



# Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

## NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Week 1 of Term 1

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

Kia ora te whanau o Haewai

Nau mai haere mai and welcome back to all of our Houghton Valley learners. We trust you had a relaxing and special time with whanau and friends over the summer holidays and that you are feeling recharged and energised.

Our have finalised our new school vision - ***Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together***

You will notice and see how we bring this to life over the next term. We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Charter process. We were thrilled to see the high level of involvement by the whole school community.

Over the holiday break, staff were busy getting classes ready and planning sorted for term 1 and 2019. There have been some changes in teachers and classrooms so we will hosting some school events to get to know our team and understand our focus for the year; Meet the staff picnic (Friday 22nd February 5.30pm) and Whanau Information Evening (Tuesday 19th February).

### Reminders

- **Frid 15<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Whole School -Lyall Bay Beach Trip
- **Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Parent Info Evening



Ashleigh Kulwant

Briar Prestidge

Fiona Crossett

Miriam Gaynor

Junior Team		Middle Team		Senior Team	
Team Leaders - Monnie Mercury		Team Leaders - Stephanie Bosch		Team Leaders - Miriam Gaynor	
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## Staff for 2019:

**Jenny Cossey** - working on Tuesday's in Rooms 1 and 9 for term 1

**Rekha Tiwari** - working Thursday's in Room 5 and Fridays in Room 6

**Jasmine** - Monday to Thursday in various classrooms

**Tanya** - Monday to Friday in various classrooms

**Joanna** – is in the library Monday -Thursday 10.00am -3.00pm

**Denise** – is in the office Monday to Friday 8.30am -4.30pm(lunch 12.30-1.00pm)



**Reminder!**

### Reminder for the Beginning of the Year:

- Children are welcome at school from 8.30am. Before this time teachers and staff are busy preparing for the day and aren't responsible for our tamariki until 8.30am. We appreciate your support with this
- The carpark is not for parents and whanau between 8.00-4.00pm so we would appreciate you don't enter this space or park in here as it is a main entrance for our children. Last year we had some dangerous situations due to people pulling in and turning around
- We wear sun hats in terms 1 and 4 - Proper sun-hats with brims or legionnaire caps with backflaps (we sell school hats from the office for \$18)
- All stationery and permission forms went home with students yesterday (Monday 4th). It is important that we have them back as soon as possible, especially as we are heading to the beach next week so we need permission for your child/children to go
- School newsletter will be fortnightly this year. You can expect them on the odd weeks of the term



Parent  
Information  
Evening

### Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 19th February

Come and find out more about how the classes work. There will be three combined class meetings.

**5.30pm** Year 1- 2 classes (Jos Abernethy, Nicola O'Halloran, Monica Mercury, Ashleigh Kulwant and Rekha Tiwari)

**6.10pm** Year 3-4 classes (Michelle Pontifex, Jill Holmstead, Ben Gittos and *Stephanie Bosch*)

**6.40pm** Year 5-6 classes (Miriam Gaynor, Briar Prestidge and Fiona Crossett)

### Meet the Staff Picnic: Friday 22nd February at 5.30pm

Come and meet the staff, other parents and whanau. Let's kick off the year with some food 'n fun! Bring a rug, some picnic kai or takeaways. (check the HVS website for postponement due to weather)

### Beach Trip – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### Outline of the day:

- Leave school at 10.00am and walk to Lyall Bay with morning tea upon arrival.
- Then there will be a Buddy class Sand Sculpture-building competition – the theme for the sculptures this year will be Sustainability.
- *The children will be divided into the 3 syndicate groups (Yrs 1/2, years 3/4 and years 5/6) and each group will be timetabled to swim for 30 minutes (to avoid having too many children in the water at the same time).*
- *We'll have lunch together at 12.30pm then gather for sand sculpture judging.*
- *When not swimming, children can play games on the beach or build their own sand sculptures.*
- *End of day from 2pm*



**As with other trips, we rely on parents helping, so that we have appropriate adult: child ratios. If you can help, please email Denise by Wednesday 13th February - [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz)**

\*We need the 2019 Annual Permission Slip (yellow form) returned asap.



### **Year 6 School Band**

This year Julian (the guitar teacher) will be carrying on Peter Holmstead's stellar job of running the HVS school band. Auditions are open to all year 6 musicians and singers. Julian has experience in arranging music for a wide variety of ensembles so it would be great if we can have as many different instruments as possible in the band.

Band practice will be Tuesdays from 3pm to 4pm in the library.

Auditions are at lunchtime on Tuesday Feb 12 in the Hall.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

### A BIG WELCOME IN MAHOE CLASS TO:

☺ **Imani Mahal**

☺ **Ned Hema-Sutich**

☺ **Jacob Pearman**

☺ **Lorna Daniel**

WELCOME IN NIKAU TO: ☺ **Theo Campos Skroski**

### FROM THE LIBRARY ...



#### **From the Library...**

I'm very lucky to have the Library functioning as a Library this year, and I'm sure the students will really benefit from it. Parents, you are also welcome to join the Library so you can borrow books for all the family to enjoy. Please come and see me to register - 3pm Monday to Thursday is a good time, or you can email me [joanna@houghton.school.nz](mailto:joanna@houghton.school.nz).

Thank you to those students who have returned their Red Bags of holiday reading books. If you still have bags or books at home, please make sure they're returned promptly.

Best wishes for 2019.

Joanna

### SCHOOL LUNCHES IN 2019

[WWW.EZLUNCH.CO.NZ](http://WWW.EZLUNCH.CO.NZ)

This Thursday Sushi orders available and **Pita Pit** on Friday. With two suppliers, this will ensure your kids have a great variety of healthy and tasty school lunches. Order any time before 9am on the day or schedule in advance. Lunch will be delivered to school at lunchtime.



