



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Newsletter

Thursday, 8th August 2019

Week 3 of Term 3

Reminders

- **Wed 14th Aug – H&S Quiz Night@The Pines 7:30pm**
- **Wed 11th Sept – School Photos**

Kia ora te Whānau o Te Kura o Haewai

3 Way Conferences



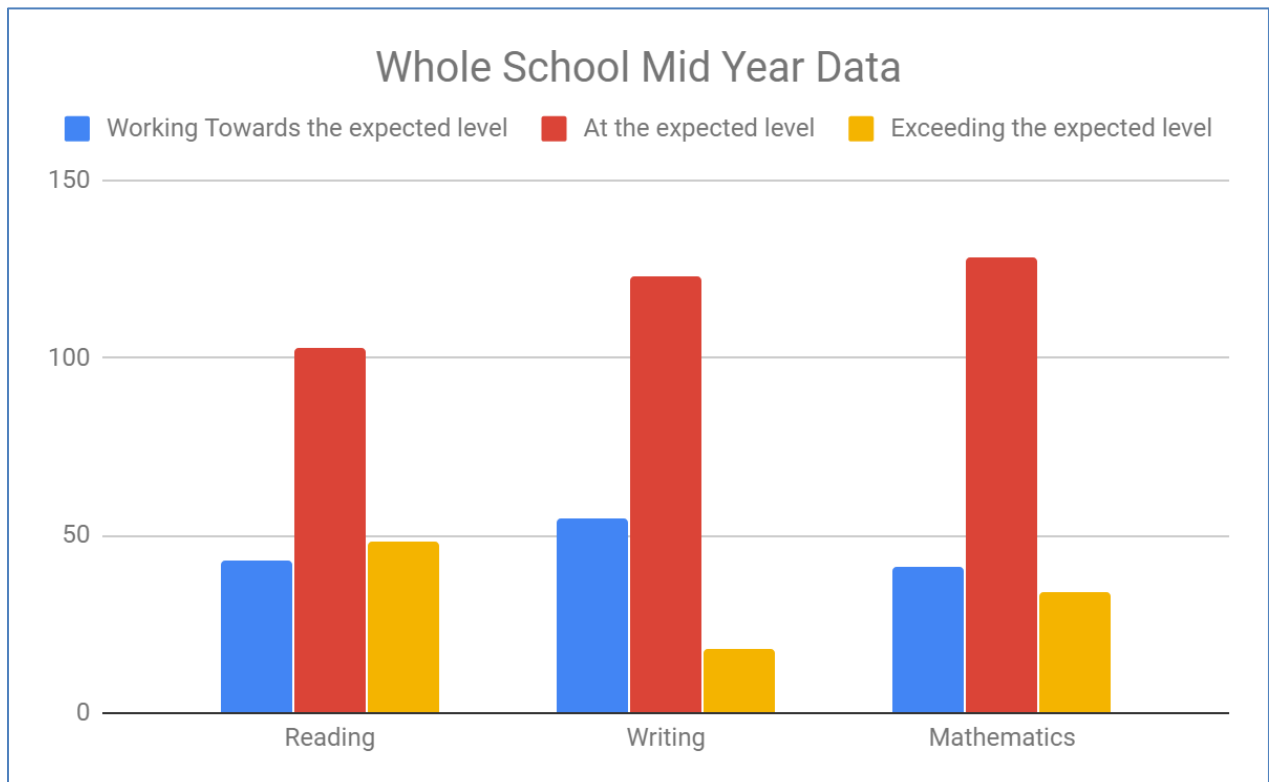
We would like to thank our tamariki and whanau for attending our learning conferences last week. Teachers came away from these sessions really buzzing and students being clear about their goals and next steps.

