



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Newsletter

Thursday, 16th May 2019

Week 3 of Term 2

Reminders

- **Swimming every Tuesday this term**
- **Fri 17th May** – Powhiri/Welcome for new students
- **Fri 17th May 3pm** – Bake Sale outside Room 1
- **Mon 20th May** – BOT Meeting @ 7pm
- **Friday 24th May** -BOT Election Nominations close
- **Thurs 30th May** – HVS Cross Country
(PP Friday 31st May)

Kia ora te Whānau o Te Kura o Haewai

This week we have had confirmation that Teachers will be striking on **Wednesday 29th May**. This means school will be closed for students on this day. We have made sure that this doesn't impact on any school events.

We thank you in advance for your support and understanding with this as we navigate this challenging time.

Health Consultation

It is time for us to consult with our school community on our Health Curriculum. We do this every two years as part of the Ministry of Education requirements.

Our health and PE curriculum focuses on how students learn about their own well-being, and that of others and society.

The students:

- develop the knowledge, understandings, skills, and attitudes that they need in order to maintain and enhance their personal well-being and physical development
- develop motor skills, knowledge and understandings about movement, and positive attitudes towards physical activity
- develop understandings, skills, and attitudes that enhance their interactions and relationships with others
- contribute to healthy communities and environments by taking responsible and critical action

These objectives are met through the seven key areas of learning:

- mental health
- sexuality education
- food and nutrition
- body care and physical safety
- physical activity
- sport studies
- outdoor education

In term 3 we will be teaching the year 5 and 6's about puberty and the body changes. We will hold a parent/whanau meeting on **Wednesday 26th June at 6.30pm** to share and discuss what we will be teaching. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Please take some time to give us some feedback on this as our students health and well-being is very important to us. (click on link) [Health and Well-being Survey](#)

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) Update



As you are aware we have made some changes to our PB4L programme. First we started by amending the matrix so that it aligned to our new school vision of

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together - Ka manaaki, Ka rapu, ka whakamanawa, tahi ai tātou.

We also wanted to make it more manageable for students and staff to work with. We have reduced the number of aspects and categories from 54 to 12.

The latest update is our reward system. We have created new 'tohu' cards that are given to students to put into their class PB4L containers. Once a class has 100 tohu they can then have a class celebration. Once we reach 600 tohu across the school we will have a school wide celebration.

We have asked the students to pick their class celebration and we have asked our student PB4L group to select 3 ideas for classes to vote for to determine the school celebration. We think it is vital that student voice is included when making these decision and we value their input. We are wanting to focus to be on the positive behaviour as this is the HVS way.

Learning Through Play - Kei te whakaako i roto ki te takaro Years 1-2

Last night the Junior Team ran a successful whanau information session on Learning through Play. This is their major focus as a team and one of our key strategic goals.

The junior team have done a lot of investigating, professional development, school visits, professional reading and researching into the benefits of 'play' and developing learning through play for juniors.

Learning through Play connects and reflects the essence of our new School Vision - ***Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together - Ka manaaki, Ka rapu, ka whakamanawa, tahi ai tātou.***

It is fantastic to see both staff and students so excited by their learning. The engagement of students is evident and the collaboration of the staff allows for diversity and creativity. We will continue to update how this is going throughout the year.

This is a small section from last night's presentation:

Ka manaaki, Ka rapu, ka whakamanawa tahi ai tātou (i roto i te tākarō). Caring, Exploring, and Inspiring Together (through play)

At HVS, we believe that play allows children to experience fun, joy and laughter which will help them to develop and practice life skills. Play is essential for children to enhance their language, social and emotional development. (Wallis, 2017) Learning and problem solving come from exploration. (Bruner)

- Intrinsically-motivated (spontaneous and will happen anywhere)
- Personally-directed (limited or no adult involvement)
- Freely-chosen
- Fun, accessible, challenging, social and repeatable



Maori Whanau Hui

We are holding our next Maori whanau hui on **Tuesday 28th May at 6.30pm** in the school library. Our hui will focus on the our new charter and vision and what that means for our Maori students having success as Maori.

School Patrol

We would like to thank the students and whanau who go out everyday and do road patrol for us as it is a very important job.

