



# Houghton Valley School

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

*Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou*

## Newsletter

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019

Week 5 of Term 3

### Reminders

- **PLEASE donot DRIVE into the main school carpark at anytime due to safety of our children and whanau**
- **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug** – 3pm BAKE SALE outside LIBRARY
- **Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Aug**– Home & School Meeting @ 7:30pm
- **Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Aug** – Hui/Assembly – whole school 9:15am
- **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Sept** – School Photos 9am – all day

Kia ora te Whānau o Te Kura o Haewai

### Thank you - Home and School



We had a fabulous quiz evening, thanks to our hardworking Home and School team. It was a fantastic school community event and lovely to see so many of our whanau. It would be great to see whanau, especially our new whanau at our next meeting on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August** at 7.30pm in the school staffroom.

### Planning for 2020

We have started our planning for 2020. We have set our dates for the year (see below) and now we are planning and confirming our staffing for 2020.

We have a number of staff who are currently on fixed term contracts. As a result we will be advertising these roles. Some of these positions will become permanent and one will remain fixed term to provide cover for Jill as she will continue to work out of the classroom, leading our Sustainability focus.

The other area that we are working on is our roll and enrolments for 2020. If you have a child turning 5 during 2020 please come and see Denise for an enrolment pack. If your child/ren aren't returning to HVS for 2020 that would also be useful for us to know too. This helps us to plan how many teachers we require and for which year levels and teams. We aren't sorting classes yet. This won't happen until mid term 4.

### School Dates 2020

**Starting date:** 7th February - 18th December 2020 (finishing date)

### 2020 Term Dates

- Term 1** Friday 7 February - Thursday 9 April
- Term 2** Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July
- Term 3** Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
- Term 4** Monday 12 October - Friday 18 December

### Health and Wellbeing

We have had a few students this week with a tummy bug which is one of the symptoms to the flu. If your child/ren are unwell it is important to keep them at home. Here is the latest information from Regional Public Health:



The main symptoms of influenza are:

- fever
- cough
- sometimes vomiting or diarrhoea in younger children.

Symptoms usually last three to four days, but can last up to seven days. The following information will help you to support your school/centre to reduce the spread of influenza.

Parents should:

- Advise a staff member if their child has any of the flu like symptoms listed above.
- Keep sick children at home until they are feeling well and are free from symptoms (usually three to four days but up to seven days).
- Keep their children away from social or sporting events, school productions or camps.
- This is so they can rest and recover and don't spread illness to others.
- Check that their child's school has their correct and up-to-date contact details in case they need to be contacted.



### School Photos

We will have our school photos on **Wednesday 11th September**. We won't know until the day the order of photos so it would be great if all children are at school by 9.00am. Please find more information on the photos attached to this newsletter.

BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

☺ Clara Clift

## Camp 2019 - Year 5/6

We are well underway with planning our exciting Noho Marae trip for Year 5/6 students from the 4-6 of December. We have spent many hours ensuring that the activities we provide are in line with the school charter as we know this reflects the priorities of the community. The focus for this year's event is Te Ao Māori in the context of our wonderful place. We will alternate between a cultural camp and an activity based camp e.g El Rancho. This gives our students the opportunity to have 2 different EOTC experiences during their time here at HVS.

We plan to be based at Pipitea Marae in Wellington and we have exciting activities to do both at the marae and around our unique city.

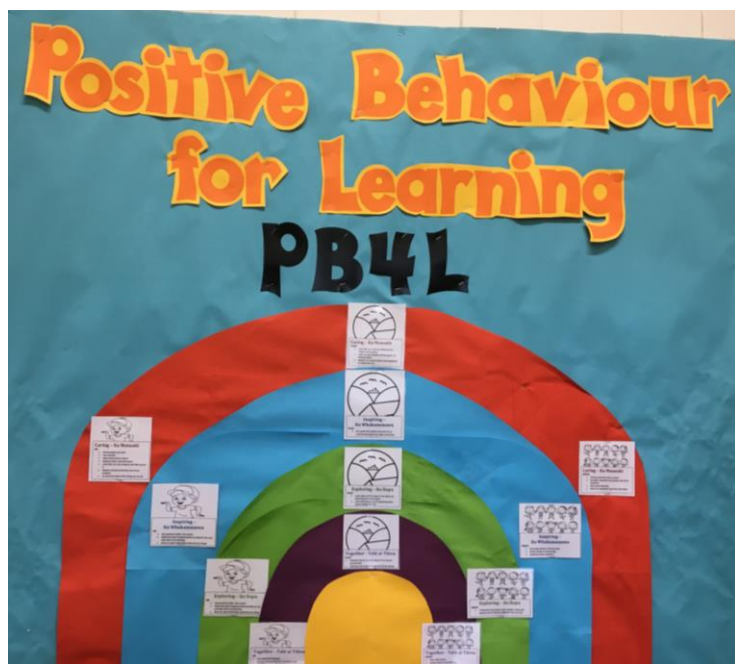
As well as the wonderful experience of staying overnight at a marae, we have a range of authentic cultural experiences that will be provided for us there, such as a powhiri, and rotation activities, including haka, hangi making, poi, and tititorea (stick games). We have organised for a boat trip to Matiu Somes Island so we can explore the history and mana of this place together. We also have a number of city activities, including learning Māori sports games, creating soundscapes with traditional Māori instruments, and exploring the myths and legends represented in the art and sculptures that are so prominent in our place.