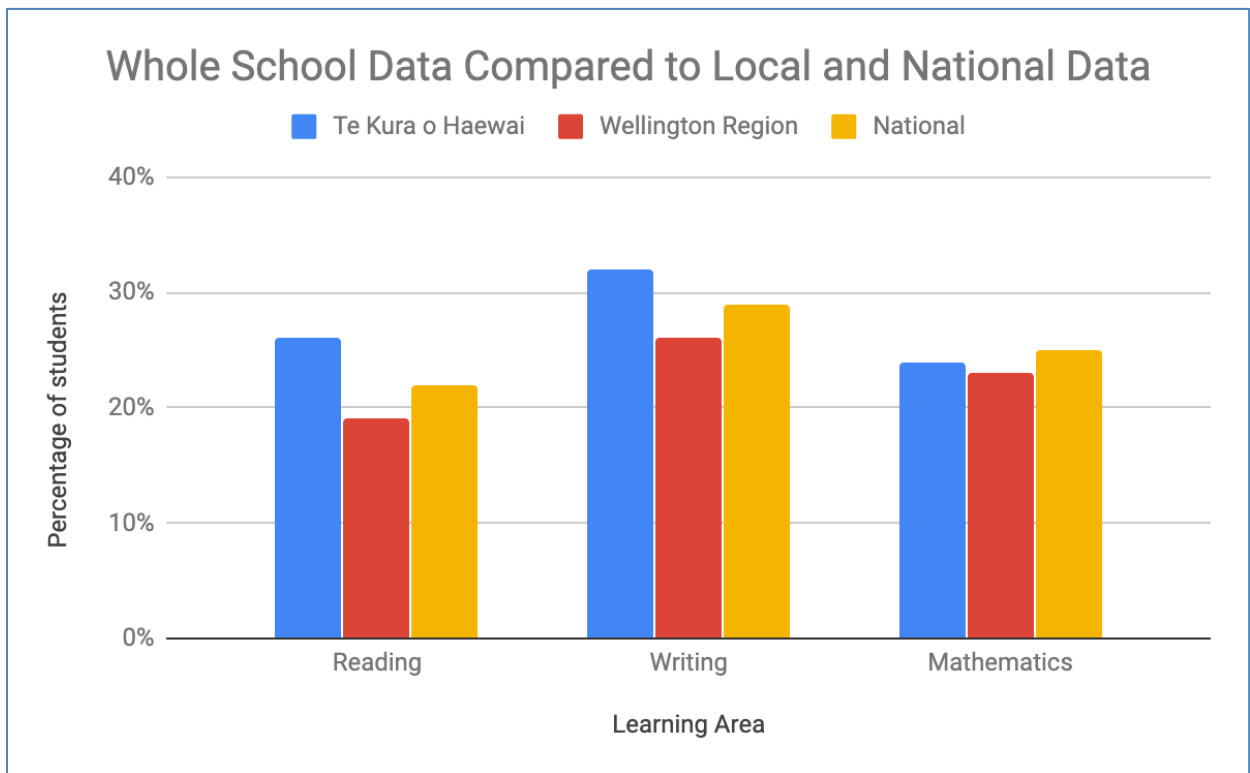
Term 3 is an important time to focus on next steps and goals, especially with supporting our Year 6's getting ready to transition to Intermediate.

This month we presented the Mid Year data to the BOT. Here is the whole school data for reading, writing and mathematics.

We often find that our Mid Year data is more conservative than the End of Year data. We believe this is due to, needing more time on some aspects of each subject to get an actual picture of how akonga are doing across all achievement objectives, time at school (mainly juniors) and the shift away from national Standards to curriculum levels.

We have introduced some new assessment tools to support teachers in their judgements which links to curriculum levels.





As is consistent with local and nationwide statistics, we have more students achieving below in writing than in reading and mathematics. We have fewer students achieving below in mathematics than in the national data, but more students in reading. 27 students (14%) are achieving below in all three areas of learning. 21 students (11%) are achieving below in two areas of learning, this is generally reading and mathematics paired together. 33 students (17%) are achieving below in one area.

Teachers address individual needs within the daily programme. They are able to provide targeted learning through small groups, individual conferencing and specific learning tasks.

We also run additional programmes to support our akonga - Early Words, Rainbow Reading, Writing groups, Reading Recovery, and Reading mileage. Our wonderful Teacher Aide’s do an outstanding job by supporting our classroom programmes and running some of these extra programmes for small groups or individuals. When necessary we also use outside agencies to support us. Resource Teacher of Behaviour and Learning(RTLB) work alongside teachers to create Individual Education Plans with the whanau and school.

