



# Houghton Valley School

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

## Newsletter

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

Week 1 of Term 2

### Reminders

- **Swimming every Tuesday this term**
- **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May** – Powhiri/Welcome for new students
- **Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> May** – HVS Cross Country  
(PP Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May)

Kia ora te Whānau o Te Kura o Haewai

Nau mai, haere mai and welcome to term 2. We have noticed a significant change to the temperature as we gear up for a busy term. We have already started swimming and cross country so it is great to see so many children with the right gear.



### School Starting Time 8.30am

Please remember school doesn't open until 8.30am. We have had children arriving very early. This time is vital for teachers to plan, meet and get organised for the day. We all appreciate your support with this.

### Paid Union Meetings

Next week teachers will be attending two paid union meetings during the school day. We have split our staff over the two days so that we can stay open. This will mean that some classes work together during Monday and Thursday afternoon. We will put the whiteboard outside the front door to let you know where to find classes that aren't in their room. We appreciate your continued support during our collective negotiations with the Ministry of Education.

### SWIMMING - TERM 2



### Emergency Evacuation Term 1 Evaluation

Ngā mihi nui to all of our whānau for your support in our recent evacuation drill. We are required by the Ministry of Education to carry these out. They ensure that we have effective and clear procedures in place for an actual event. We know that each event will bring its own unique challenges. The more we have in place the better we will cope in a real emergency situation.

We hope that from this you now have an understanding of the process and what will happen which will give you and your child some reassurance that everyone will be safe and that we will be prepared.

If you have not done so already, now is the time for whānau to update their emergency contacts for us here at school. We are keen to hear your feedback to ensure that our communication and processes are as robust as possible. If you would like to provide feedback please complete the following survey - [Emergency Evacuation Survey](#)

THANK  
YOU!

Thanks for the donations to the Christchurch Mosque Fund in Term 1 we raised **\$212.10**



## Inappropriate Language at School

During term 1 we heard and dealt with a range of situations where some of our students used inappropriate language in our school playground. We were saddened to hear this as often as we did and in the way it was being used on classmates or other students in our playground areas.

It was not just swearing, but words that are highly offensive towards others that are never acceptable to use. We will have a zero tolerance with the use of this language at school.

Here at Houghton Valley School we will:

- Praise and acknowledge respectful and caring language we hear in classes and around the school. We will use our PB4L matrix to teach caring and respectful language with one another.
- Clearly restate our rules on language. 'We use respectful language in our school'.
- Not tolerate any abusive behaviour or language that is directed towards others. We will ensure our the language we use does not hurt other people's feelings.
- Remove anyone from the playground, if they knowingly choose to use inappropriate or disrespectful language towards other people. Their parents will be contacted and whānau may be asked to meet with staff and discuss better respectful language that could be used instead.

We as staff cannot do this alone and the partnership between home and school is crucial to address any issues and concerns. We would appreciate it if you could support us with this. Here are some suggestions and tips for what you can do at home.

*Here are more ideas to encourage respectful speaking and reduce swearing in your family:*

- *Explain to your child that some words that are acceptable at home might not be acceptable at school (or church or other children's homes). Different places have different rules.*
- *Think of other words to use if you find it hard to stop swearing, and other ways to handle difficult situations. For example, instead of swearing, you could say something like, 'I feel really frustrated or angry'. This way you're modelling better ways of expressing feelings. If your child has heard you swearing, it can also help to explain why you were swearing.*
- *Praise your child when you notice him dealing more appropriately with anger or frustration. For example, if your child tells you that a playmate was using swear words to tease him, praise your child for walking away from the situation and not using those words himself.*

*Be aware of what your child watches, listens to and plays with. That means supervising and checking the ratings on [TV](#), [movies](#) and other multimedia and music. It's also a good idea to have the TV, computers and other devices in a part of the house where you can easily see them.*

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

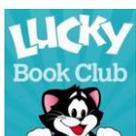
Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

😊 **Fonzie Prebble** 😊 **Ava Tipoki**

😊 **Lola Tod** 😊 **Hermione Greenacre**

## LIBRARY INFO



### Scholastic Lucky Book Club:

The Brochure for Term 2 will be going home this week. Please place orders directly on-line; follow the LOOP instructions on the order page of the brochure. Orders must be placed by **Sunday, 19 May**. Books are delivered to school approximately 2 weeks later. If the order is a gift/surprise, please indicate this when you order, or email me and they can be collected from the school office. Thank you for your support. Scholastic give a generous percentage of your orders to the school Library.

## HVS BOT ELECTION

Elections for the HVS Board of Trustees are coming up in early June. Look out for information about how to stand for election and vote. In the meantime we wanted to say:

- whatever your job or background is you will bring a useful perspective to the role
- there is some great training available for free for trustees
- it is an interesting role and will provide experience that is useful in other areas
- you can talk to any board member to find out more!

