



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Thursday, 5th September 2019

Week 7 of Term 3

Reminders

- **Fri 6th Sept** – 9:15am New Families Powhiri
- **Fri 6th Sept** – Onesie Day – Gold Coin Donation
- **Wed 11th Sept** – School Photos 9am – all day
- **Fr 13th Sept** – 9:15am Whole School Hui Rm2 & Rm7
- **Fri 13th Sept** – Bake Sale – Rm2 & Rm7

Kia ora te Whānau o Te Kura o Haewai

Ahakoia iti, akona, kōrerohia
(Learn a little, use a little)

Monday is the official week for **'te wiki o te reo maori'**. One of our goals this year is to learn a little and use a little so that we continue to grow our knowledge, confidence and pronunciation.

To celebrate te wiki o te reo we are doing a range of activities in our classes and we will do a hikoi around our kura to find clues in our amazing environment that relate to kupu maori.

Here is a link to some activities you can do at home as a whanau - <https://www.tewikiotereomaori.co.nz/maori-language-week-ideas/>

Emergency Hub

On Tuesday night we hosted a Houghton Bay Emergency Plan and Prepare evening. It gave us an opportunity to hear how we can best prepare for an emergency, mainly focusing on earthquakes and tsunamis as they are the most obvious ones for our area.

We are looking for people who are happy to be 'key holders' for our school. They are people who live next to the school and that would be happy to come and open the school in the event of an emergency. It doesn't make you responsible for the hub it just allows the school to be opened.

As a hub we provide a location for people to come together but we don't have resources such as food or blankets. At HVS we do have a water tank so we do have access to fresh water.

Now is a great time to have a conversation with your whanau to make sure they know your plan, especially if you have moved, have children at different schools, you have a new job etc

We have some emergency plan handouts in the office if you want one. We will also be holding an emergency drill on **Tuesday 24th September at 6.00pm**. This will be a practice drill for a real emergency. It would be great to have as many people there as possible and to learn about the different roles and resources the hub has.

Some simple but useful tips before and during an emergency:

- *Eat food from your fridge first, freeze next and pantry last*
- *In an emergency time stamp your text so that people know when you actually sent it (it can be delayed up to 12 hours)*
- *Have a go bag that caters for all the members of the house - adults, kids and pets*



Artsplash Festival - celebrating the Arts!

This year as part of the Artsplash festival we have 2 groups participating. Michelle Pontifex has organised for us to participate in this iconic event as our Arts leader. This is a great way for us to showcase and develop our singing and dancing skills for 2019, especially as this is our year without a school production.

The Year 3 & 4 classes have been busy learning songs and actions for their Artsplash performance in week 9 - **Tuesday 17th Sept at 5.00pm** at the Michael Fowler Centre. This is an amazing opportunity for our tamariki to perform on stage and to be a part of a mass choir.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of all of our Year 3 & 4 teachers. They have had a lot of practice to prepare the children for this amazing event. We would also like to acknowledge the support and super skills of Bret McKenzie and Michelle who have co-lead sessions together. We are looking forward to watching the performance. Good luck!

We have a dance group made up of Year 5 & 6's. Miriam has been busy working with the students during their lunch times on Friday, for the past 2 terms. They will perform their dance on the **Wednesday night 18th Sept at 7.45pm**. We look forward to seeing this up on the MFC stage under lights. Kia kaha!



PB4L Reward

This Friday during school time we will be holding a Disco for all of our students as their reward for reaching 6 kotahi rau tohu for positive behaviour. The student PB4L council selected 3 activities that their classes could vote for and this time it is a disco. Well done achieving your reward!



Onesie for Free Ambulance

We are collecting donations for the Free Ambulance service on Friday by wearing Onesies. There will be a collection table outside on Friday morning before school. We look forward to seeing you all in your PJ's!

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

😊 **Esme Pontifex**



Photo Day

HVS School Photos

We will have our school photos on **Wednesday 11th September**, all day. 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. If you have a **pre-schooler** for the family photo please be at school after 8:30am with the pre-schooler for a family shoot.

HVS SPORTS

WORD Mountain Biking Scholarship Programme

WORD mountain biking is offering **25 kids to receive FREE registrations for 2 Terms** (Term 4 2019 and Term 1 2020) to their after school MTB programmes!

As a non-profit organisation, WORD's mission is to develop children and youth into passionate, lifelong mountain bikers, and encourage self-confidence, community involvement, and an adventurous spirit. They deliver organised mountain biking activities to youth (7-17 year olds) through after school programmes, holiday camps and events.

To find out more information about applications and programmes please follow the link:

<https://word.org.nz/term-programmes/scholarships/>



Floorball Term Four

Thank you for returning your floorball forms. We are currently organising teams and coaches. We will have these out to players before the end of Term 3.

We are still after one coach for our Year 5 team and two coaches for our Year 2 teams. If you are interested in helping out please contact Briar at briar@houghton.school.nz

HVS Junior Netball Term 4 - Year 1 to 4



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

Please register your interest by **Monday 16th September** please email **Denise** in the school office admin@houghton.school.nz Denise will collate and see how many Juniors teams wish to play or individuals, then will register online.