WREMO - EMERGENCY HUB

I have met with Ana Faatoia from WREMO (Wellington Region Emergency Management Office) to discuss our school and its role as an Emergency Hub. This term WREMO will run 2 sessions here at school for our whole community of Houghton Bay. The first is about Preparedness and the second is to run through an emergency scenario as a hub for an Earthquake. We would love it for our whanau and community to come along - Preparedness Session is at 7pm 3rd September and Emergency. Here is the link to the [Houghton Bay Hub Guide](#)

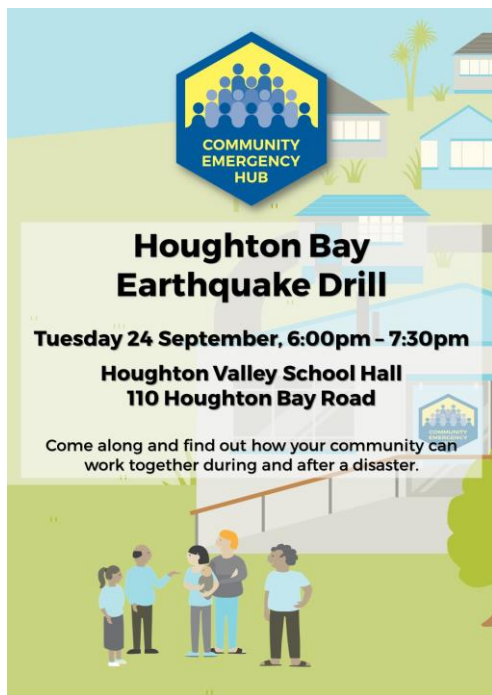


Houghton Bay Plan & Prepare, Tuesday 3 September, 6:45pm-8:00pm

Come along to this free event for all residents and visitors of the Houghton Bay area. Houghton Valley School has provided the space to host this gathering which will cover tips on how you can get prepared both at home, work or even school. Refreshments will be served from 6:45pm and the session will start at 7pm. We invite you to register at www.getprepared.nz/course

Houghton Bay Earthquake Drill, Tuesday 24 September, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Find out how your community can work together during and after a major disaster. We will be opening up the Community Emergency Hub at Houghton Valley School to host this interactive session for all residents and visitors of the area. Any questions, contact ana.faatoia@wremo.nz



SUSTAINABILITY



Vegetable Garden & Tremendous Area Working Bees

We will have regular after school working bees after school each Thursday, so we can tidy things and keep up maintenance as there has been some damage out of school hours. If you can help out regularly or just now and then, we would love to see you.

Meet outside Harakeke at 3.10pm - 3.45pm Thursdays. Please let Jill know if you can help.

Rata Tremendous Area - Sunday 25 August 10am-1pm

Thanks to everyone who helped out with our Matariki Tremendous working bee in June. It is now nearly two years old since this amazing makeover with help from Project Crimson

https://projectcrimson.org.nz/houghton_valley_school/

We will continue our maintenance in the Tremendous landscaped area with another working bee on **Sunday 25 August 10am-1pm.**

The tasks will involve light weeding and collecting litter then spreading bark mulch over the areas, clearing unwanted tree wattle growth and the wetland swale to allow the reeds and carex to grow. Plastic mesh and metal staple pins are in this area, so strong boots and gardening gloves will be needed for this task. Some heavier work is needed to dig holes for another signage post, and maintain the ponga log edging. Please bring any gloves, tools, snacks and drinks you may need.

If you are interested in helping us generally or have a particular task you'd like to help with, please let us know by email jill@houghton.school.nz or by letting your child's class teacher know.

EZLUNCH – THURSDAY SUSHI



Ezlunch are pleased to advise that your ezlunch supplier **O'sushi** has changed their packaging for term 3, example shown below...

So no more plastic! Great for the school and great for the environment.

To order lunch orders website: www.ezlunch.co.nz





Quiz - 14 August



Tables are filling up for the annual HVS school quiz so confirm your place now or risk missing out on one of the highlights of the school year! Tickets are \$90 per table of 6 or \$15pp to join a team missing some folk. Email us at hvsquiz@gmail.com to confirm your place this year.....

And remember, it's all for a great cause and we've got wonderful prizes up for grabs. See you at the Pines on Wednesday 14 August from 7.30pm.

