



# Houghton Valley School

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

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

## Newsletter

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

Week 3 of Term 4

### Reminders

- **Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** – HVS Whole School Athletics 9am-2:30pm
- **Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Parent Expo 3-4pm AND 5-6pm
- **Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Junior Trip to Bait House
- **Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Southern Zone Athletics - Year6-4

Kia ora te Whānau o Te Kura o Haewai

### Our Charter

After a lot of work we are thrilled to share our finalised Charter.

The four aspects come from what we value the most here at Houghton Valley. These will also inform what we teach in our Local School Curriculum.

We asked the designer to have a character that we could use across all of our areas of learning. The kereru was selected and one of the main reasons was as a symbol of aspiration. We currently don't have kereru who visit us here in the valley but hope to in the future. If we can nurture and enhance our place and people then this will be a place for all to thrive.

A few people have asked if this replaces our school logo and the answer is no. This is our charter. We won't be changing our logo or signage.

### 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 **3.00pm-4.00pm and 5.00pm-6.00pm**. We hope you can pop and ask questions, provide feedback and check out the work that we have done this year.

### Reporting to parents

At our Expo for the Charter next week we are also keen to hear from you about school reports. We want to know more about;

- what you want to know about your child's learning
- What isn't helpful
- Are you keen to be more actively involved
- That you receive information more frequently but is more specific with samples of work
- That we use an online process to share this to allow students, teachers and parents and whanau to contribute and celebrate together

This is something we have been discussing and investigating as a staff. With your feedback and suggestions this will allow us to start making some decisions on our next steps. This will take some time to implement so we hope to have it working next year. We will also look at running a hui once we have more information.

### Policy Review Term 4

This term we have two policies to review - Sun Protection and EOTC. If you would like to see the policies and make any recommendations then you can. We invite you to visit the site at <http://houghton.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Our username is **houghton** and password **6023**

If you need help then the details are on our website under [Policies and Publications](#)



### Athletics

If the sun keeps shining we will have our school athletics tomorrow. We will start at 9.10am. There is a timetable on the website and in all classrooms. If you want to take your child home at the end of athletics you must let their classroom teacher know before you take them.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal



## A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

☺ **Drake Elliot**



### **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.

## SUSTAINABILITY

The Middle syndicate students have been developing routines to help us reduce food and clothing waste at school.

**NO FRUIT STICKERS THANKS** - Pohutukawa students collect small amounts of fruit and vegetable scraps from each class. Plastic stickers can end up in the compost so a reminder for students to leave stickers at home or take them off the fruit before putting scraps into class compost buckets. They are also writing letters to ask companies to use biodegradable stickers or use other ways to label foods if necessary.

**WORM TEA FOR SALE** - Kowhai students empty the scraps into the worm farms and layer this with a layer of brown dead leaves. This helps to keep the school tidy as well. The worm 'tea' is being collected for sale after school on Thursdays outside Kowhai class, so look out for this. Any money raised will go towards buying more seedlings for the vegetable garden.



**NAME CLOTHING PLEASE** - Nikau students are setting out the Lost Property items for everyone to check each week. This term they have noticed more socks and jumpers as students take off their layers when the days warm up or the shoes and socks get wet or muddy. Nikau is very good at returning named clothing to classes.

### **KORORĀ - LITTLE BLUE PENGUIN from SOUTHCOAST CLEAN-UP**

We had great news that Peach, the Kororā has recovered at The Nest, Wellington Zoo. The Little Blue penguin was found injured at the Southcoast Clean-up at Houghton Bay in September. A big thanks to our quick acting parent Roger, who took her to the Zoo and yesterday took some lucky students to watch her release back into Taputeranga Marine Reserve. Watch the release video.

[Wellington Zoo Facebook link](#)

*Jill Holmstead HVS*



## YEAR 5/6 CAMP FUNDRAISERS

### ***Jojo Rabbit* Movie Fundraiser - Save the Date!**

We're still fundraising for our Senior Noho Marae trip in December. As part of this we've organised a movie night at the Empire Cinema in Island Bay.

Please block out **Wednesday 20 November, 8.15pm** in your calendars and put aside \$25 for a ticket to see Taika Waititi's new film, Jojo Rabbit. Details will follow shortly.

Any questions meanwhile please contact Katie Taylor-Duke (Frankie's Mum) via email, [taylorandduke@gmail.com](mailto:taylorandduke@gmail.com) or phone: 027 257 4113.



### **BIG THANKS**

A BIG thanks to "B" from "**Garuda Food Truck**" who donated \$520 to the HVS Senior Noho Marae trip. Thanks to the parents and neighbours that came to support by purchasing Noodles from the Garuda Food Truck on Saturday.