And, this what some of the current parent reps on the Board say about being a Board member:

*“For me the best things about being on the board have been getting a far better understanding of the educational and developmental experience our kids are having, exploring how we as a Board can support that, and working with great, collaborative other Board members.”*

*“Being on the Board has been a great experience in learning so much more about how our amazing school works. I really value the opportunity to be able to support those directly involved in guiding and nurturing our children on their learning journey.”*

*“Being on the Board has given me a great understanding of all the many different things involved in having a well-run school where our children can be happy. It has been both challenging and rewarding.”*

*“For me, being on the Board has increased my understanding of what learning and achievement looks like for all of our children. Alongside supporting the day to day running of the school, being on the Board has also meant I've been able to actively contribute to what learning and achievement should look like in the future at HVS through our work with whanau and the wider school community to review our Charter and the strategic direction and planning supporting it.”*

## HVS PARENT ELECTION NOTICE

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Our Houghton Valley School Board 2019 of trustees' election is underway.

Nominations are invited for the election of THREE parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters before the Friday 10th May 2019.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2019** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll will be open for inspection very soon at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on **FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2019**.

Ngā mihi,  
Felicity Morris  
Returning Officer

## What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

## Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

## What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

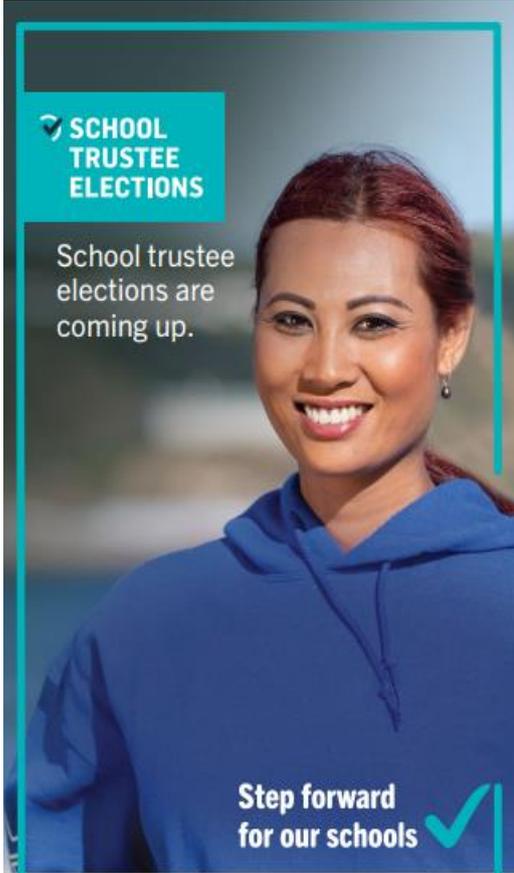
- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Maori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

## What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

## What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.



**SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**

School trustee elections are coming up.

Step forward for our schools ✓

Contact your school for a nomination form or learn more about trustee elections

📧 [trustee-election.co.nz](mailto:trustee-election.co.nz)  
📞 0800 353 284  
📧 [electionsadvice@nzsta.org.nz](mailto:electionsadvice@nzsta.org.nz)

## HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



### Bake Sale Thanks / Who wants to be next?

A big thank you to the teachers, students and whanau of Nikau for organising the bake sale at the end of term 1. They raised **\$442.10**.

If you are interested in organising the next bake sale for mid-term with your children's class; get in touch with Megan at [homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz). It doesn't take much and is enjoyed by the class that gets involved.

### Parent Classroom Reps

We are looking for a parent representative for each classroom. It would be up to you what you make of the role but the main idea is to help build the relationships between the classroom parents. This would involve welcoming new parents who start at HVS and could involve organising catch-ups for the parents to get to know each other.

We have had some parents already volunteer to be the parent representatives for Rata, Harakeke and Karaka (thanks!). If you are interested for any of the other classes; please contact Megan at [homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz).

## SCHOOL FAIR – SATURDAY OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> 2019

The date is set for the school fair, and we will need everyone's help to make it a successful event. The fair is our main fundraiser, and has enabled the school to buy big items such as swings and IT equipment in the past. It is also a great day out for the local and wider community in our lovely valley.

If you can help with any of the following, please let us know:

- **Design:** We are looking for someone with knowledge of 'Adobe Indesign' to take over the Fair posters and flyers. It will be a case of being able to tweak dates/wording for this year's fair.

- **Storage:** We need storage for the clothes, books and toys donated for the fair. Ideally this will be easily accessible, dry, and available from about now until fair day. If you have a spare room or garage, please let us know.

- **Key Co-ordinator Volunteers:** We will need coordinators for the various areas of the fair such as Games and Activities, Marketing, etc. If you are interested in taking on a bit more responsibility and organising an area, or if previous coordinators are happy to do the job again this year, please let me know. Also, since this will be my last year coordinating the fair, if anyone is keen to know a bit more about the coordinator role, and perhaps buddy up with me this year to learn the ropes, please shout out.