Bake Sales

In the last newsletter we forgot to say thanks to *Rata* for organising the bake sale at the end of last term. Also a big thanks to Joanna our librarian for organising excess books to be sold as well.

Together these raised an amazing **\$728.60**.



The next bake sale will be **Friday 23rd August** kindly brought to us by Harakeke (rm5) and Rimu (rm10), thanks!

Fair - November 23rd



Donations: Please start bringing in your pre-loved but still beautiful toys, books and clothes for the fair, and any silent auction or raffle items you might wish to donate. You can leave items near the library door in the lobby - ask Denise if you are not sure.

HELP: We are still (always!) looking for more key volunteers, so let us know if you have some time before the fair to do a bit of planning with us for a specific area. Still to be filled is the position of **Silent Auction Coordinator** - if we don't find someone soon we will potentially lose thousands of dollars in gifts from local businesses.....

Pre fair stuff: Now is the time to be crafting, pickling, preserving and planting to create things to sell at the fair. We are planning a chutney/pickling evening at school in the near future - watch this space after the Quiz!

Contact Karen if you can help: parr.karen@gmail.com 027 209 4832 THANK YOU :)

FROM THE LIBRARY

Performance On Thursday, 15 August, actors are coming to perform a show called "**Treasure Hunt!**". They have chosen 5 books which were short listed for Children's Book Awards (one is the 2019 winner "The Bomb" - yeah!) around which to build their story. I have been showing the books to students this week, so they will be familiar with them, and should enjoy the show. As well as *The Bomb*, they have chosen "*Whetu Toa and the magician*", "*The short but brilliant career of Lucas Weed*", "*The stolen stars of Matariki*" and Gavin Bishop's "*Aotearoa*".

Lucky Book Club On-line orders close on Sunday. Thank you for your support. Joanna

TERM 3 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 12 th -16 th August	Middle School trip to Space Place @ Carter Obs		HVS Quiz Evening ===== Juniors Activities day at ASB Centre 10:40 (bus arrive) - 12:50 (bus pick up)	"Treasure Hunt" Show by Perform in the Hall @ 1:30pm	Hui – Pohutukawa (rm1) & Ngaio (rm8) ===== Southern Zone Swimming 9:30am-12:30pm
Week 5 19 th -23 rd August			Life Ed for Year 6	Senior Activities day at ASB Centre 9:50 (bus arrive) 2:10 (bus pick up)	3pm Bake Sale Harakeke(rm5) & Rimu (rm10)
HVS Working Bee Sunday 25 th August 2019 10am-1pm					
Week 6 26 th - 30 th August				Middle Activities day at ASB Centre 10:40 (bus arrive) 12:50 (bus pick up) ===== Te Reo Māori Season Show - Te Kuia Me Te Pūngāwerewere 9.30am-11.00am	Hui – Rata (rm9) and Ti Kouka (rm6)
Week 7 2 nd -6 th Sept		WREMO Houghton Bay Plan & Prepare @ HVS Hall 6:45pm-8pm			Powhiri for new families
Week 8 9 th - 13 th Sept			School Photos All Day	Interzone Swimming	Hui – Kowhai (rm2) & Mahoe (rm7)
Week 9 16 th -20 th Sept		Artsplash Year 3/4 @ Michael Fowler at 5pm	Dancesplash Year 5/6 @ Michael Fowler at 7:45pm		
Week 10 23 rd -27 th Sept		Performance Assembly 2.00-2.50pm ===== WREMO Houghton Bay Earthquake Drill 6pm-7:30pm @HVS Hall			Hui - Karaka (rm4) & Nikau (rm3) ===== Yummy Stickers need to be in to the school office

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Zumba® fitness for beginners at Houghton Valley School. All welcome.
With two teachers Alison and Natasha we can bring you a variety of levels.

WED 6:45 pm Houghton Valley school, 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

Houghton Valley School Fair Saturday 23rd November 2019 10am-2pm

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 www.kellyclub.co.nz

- Ruth - Programme Co-ordinator - Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz



Bee Healthy Dental Clinic • 0800 825 583

Term 4 2019 Mobile Clinic onsite @ Houghton Valley School
from **Thursday 14th November 2019**



- 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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