We would appreciate some support with fundraising so that we can keep costs as low as possible. If you have a good idea that you are happy to organise, please can you contact miriam@houghton.school.nz. Your support would be much appreciated!

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

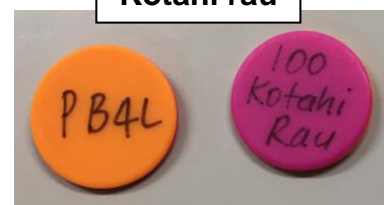
## POSITIVE LEARNING FOR BEHAVIOUR (PB4L) WHOLE SCHOOL REWARD SYSTEM



Tohu



Kotahi rau



**Whole School REWARD System:** In every classroom, students are given a tohu (token) for demonstrating and showing positive behaviour. These behaviours and values link to our PB4L matrix. Once a class has 100 tohu (Ngaio class 50 tohu) they receive a Kotahi rau. They use this to vote for the celebration of their classes' choice. When a celebration has received 6 kotahi rau we have a whole school celebration. Our students PB4L group select the activities each term so these may change from term to term. Have a look at our options board to see the activities and how the classes are voting!

## HVS SPORTS

### Southern Zone Swimming

Some HVS swimmers competed in Southern Zone Swimming Sports last week. They had an awesome time, with lots of grins! Well done to all those swimmers! Thank you to all the parents that helped out with supervision, transport and other roles on the day. Without you the event would not be possible!



### Wellington Under 13 Basketball Representatives

A huge congrats to **Paige Sullivan** who trialed for the Wellington Under 13 Basketball team and made the squad! Well done Paige!



### ASB Sports Centre Activity Day

HVS is signed up for the ASB Activity Day. The activity days allow students to play multiple sports for just one day, allowing children to get a taster of multiple sports. These sessions are aimed at encouraging kids to give different sports a go and learn new skills. Each syndicate at HVS is taking part on a different day. Sports are taught by representatives from regional sports organisations, or the ASB Sports Centre programmes team.



Our **Junior Syndicate** were lucky enough to be the first to go, having an absolute blast playing futsal and floorball, as well as learning some skills in a session on ball skills.

The **Middle Syndicate** are taking part next Thursday, where they will also be focusing on futsal, floorball and ball skills.

The **Senior Syndicate** is taking part today, learning the skills and rules in futsal, basketball, ultimate frisbee and turbo touch.

## SUSTAINABILITY

**Sustainability Visual Journey and Murals - Parent Help needed** In order to raise awareness of our commitment to Sustainability at HVS, we are wanting to create some large artworks to enhance our school. One aspect will be a Visual Journey of the changes our school has made through hard work in our local environment. As the school was once bush, then farmland and later a landfill area, local families, students and staff have helped with regeneration projects to restore the environment around our school, in the valley and Houghton Bay which is part of the Tapu te ranga Marine reserve. We also need new classroom signs for Rimu and Rata class to link with our other class signs.

Our students have great ideas and we now need help to pull our ideas together to create these artworks.

We would love help from our talented parents, who can volunteer time and expertise to help our students with these projects. Please come to a meeting on ----- to share ideas and work out a plan of action.



### Rata Tremendous Area

### WORKING BEE - Sunday 25 August 10am-1pm

Please help us continue our maintenance in the Tremendous landscaped area with another working bee on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jill@houghton.school.nz) or by letting your child's class teacher know.

Jill Holmstead

## SENIOR STUDENTS - SPELLING BEE

This week, four Year 6 students went to a spelling competition at EBIS. Samuel, Lola, Nienke and Holly had a fantastic time and represented our school really well! There were a number of rounds: Know your onions, What a Gem,



'I before E but not after C', Double Trouble, and Dang it I didn't Get It. They got 36 out of the five rounds, so 36/48. Then there was a Spelling Bee, and the team voted for Samuel to be their representative. He was up against 19 other people, and he came third!

Well done Samuel!

And well done to team overall - you did a great job!