Thursdays



Fridays #eatyourselfhappy!

ezlunch orders are made online through [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) One account for the whole family!

## TERM 1 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 2</b> 11th–15 <sup>th</sup> February					<b>Whole School Beach Trip</b> – Lyall Bay 10am-2pm
<b>Week 3</b> 18th-22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<u><b>BOT Meeting</b></u>  <b>Library Week – to celebrate having our library back – more information to follow</b>	<b>Whanau Information Evening – further details above</b>			<u><b>Powhiri for New Tamariki and kaiako at 9:15am</b></u>  <b>School Picnic – meet the staff 5:30pm</b>

## HVS SPORTS



### Floorball - Term One

If your child has expressed an interest in playing floorball on Tuesday afternoon during Term 1.

Games will be on a Tuesday, between 3:30pm-7pm at the ASB Centre. Younger children have earlier games and older children later games. These will take place between the 19th February- 2nd April.

The children will need parental support to make this run smoothly. We will require a parent coach for each group of five to seven students in a team. We are lucky to have some already established teams that are all ready to go with coaches. However we may need some more parent support if more teams are registered. Please indicate below if you are interested.

This notice is just an expression of interest. Another notice will be sent out shortly regarding payment, once we know how many teams and players we have.

Please ensure this interest form is returned by Thursday 7 February. As we would like to register teams ASAP to guarantee your child has the chance to play this year.

Thank you in advance for your support, Briar Prestidge – [briar@houghton.school.nz](mailto:briar@houghton.school.nz)



### Junior Netball – Term One

Motu Kairangi Netball is now accepting registrations for the MotherEarth futureFERNs Netball Programme for children in Year 1 to Year 4, in term 1, 2019. The summer season begins on Saturday, 16 February for both year groups.

Please contact Denise [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz) if you would like to play and parents if you can help coach and manage teams. The registration deadline for individual players and school teams is 4pm on Tuesday, 12 February, 2019.

## KELLY SPORTS



**KELLY SPORTS TERM 1** Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

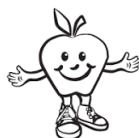
Back to School Sports! (Yrs 1-4) – Thursdays 3.05pm-4.05pm - Come and try Circus Skills, Cricket, Football and Dodgeball. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

### **INSTEP DANCE STUDIO** - 80 Houghton Bay Road

Offering dance classes for ages 3-18yrs in ballet, jazz and contemporary including a boys dance class for 5-9 years and an adult contemporary class for ages 18 and over. Experienced and qualified teachers. To enrol or book a FREE TRIAL class, contact Lesley [instepdance@hotmail.com](mailto:instepdance@hotmail.com)  
Visit our website for more info: [www.instepdancestudio.co.nz](http://www.instepdancestudio.co.nz)



**Pippins**  
5 - 6 years

**Join in the fun at Island Bay Pippins.** Being a Pippin with GirlGuiding NZ is a very popular choice for 5 and 6 year old girls. We welcome all girls interested to join our Unit in Island Bay at St Hilida's Church from 6-7pm on a Tuesday night during the school term. If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter who would like to have fun then contact Dianna on phone: 04 3837518 or email [meates21@gmail.com](mailto:meates21@gmail.com) or [www.girlguidingnz.org.nz](http://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz)

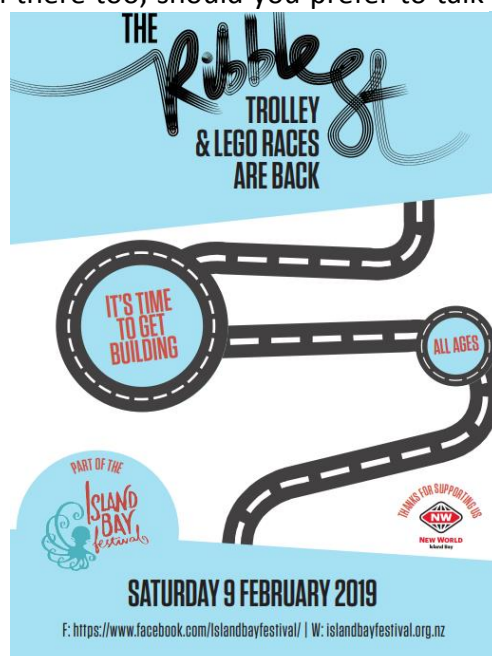
### **St Anthony's School and Parish BAZAAR**

Sunday 17 February – 11-2pm  
10 Ludlam Street, Seatoun

Our famous Farmers Market and Preserve stalls will be in operation, as well as Food Stalls (Pulled Pork, Rocket Burgers, etc), cakes/biscuits/slices, white elephant, etc. Also experience Electric Cars, bouncy castle and games, as well as the opportunity to meet and play against "PHOENIX" football players (the real ones!).

**Is your child shy?** Try Marrzipan - Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome classes at schools, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

**Wonderplay** has spaces available for their Thursday drama classes at Island Bay Community Centre. Classes suitable for 5-13 year olds. Also ask about our famous Young Actors class for teens. First lesson free to try. Contact [debs@wonderplay.co.nz](mailto:debs@wonderplay.co.nz), 021-172-2836 [www.wonderplay.co.nz](http://www.wonderplay.co.nz)



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• Fridays • Pita Pit – go online [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) before 9am to order

**Kelly Club After School Care** • Genevieve - Cell 022 010 9981 or email [houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz)

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