From Paige Lena and Natasha ☺

### **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

# HVS SPORTS

**HVS School Athletics** this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November (PP Mon 4th Nov): Come along this Friday to celebrate all of our HVS tamariki and their hard work training for athletics. Events will start at 9:30am and finish approximately 2:30pm in the afternoon. Please make sure all children have suitable sports gear, drink bottles, nutritious lunch and hats for the day! We'd love to see you there!

## HVS Athletics 2019 Friday 1st November



9:10 - Assemble on bottom field in year groups with water bottles in class box. Wearing appropriate sports gear.

Time/ Event	High Jump	Long Jump	Sprints	Fun Games	Quoits	Vortex	Rest & 800m
9.30	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6 800m Run
10.00	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5 800m Run
10.30	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4
Morning Tea							
11.30	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3
12.00	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2
Lunch							
1.35	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2
2.05	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1

Year 4, 5 and 6 students placing 1-3 in events will qualify for Southern Zone Athletics.

### HVS FLOORBALL

HVS has had a wonderful start to the floorball season this term! Teams have played two games and are rearing to go for the next game.

Draws can be found on Wellington Floorball's website: [www.wellingtonfloorball.org.nz](http://www.wellingtonfloorball.org.nz). On the home page you'll find draws/results down the right hand side. Click on this, select Term 4 2019 and you should be able to find all grades there.

**A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered to coach teams!**

## HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### Disco Thanks

The kids looked amazing in their 1980s gear, as did some of the parents. It was a fun evening. Many thanks to Johanna (our organiser), Greg (our DJ), Grant (for the lights) and all the parents who helped out. We raised almost **\$780**.

### School Fair - Saturday November 23rd Only 3 weeks to go!!!!!!

We will have a Fair-only newsletter next week, so will only cover a couple of important things here:



**Art Raffle** Kirsty White, school mum and talented artist has kindly donated one of her pictures to the Fair. We are raffling (is that even a word?) the limited edition art, which can be viewed outside Denise's office.

**\$3 a ticket or \$5 for two**. The winner will be drawn on fair day. Please let us know if you could sell some tickets, or if you want to buy one!



## Pre-Fair Clothes Sale

We need help with the setting up and running of our exclusive, invitation-only, first-pick clothes sale. This will happen on the afternoon of the **16th November** in the Community Hall. If you can't help, that's OK, just come along to shop and tell all your friends (anyone who helps at the fair or loves HVS is invited :) If you can help, or want more information contact Nell. nellwinton@icloud.com



## Crafts/Jams/Chutneys etc:

We have jars for jams and chutneys if anyone wants to make any. If you are a crafter and can whip up something to sell on our craft stall - knitted baby clothes, eco-friendly anything, bunting, anything made with love will sell. Let us know if you need help with sourcing/buying materials.

## Music for Fair:

There are a few slots left for performers at the HVS fair on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have a music set you are keen to share please contact Julian at [crown.julz.24@gmail.com](mailto:crown.julz.24@gmail.com)

Any fair-related questions please contact Karen on 027 209 4832 or [parr.karen@gmail.com](mailto:parr.karen@gmail.com)

## TERM 4 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 3</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Labour Day Public Holiday	ERO Visiting Road Patrol Training Year 5s	ERO Visiting	ERO Visiting	HV School Athletics All Day
<b>Week 4</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	HVS Athletics postponement	<b>Living The Vision &amp; Charter Expo</b> 3pm-4pm and 5pm-6pm		Junior School "The Bait Shed" Trip Southern Zone Athletics Year 4-6 @ Newtown Park	Hui/Assembly - Kowhai & Mahoe, Harakeke & Rimu @ 9:15am
<b>Week 5</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov			Dental Clinic on Site		<b>Pre-Fair Clothes Sale</b> Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ Houghton Valley Community Hall
<b>Week 6</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	7pm BOT Meeting  Junior School to Mr McGee & the Biting Flea				Hui/Assembly – Rata & Ti Kouka, Karaka & Nikau @ 9:15am  =====
<b>Week 7</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov					
<b>Week 8</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec			Year 5 and 6 Noho Marae Experience at Pipitea (3 days) Hui/Assembly Ngaio & Pohutukawa @ 9:15am		
<b>Week 9</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec			School Reports go Home	Year 6 Leavers and Whanau Evening	
<b>Week 10</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 18 <sup>th</sup> 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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<b>Bee Healthy Dental Clinic</b> • 0800 825 583 Term 4 2019 Mobile Clinic onsite @ HVS from <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	For updates check <a href="http://www.houghton.school.nz">www.houghton.school.nz</a>