Thanks in advance - please lock the date in your diaries - it will be all hands on deck on the day.

Any fair related questions to Karen Parr: [parr.karen@gmail.com](mailto:parr.karen@gmail.com) 027 209 4832

## EZLUNCH

The term 2 EZLUNCH menu has changed this term. Sushi – still Thursdays and Pita Pit Fridays.

Click [here](#) for the link to the menus or go to [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) for more information.



## KELLY SPORTS



### **KELLY SPORTS TERM 2 – Starts Week 2!**

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 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.

**Wicked Winter Sports! (Yrs 1-4)** – Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm - Come and try **Football, Netball, Handball and Ripa Rugby (2 weeks of each sport)**. 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 [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

## TERM 2 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> 29th April - 3rd May		Swimming	Cross Country Starts		
<b>Week 2</b> 6th - 10th May	NZEI union meetings this week - ASB 1.30pm-3.00pm	Swimming		NZEI union meetings this week - ASB 1.30pm-3.00pm	Hui - Harakeke and Rimu
<b>Week 3</b> 13th-17th May		Swimming			Powhiri 9:15am
<b>Week 4</b> 20th-24th May		Swimming	National Young Leaders Day (Year 5/6)	Senior School Year 5/6 Trip to Zelandia (am, pm)	Hui - Pohutukawa and Ngaio
<b>Week 5</b> 27th - 31st May		Swimming		School Cross Country	PPT day School Cross Country
<b>Week 6</b> 3rd-7th June	No school Queen's Birthday Holiday	Swimming		Southern Zone Cross Country	Hui - Karaka and Nikau
<b>Week 7</b> 10th-14th June		Swimming			
<b>Week 8</b> 17th-21st June		Swimming  Interzone Cross Country			Hui - Rata and Ti kouka
<b>Week 9</b> 24th-28th June	Year 6 students visit EBIS 9am-2pm	Swimming  Pedal Ready for Year 5 all week			World Scholar's Cup (Year 5/6)
<b>Week 10</b> 1st-5th July	Pedal Ready for Year 6 all week	Swimming  Performance assembly	Mid Year Reports to go home		Hui - Kowhai and Mahoe

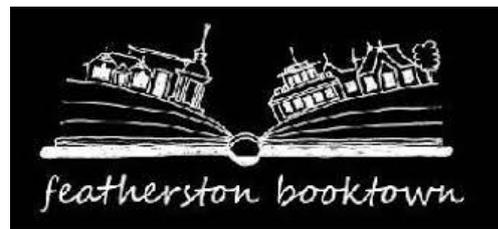
You can also checkout the school calendar on our website: <https://houghton.school.nz/calendar/>

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Featherston Booktown 11 – 12 May** <https://www.booktown.org.nz/>

Head over the hill to Featherston for a weekend of amazing events. Featherston is NZ's only Booktown, and it will be buzzing with authors, illustrators, readers – and some wonderful bargains at the second hand bookshops.

Join the events; some you need to book through Eventfinda, but many, especially all the children's events, are FREE.



**Marrzipan Drama:** Is your child shy? 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!)

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

Taking new enrolments now for Term 2. Take advantage of our FREE TRIAL classes to see if dance is right for you and your child. Experienced and qualified teachers.

Classes available for children age 3-18 years, in ballet, jazz and contemporary. To enrol, book a free trial class or for more information contact us via email at [instepdance@hotmail.com](mailto:instepdance@hotmail.com), or visit our website: [www.instepdancestudio.co.nz](http://www.instepdancestudio.co.nz)



### **Suzanne Aubert Scout Group**

Do you enjoy camping, the outdoors and doing adventurous activities like kayaking, cycling, tramping?

The Suzanne Aubert Scout Group is running Cubs (girls and boys aged 8 – 11) and Scouts (girls and boys aged 11 – 14) on Monday nights 6.30 – 8pm at St Anne's Hall in Newtown.

This terms activities include: tramping, campfire cooking, environment awareness, outdoor adventure and games nights. Come along and join the adventure.

For more details either email [SuzanneAubert@group.scouts.nz](mailto:SuzanneAubert@group.scouts.nz) or contact Rob McCullough on 0221771007.

For HVS Updates checkout the website : [www.houghton.school.nz](http://www.houghton.school.nz)

OR for HVS Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/houghton.school.nz/>

#### **Kelly Club After School Care & Holiday Programmes**

- Ruth Programme Co-ordinator - Cell 022 010 9981 or email [houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz)

**Bee Healthy Dental Clinic** • 0800 825 583

**Ezlunch.co.nz** • **Thursdays** • **Sushi** – go online to [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) before 9am to order

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

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