SUSTAINABILITY

Pou Whenua

The Senior Syndicate is focusing on Pou Whenua for this term's inquiry. The students have learnt about the realms of Māori guardians and Atua and identified those they believe are most related to our school, community, place and sustainability vision. The chosen guardians are Tanemahuta, Rehu, Hinemoana, Uenuku, Tawhirimatea, Tumatauenga, Hine Rau Wharangi, Ranginui, Tangaroa, Papatuanuku, Ruamoko and Rongo.

The pou we are creating will not be carved, but instead painted with myths and legends that tell their stories. These will then be placed around the school in areas they think best represent the guardians influence. With this inquiry we are able to explore Te Ao Māori through visual arts. Briar Prestidge



Green Geckos

A big thank you to our Green Geckos leaders for their work so far this year in liaising with classes and helping with their class sustainability responsibilities, the vegetable gardens and Tremendous areas. We welcome the student leaders for the Term 3 & 4 and now that our vegetable gardens are taking shape, we will add new features to this area and help maintain other gardens around the school.

Thank You!

Tremendous Working Bee & Lunch Litter

Thanks for all the mahi from families who came to the last working bee on Sunday 25 Aug. We trimmed away weeds and spread two truckloads of garden mulch to keep our young plants healthy. The left over bake sale treats were very welcome at morning tea.



During the clean-up, glad wrap and bar wrappers were found around the adventure playground, so we'd like to encourage families to reduce lunch wrapping plastic and using alternatives like paper, wax wraps or wrap free lunch boxes. Jill Holmstead

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Bake Sale News A big thank you to by Harakeke and Rimu for running a great bake sale which raised just over **\$700**. The next one is planned for **Friday 13th Sept** with Mahoe and Kowhai. Any left over baking will be sold at the sausage sizzle the next day (see below).



Helpers needed for 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) if you could spend one hour on the stand that day.

Quiz Thanks again to everyone who helped raise just over **\$1,700** to keep the flying fox flying for another year.

Fair - Saturday November 23rd

More good news on the fair front - we now have all the main coordinators in place. You will find the list, with contact details on the Home and School noticeboard at school. Now we just need over a hundred people to run the stalls on fair day! There is a sign-up sheet on the notice board, and we will be recruiting at the school disco, so have a think about where you would like to volunteer. Alternatively you can contact Karen Parr or Sarah Whyllie directly with any fair-related offers of help or questions.



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 we can come and pick up - give Karen a call.

Treasure Hunt: We need someone to take over the awesome sandpit Treasure Hunt that Kate Hodgett and family used to run before Willam moved on to SWIS. If anyone is keen, please let us know.

Lemons: Fresh lemons are needed for the Lemonade Stand for this year's fair. If you have any on your trees you can donate, that would be great! Please contact Cilla at cillabrough@gmail.com to arrange the drop off or at school office.

Contact Karen parr.karen@gmail.com 027 209 4832, or Sarah on sarah.roseleigh@gmail.com THANK YOU :)

TERM 3 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 2 nd -6 th Sept		WREMO Houghton Bay Plan & Prepare @ HVS Hall 6:45pm-8pm			9:15am Powhiri for new families <hr/> Onesie Day-Gold Coin <hr/> 2pm Whole School PB4L Reward- Disco
Week 8 9 th - 13 th Sept			School Photos All Day	Interzone Swimming	9:15am Hui – Kowhai (rm2) & Mahoe (rm7) <hr/> School Patrol Year 6 Orange Day Parade in town 9:25am <hr/> 3pm Bake Sale Mahoe & Kowhai
Saturday 14th September - Berhampore Nursery Open Day 10-2pm <i>Home & School</i> are running a Sausage Sizzle if you can help out email homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz					
Week 9 16 th -20 th Sept		Artsplash Year 3/4 @ Michael Fowler at 5pm	Dancesplash Year 5/6 @ Michael Fowler at 7:45pm		
Saturday 21st September - South Coast Cleanup 10:30am @ Houghton Bay Beach					
Week 10 23 rd -27 th Sept		Performance Assembly 2.00-2.50pm <hr/> WREMO Houghton Bay Earthquake Drill 6pm-7:30pm @HVS Hall			9:15am Hui - Karaka (rm4) & Nikau (rm3) <hr/> ===== Yummy Stickers need to be in to the school office

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

KELLY CLUB OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – Island Bay School



Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programme is packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. We have some exciting days planned: **Awesome Bounce**, **Strike (Ten Pin Bowling)**, **Laser Force**, **The Movie "Abominable"**, **Star Wars Day**, **Disney Day**, **Wheels Day** and lots more! To enrol www.kellyclub.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call **04 972 7201**

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

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Bee Healthy Dental Clinic • 0800 825 583 Term 4 2019 Mobile Clinic onsite @ HVS from Thursday 14th Nov	For updates check www.houghton.school.nz