



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Thursday, 17th October 2019

Week 1 of Term 4

Reminders

- **Fri 18th Oct** – HV School DISCO @ SWIS Hall @ 5:30pm
- **Tues 22nd Oct** –Home & School Craft Night @ 6:30pm
- **Wed 23rd Oct**–Madeleine Taylor Parent Session 6:30pm
- **Thurs 24th Oct** –Kapa Haka Festival @ St Pats 12:15pm
- **Fri 25th Oct** –Staff Only Day – No School
- **Mon 28th Oct** - Labour Day – No School

Kia ora te Whānau o Te Kura o Haewai

Nau mai, haere mai and welcome to term 4. Teachers have been busy planning and preparing for the final term of 2019. There are a number of exciting and thought provoking learning programmes for all of our tamariki this term (we have tried to list all of the events/activities in the term planner below).

We have Education Review Office coming in week 3 to complete our school evaluation. It has been 3 years since they were last here and we look forward to showcasing our wonderful school down on the south coast.

Term 4 Focus

The Junior Team is exploring the rocky shore of Houghton Bay and beyond, Middle Team are looking at how they can participate and contribute to our sustainability tikanga for the school fair and the Senior Team are painting their pou and preparing for their Noho Marae experience later in the term.

Living the Vision and Charter Expo

On **Tuesday 5th November** we invite our whanau and students to come along to see samples and examples of learning that link to our strategy goals of our charter. Our aim is to show how we are making it come alive within our classrooms and in our learning curriculum.

We want this to be an interactive session where you can see, hear and discuss the key areas of focus - Sustainability, Inquiry and Learning through Play and PB4L. We will run two sessions **3.00-4.00pm and 5.00-6.00pm**. We hope you can pop in and ask questions, provide feedback and check out the work that we have done this year.

Wellbeing at School Survey for students

For the past 3 years HVS have participated in the Wellbeing at School Survey for years 4-6. This information is collected and collated by NZCER. We use this information to help identify areas of strength and areas that need development. It allows us a way to gather all students voice in these year groups. We also use this data to inform our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programmes.

Here are some of this year's results:

These areas were the questions that over 80% of students strongly agreed with:

- *I feel I belong at school*
- *At school, we celebrate the good things students do*
- *Teacher always take action if someone is being hit or bullied*
- *Behaviour like hitting or bullying are not okay at school*
- *Our school values the cultures of all our students*
- *Teachers think all students can do well*
- *At school, I am taught what behaviours are OK and not OK.*
- *Students look after other children who are new at school*
- *My parents, family, and whanau always feel welcome at school.*
- *My parents and teachers respect each other.*

These areas were the questions that over 30% of students disagreed with:

- *Everyone knows the school rules about behaviour*
- *At School everyone knows what to do if someone is being hurt or bullied*
- *At school, I am taught how to manage my feelings (like if I get angry).*
- *Students treat each other with respect*
- *Students are good at listening to each others' ideas and views.*
- *I can say how I am feeling when I need to.*

We have worked with our PB4L student council on some of these aspects, especially around rules and treating each other with respect. Teachers have been working on acknowledging our feelings' in class and the RTLB are working with us on introducing restorative circles in every classroom that focus on that too. It also focuses on listening to other points of view and acknowledging the issue. We continue to work with our tamariki as their wellbeing is critical to their success as learners.

We want to include our whanau in this too so in week 2 we have a parent session with Madeleine Taylor - **Wednesday 23rd October at 6.30pm.**

Madeleine will give some insights into what causes stress and pressure in today's society and ways to deal with them. This will be an interactive session and we hope to see as many of our parents there as possible. It will be in the School hall - **Wednesday 23rd October at 6.30pm.**

Shakeout Day

It was National Shakeout Day on Thursday 17th October. We had an emergency practice for national shakeout day. We were really pleased at how well our children did. They all know what to do - drop, cover and hold!

During the holidays we had our emergency water changed and treated.

The two key messages:

1. Being prepared - having a plan and a grab bag
2. Knowing what to do in an emergency

We would love it if you talked about this at home so your whanau all know your plan, make a plan and what to do if this happened when your at home.

