been evident with the recent Charter work, supporting a new principal and all of the property work around the school. We appreciate all that you do for our wonderful school.

Support Staff

I would also like to thank another special group today. The Support Staff at HVS are without question one of the most incredible groups of people you will come across. They are dedicated to our learners and work tirelessly to assist groups and individuals at our school. Their commitment and passion is infectious and I would like to personally thank them all for all of the efforts they put into our young people. Each one of our support staff goes well above and beyond to make sure the children here get the very best. They are a huge reason Houghton Valley School is the happy and successful place it is.

Year 5 and 6 Camp

What an amazing 3 days we had at El Rancho! It was a fantastic time for the 69 children who attended their first HVS camp. We had plenty to do and keep us busy. I would like to thank James Wallace, Ange Fleming, Barry Joly, Ted Mitchell, Caroline Boyle and Ande Spencer for being outstanding camp helpers. Without the support of our whanau we can't do these activities so a huge thank you from us all.

I also need to acknowledge our amazing teachers - Peter, Matt and John for organising and running a fun and action packed camp. There is a lot of time and effort that went into making this the success it was. Tino pai rawa!



Property Update

You may have noticed that we now have windows and doors on the new classroom. Things are progressing well and we are still tracking to the plan. We expect to be in the classroom mid January so well in time for term 1 of 2019. We have been really fortunate with the builders we have. Construct are doing a great job!



Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

😊 **Joe Carroll**

BEACH TRIPS TOMORROW – WEATHER PERMITTING

Year 4-6 Marine Trip

On **Friday 7th December** the Year 4-6 students will be taking part in the Taputeranga Marine Reserve's 10th Birthday. The event runs from **11am – 2pm** and is organised by Mountain to Sea Wellington. This involves a barbecue picnic and activities at Shorland Park in Island Bay.

We will be walking to and from Shorland Park. We will leave school at approximately **10am** and arrive back at school by **3pm**. Please bring \$2 for the sausage sizzle at Shorland Park.



Year 1-3 Trip - HVS Junior Walk to Princess Bay

Friday, December 7th, the HVS Junior School, (Ngaio, Mahoe, Rimu, Harakeke, Ti kouka), will be walking down to Princess Bay via Houghton Bay Road. We would like to take the classes for an enjoyable excursion to explore our local environment and be

'Tidy Kiwi' along the way.

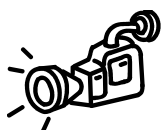
Weather permitting, we would aim to leave school at about **9.15am** and return to school by about **12.45pm** for lunch.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Help us Plan our Home and School Events for Next Year

We have had a great year of fundraising; socialising over move-a-thons and quizzes; watching our kids have a ball at the disco; wearing our awesome HV t-shirts; and enjoying our wonderful fair. What shall we do next year?

Come along to our Home and School meeting **TONIGHT (7.30pm 6 December)** and provide your ideas for another great year with Houghton Valley School community. Hope to see you there.



School Production Video

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.

HVS SPORTS

CONGRATULATIONS: Jackson Hill and Henri Miller

Henri has finished first equal in the Yr 4 long jump and Jackson finished 2nd second in the vortex and third in the short sprint giving them the opportunity to compete against the best from Wellington, Kapiti Coast, Wairapa, and the Hutt Valley. The Yr 4 girls relay came close with a second. Thanks to all the parents who came and helped and made the day possible.

HVS Heroes Floorball Team →

This was the HVS Heroes last ever game of floorball for HVS. Most of this team have been playing together since yr3 and this term finished 6th from 23 teams, well done



KELLY CLUB



KELLY CLUB ISLAND BAY PRE-XMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Pre Xmas Holiday Programme – Mon 17th Dec – Fri 21st Dec 2018 HO HO HO - We're taking over Santa's workshop for the week with lots of Christmas activities planned!

Kelly Club Island Bay January Holiday Programme – Mon 7th Jan – Fri 25th Jan 2019 –

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.

We have some exciting trip days planned: Silverstream Railway, Strike Bowling, Chimpunks plus a Harry Potter Day!

TERM 4 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 3 rd Dec – 7 th Dec				Home & School Meeting TONIGHT 7:30pm	Seniors Marine Reserve Trip to Shorland Park Year 4-6 <hr/> Juniors to Princess Bay Year 0-3
Week 9 10 th Dec – 14 th Dec		BOT Meeting			2pm Farewell Assembly for Peter Holmstead ===== School Reports go Home
Week 10 17 th Dec – 20 th Dec	Farewell Assembly for students who are leaving in years 1-5 and to staff who are leaving 9.15am	School FUN Day	Year 6 Leavers Farewell 6.00pm	Last Day of Term Finishing @ 12:30pm	

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshops - developing self confidence and public speaking ability in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. 1-5 day courses available running 8.30am-5.00pm for \$60 per day (discount for the whole week!) For more information check out our website. Spaces limited to 16 per group so your child gets the special attention they deserve! W: www.marrzipandrama.co.nz
E: workshops@marrzipandrama.co.nz T: 0275217352

Christmas Crafting Get your kids into lots of making at our Christmas crafting sessions for The Green Cafe at Vogelmorn 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 & Johanna

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.



HVS School Terms Dates for 2019

- Term 1** - Monday 4th February - 12th April
- Term 2** - Monday 29th April - 5th July
- Term 3** - Monday 22nd July - 27th September
- Term 4** - Monday 14th October - 18th December
(We will have one teacher only day in here too)

Bee Healthy Dental Clinic • 0800 825 583

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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