## HVS JUNIOR NETBALL TERM 4 2019



Motu Kairangi Netball is now accepting registrations for the ANZ futureFERNs Netball Programme for children in **Year 1 to Year 4**, in term 4 2019. The summer season begins on **Saturday, 26 October** with 7 consecutive weeks of the futureFERNs programme. On Saturday, 14 December we will hold a Festival Day for both the year 1/2 grade and the year 3/4 grade. Check out this link for more information re Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 sessions. [http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc\\_page.cgi?c=0-7367-0-0-0&SID=406453](http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-7367-0-0-0&SID=406453)

Please register your interest by emailing Denise in the school office [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz) I will collate and see how many Juniors teams wish to play, then register online.

## HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



### Bake Sale Tomorrow – Bring your coins

**Kia ora HVS whanau:** Just reminding you that there is a bake sale on this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 3pm outside the Library - hosted by Rimu(rm9) and Harakeke (rm5). So gather up your loose change and head along for some delicious treats. Thanks



**Come along to our next Home and School meeting and tell us what you want to hear about** We are interested in knowing what would make Home and School meetings interesting to more people. We are thinking about having key topics discussed that the school community would be interested in finding more about; for example vegetarian cooking for children, chutney making and dealing with puberty are just some of the topics mentioned!

Come along to our meeting on **Thursday 28 August (7.30pm in the staff room)** and let us know. Or send it through to [homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz) or [homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz).

**Quiz** What an amazing night was had at the Pines last week. Thanks to the crew who helped pull it together and all the teams who've helped keep the flying fox flying for another year.

**Sausage Sizzle - 14 September 2019** The Berhampore Plant Nursery is having its annual Open Day on September 14th from 10am- 2pm. It's a mix of plant sales, stall holders and informative education based nursery tours. We have been offered the opportunity to host a sausage sizzle/food stand at the Open Day as a school fundraiser.

We are keen to take up this opportunity to engage with our wider community but will need parents and ideally some kids to run the sausage sizzle on the day. Please let Megan know ([homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz)) if you could spend one hour on the stand that day.



**Fair - Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>** Great news, our posters and flyers for the Fair are ready! A big thank you to **Aaron McKirdy** for the design and to CSG printing on Taranaki Street for the FREE printing.



**Donations:** Please bring 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. Books can be dropped directly in the side porch at 48 Southgate Road. If you have a few bags of clothes, we can come and pick up - give Karen a call.

**SILENT AUCTION HELP:** We are still looking for a **Silent Auction Coordinator**. We have a couple of people able to help with contacting local businesses, but need someone to coordinate, and to run the room on Fair Day.

**Other Volunteers:** We are still looking for a **Games and a Marketing Coordinator**. If you think you can help - please let us know. Contact **Karen** if you can help: [parr.karen@gmail.com](mailto:parr.karen@gmail.com) 027 209 4832 THANK YOU :)

## TERM 3 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>HVS Working Bee Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019 10am-1pm</b>					
<b>Week 6</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> August			Home and School Meeting 7:30pm in the staffroom!	<b>Middle Activities</b> day at ASB Centre 10:40 (bus arrive) 12:50 (bus pick up) ===== <b>Te Reo Māori Season Show</b> Te Kuia Me Te Pūngāwerewere 9.30am-11.00am	<b>Hui – 9:15am</b> Presenting Rata (rm9) and Ti Kouka (rm6)
<b>Week 7</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Sept		<b>WREMO</b> Houghton Bay Plan & Prepare @ HVS Hall 6:45pm-8pm			<b>Powhiri</b> - 9:15am welcome for new families
<b>Week 8</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept			<b>School Photos All Day @ 9am</b>	Interzone Swimming	<b>Hui – 9:15am</b> Presenting Kowhai (rm2) & Mahoe rm7) <hr/> <b>Year 6 Orange Day Parade</b> in town 9:25am

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


Houghton Valley Playcentre presents

# The 22nd annual GREAT DEBATE

*'The wheels on Wellington's buses are still going round and round'*

**Speakers:**  
 Dave Armstrong  
 Georgina Campbell  
 Brian Dawson  
 David Lee  
 Teri O'Neill  
 Daran Ponter  
 Dr Ayesha Verrall

**Hosted by:**  
 Paul Eagle MP



Louis, age 5

Thursday 29th August  
 Doors open 6.45pm, Debate starts 7.30pm  
 The Pines, Houghton Bay  
 Tickets \$25. Purchase via Facebook Event:  
 The Great Debate 2019  
 Enquiries:  
[hvpc.greatdebate@gmail.com](mailto:hvpc.greatdebate@gmail.com)



**For tickets email: [hvpc.greatdebate@gmail.com](mailto:hvpc.greatdebate@gmail.com)**

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

**Kelly Club After School Care & Holiday Programmes** [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

- 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

Term 4 2019 Mobile Clinic onsite @ HVS from **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019**



- 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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