Thank you Nicola for organising this successful Shakeout Day!



Staff Only Day - Friday 25th October

We will be holding our Teacher only day for 2019 on Friday 25th October so school will be closed for students. Staff will be working on our Local Curriculum. This is the final stage of the work we have been doing that links to our new vision and charter. We are excited to be getting to the final stages so that it can be fully implemented in 2020.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

😊 **Eden McKenzie** 😊 **Hendrik Uivel** 😊 **Alani Scanlon-Sula**

AND Robert Erlewein IN MAHOE CLASS



Term 4 - SUNHATS

A friendly reminder that in term 4 we all need to wear our sun hats. You can purchase school sun hats from the school office between 8.30am - 4.00pm \$18.00 – please pay online to the school bank account.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



Hello Parents. We would like to invite you all to view your pictures at Inspire Photography's new online ordering site. This gallery and ordering system is live and working as of now. This gallery will close at midnight on the Tuesday 29th October 2019 and orders placed before the gallery closes will be dropped off at your school by the 13.11.19. Orders to be posted will be processed at the same time as the prints that are to be returned to the school. Digital files are purchased as is and retouching requests may incur fees.

Anyone wishing to place an order after this date will need to contact our studio on 043848009 as re-activation, postage and packing fees may also apply.

To view your photographs:

1. Go to our website at <https://www.inspirephotocart.co.nz>
2. Enter this access code in the box: raekaihau84

For detailed instructions on how to order go here: <https://www.inspirephotography.co.nz/ordering2019.html>

If you require an alternative method of ordering, have any questions or are having problems ordering, then please feel free to call or email us. The more questions we receive the better we become at informing parents about this process.

Kind regards, The Inspire Team. orders@inspirephotography.co.nz 043848009 Inspire Photography

LIBRARY



Scholastic Book Club

The biggest issue ever of Scholastic Book Club is going home with students today.

This is the last issue for this year, so please think of holiday reading and gifts for family and friends.

Ordering is done on-line. Follow instructions on the inside back cover under "Three easy ways to pay"

No. 1. Visit scholastic.co.nz/LOOP. **The last day for orders is Sunday, 27 October.**

Orders will be delivered to school in early November. If items are gifts, please tick the 'gift' box when ordering. We will hold them in the office for parents to collect.

Thank you for your support. Scholastic give a generous rebate to the school. Joanna

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Next Meeting: Wednesday - 23rd October join us at 6.30pm and/or 7.30pm.

Our next Home and School meeting will be at 7.30pm Wednesday 23rd October - right after the Raising Resilient Children session. We hope to see you at either of these events or even at both. Do stick around - we'll have some treats on offer for those who do.

It's Disco Time Tomorrow

Just a few reminders about tomorrow's disco:

- 5.30pm - 7.30pm on Friday 18th October in the SWIS hall.
- Bring your coins: entry is gold coin donation and there will be sausages, drinks and baking for sale.
- The theme is 1980s - the kids can dress up however they want to according to how they think about the theme.
- Every child needs to have a responsible adult there for the event.
- Please drop off any baking to the school hall kitchen on Friday or bring it to the disco itself.
- Extra parent help is still needed and welcome. Come see Megan on the bake stall and she'll let you know where and when you can help.



Did you miss out on making a "calendar order"? It's not too late.

We have opened up a repeat order which runs from **17th - 28th October**. If you have lost your details get in touch with Megan at homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz and she can help you out.



School Fair - Saturday November 23rd Time is ticking - only 5 weeks to go!!

There will be a Fair Newsletter next week.

Before then, just a reminder about CRAFT NIGHT

Next **Tuesday October 22nd**, School Hall from 6.30pm. Learn some new skills, help the fair and have fun! Feel free to drop in any time to help out making crafts, all materials provided. This is the same evening as the Year 5 and 6 camp information night, so stay on and help out if you can.