We were wondering if there is anyone who would be available to help with road patrol in the mornings. It is from 8.30-9.00am. This would allow teachers this time in the morning to cheer students and parents when they arrive and to have more time to prepare for the day. We can provide warm and wet weather gear. If you can help please email miriam@houghton.school.nz with your name and day.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

- ☺ Leo Marquardt ☺ Rosie Williams plus
- ☺ Leo Williams in Ti Kouka
- ☺ George Williams in Pohutukawa

HVS BOT ELECTION

Kia ora HVS Whanau,

The Board of Trustees election is coming up very soon and so far there hasn't been a single nomination. Your school needs you!

You should have received the nomination papers by now. Nominations close at **noon Friday 24 May** - as in next Friday.

It is a really interesting role and a great way to contribute to our school. Further information is available at school, on the school elections website [School Trustee Elections 2019](#) or from any of your current board members [Board of Trustees](#). Checkout these links below for more information.

<https://houghton.school.nz/board-of-trustees/>

<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/>

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 was posted to all eligible voters before the Friday 10th May 2019. If you have not received one, please make contact. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

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

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

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school office in the yellow folder 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.

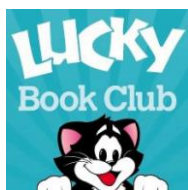
Voting closes at noon on FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2019.

Ngā mihi,

Felicity Morris,

Returning Officer

LIBRARY INFO



Scholastic Lucky Book Club:

Please place orders on line by **Sunday, 19 May**.

Children will be notified when the books come to school.

Many thanks for your support. Joanna

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



Bake Sale Tomorrow - remember your coins

Our next bake sale is on tomorrow (this Friday 17th May) after school. It is being organised by the teachers, students and whanau of Pohutukawa – Room 1. Thanks to all those helping. Bring along your spare change to spend.



Next meeting - Wednesday 5th June

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm Wednesday 5th June in the school staff room. Hope to see you there.

HVS SPORTS

HVS Cross Country 2019 Thursday 30th May



Postponement Friday 31st May

Details of the timetable to follow next week.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Marrzipan Term 2, 2019 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?! We still have a couple of spaces in our Marrzipan Class on Thursday mornings in the Houghton Valley Hall!

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 (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)



ZUMBA Let it move you Zumba® fitness, for beginners! Starts 15 May at our very own school. With two teachers Alison and Natasha we can bring you a variety of levels.

WED 6:45 pm Houghton Valley School Hall, 110 Houghton Bay Rd. \$10-15

TUES 9:30 am, Miramar Uniting Church, 56 Hobart St. \$10-15

MON 9:30 am Gold class - lower intensity. Wgtn Indian Assoc, Kilbirnie \$3-5

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/natzumba/> Natasha Macaulay 021 258 9580

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, or visit our website: www.instepdancestudio.co.nz

TERM 2 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 13th-17th May		Swimming	Learning through Play - Whanau session 6.00pm		Powhiri to welcome new families 9am
Week 4 20th-24th May	BOT Meeting 7pm	Swimming	National Young Leaders Day (Year 5/6) =====	Senior School Year 5/6 Trip to Zelandia (am, pm)	Whole School Hui/Assembly Presenting: Pohutukawa & Ngaio
Week 5 27th - 31st May		Swimming ===== Maori Whanau Hui 6.30pm	School Closed due to STRIKE DAY	HV School Cross Country	HV School Cross Country Postponement Day
Week 6 3rd-7th June	No school Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Swimming	Home and School Meeting 7:30pm	Southern Zone Cross Country	Whole School Hui/Assembly Presenting: Karakā & Nikau
Week 7 10th-14th June		Swimming			
Week 8 17th-21st June		Swimming ===== Interzone Cross Country			Whole School Hui/Assembly Presenting: Rata & Ti Kouka
Week 9 24th-28th June	Year 6 students visit EBIS 9am- 2pm	Swimming ===== Pedal Ready for Year 5 all week	Puberty Meeting with Year 5/6 parents and whanau 6:30pm		World Scholar's Cup (Year 5/6)
Week 10 1st-5th July	Pedal Ready for Year 6 all week	Swimming ===== Performance Assembly	Mid Year Reports to go home		Whole School Hui/Assembly Presenting: Kowhai & Mahoe

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

For **HVS Updates** checkout the website : 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

Bee Healthy Dental Clinic • 0800 825 583

- Ezlunch.co.nz** • **Thursdays** • **Sushi** – go online to www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am to order
- **Fridays** • **Pita Pit** – go online www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am to order

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