Music for Fair: There are a few slots left for performers at the HVS fair on Nov 23rd. If you have a music set you are keen to share please contact Julian at crown.julz.24@gmail.com

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



KELLY CLUB BOOKING REMINDERS



Parents are requested to make the booking for Kelly Club after school care by **6pm** on the day before session. In the case of cancellations or changes, you can always send an email to houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz

However, kindly ensure that you do this latest by **9am** on the day of session so that we are able to accommodate your requests. This helps us to find the staff in time and ensure we maintain teacher-child ratios for the safety of our kids.

Also, kindly update us regarding your requirement for **Friday 25th October** for full day care as it is a staff only day at school. Thank you! Kelly Club Co-ordinator – Srishti

HVS SPORTS

Winter Netball Thanks

'Two energetic teams from HVS played the Motu Kairangi Netball Year 5/6 winter season over terms two and three. Games are played on Saturdays down at Evans Bay Intermediate School.

The Diamonds team went from strength to strength over the season, and with some incredible attack and shooting skills they went on to win their Grade. The Sapphires early season victories put them into a higher grade which meant some gallant efforts and true grit required at times. This term they won 2 games and had some close games and should be congratulated on their sporting behaviour and positive attitude. In fact a Motu Kairangi organising crew member commented to me that Houghton Valley players are always smiling and look like they enjoy the game, proud!

Well done to all players and big thanks to our MK delegate Denise, our umpires and coaches (Deb Tapp, Ciandra Keenan, Anna Ririnui, James Wallace), the drawcard writers and supporters.

Also we would like to say A **BIG** thanks to the **SCOTT** Michelle & Richard whanau for all the help they have done netball.



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

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Newtown Kindergarten: We are excited to say that Newtown Kindergarten turns **75 years old** in November. To celebrate this we are holding an **Open Day** on **Saturday 16th November** from 11am till 2pm. We warmly welcome everyone to our event, we would love to greet past parents, children, teachers and friends of Newtown.

TERM 4 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 14 th – 18 th Oct			Shakeout Day Drill & Info		<i>HVS School Disco</i> @ SWIS 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Week 2 21 st – 25 th Oct	<u>BOT Meeting @ 7pm</u> St John's Class Workshops (all day) Hall	<u>Craft Night for the Fair 6:30pm in Hall</u> St John's Class Workshops (all day) Hall	<u>Medeleine Taylor Evening Session @ 6:30pm in school Hall</u> <u>Home & School Meeting @7:30pm in Staff Room</u> ===== St John's Class Workshops (all day) Hall	Te Whānaungātanga o Poneke Kapa Haka Festival at St Pats College, Kilbirnie HVS perform @ 12:15pm	Staff Only Day – No School
Week 3 28 th – 1 st Nov	Labour Day Public Holiday	<u>ERO Visiting</u> Road Patrol Training Year 5s	ERO Visiting	ERO Visiting	HV School Athletics All Day
Week 4 4 th Nov – 8 th Nov	Athletics postponement	Living The Vision & Charter Expo 3pm-4pm and 5pm-6pm		Junior School "The Bait Shed" Trip <u>Southern Zone Athletics Year 4-6</u>	Hui/Assembly - Kowhai & Mahoe, Harakeke & Rimu @ 9:15am
Week 5 11 th Nov – 15 th Nov			Dental Clinic on Site		
Week 6 18 th Nov – 22 nd Nov	<u>7pm BOT Meeting</u> Junior School to Mr McGee & the Biting Flea				Hui/Assembly – Rata & Ti Kouka, Karaka & Nikau @ 9:15am HV School Fair Saturday 23 rd November
Week 7 25 th Nov – 29 th Nov					
Week 8 2 nd Dec – 6 th Dec			Year 5 and 6 Noho Marae Experience at Pipitea Hui/Assembly Ngaio & Pohutukawa @ 9:15am		
Week 9 9 th Dec – 13 th Dec			School Reports go Home	Year 6 Leavers and Whanau Evening	
Week 10 16 th Dec – 18 th Dec		Whole School Fun Day	Last day of School Finishing at 12:30pm		

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

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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