



# Houghton Valley School Newsletter

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

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

**School Fair. Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> - less than 5 weeks to go!**



The yellow chicken posters are up and the teachers are puckering up to kiss the goat...who will it be?

Thank you to all those people we signed up at the school disco. We still need heaps more help though to make sure everyone gets a break, so please sign up or contact us if you can help.

Any general fair questions/offers of help, please contact us on [parr.karen@gmail.com](mailto:parr.karen@gmail.com) or have a chat to Karen or Sarah Wylie.

## Craft Night: TOMORROW, October 22nd, from 6.30pm

Come along to the school hall for a sociable crafting session to help put things together for the Fair and maybe learn some new skills. All materials provide, but bring your own projects to work on if you prefer. We'll be there for a couple of hours so come later if that suits you better.

If you can't make it to craft night but are able to donate some craft to the fair, that would be awesome!

## Posters and Flyers

This week your children will bring home posters and flyers for the Fair. Please could you put them in your car, at work, or in your local cafe or shop to advertise our fair? Your help is much appreciated. If you don't need them all, they can be dropped back to Denise, if you are able to put more in public places in your area, you can pick up more. If you can help us deliver flyers locally 1 or 2 weeks before the Fair please contact Caroline Boyle: [lunasa@hotmail.com](mailto:lunasa@hotmail.com)

## Pre-Fair Clothing Sale - Saturday afternoon, November 16th

It's back! After our successful sale last year, we will be hosting a pre-fair sale of the clothes donated to the Fair, at the Community Hall. Bring along neighbours, friends and family for a sociable browse, drink in hand, through the best of the clothes.

## Curry Stall

We are always looking for curry makers, and if anyone has a very large pot they are happy to lend please let us know. If you are keen to make a curry but don't have a pot, or would like more information on what to make, etc contact Amanda on [a.berkahn@yahoo.com.au](mailto:a.berkahn@yahoo.com.au)

## Deli

Can you make a salad or some chutney, relish or jam? These are really good sellers for our stall and are very popular, and I would be grateful for any extra help. If you can help, even if it's just a little bit, please contact me on [stephyford@outlook.com](mailto:stephyford@outlook.com) Thanks Steph Ford – Deli stall coordinator

## **Donations**

We are low on donations so far this year (Mari Kondo has a lot to answer for - I think everyone cleared their closets last year). Please continue to drop off clothes, books and toys in good condition.

## **Community Donors/Silent Auction**

We are going to have some AMAZING offers at the Silent Auction this year.

Donors so far include:

*El Matador, Artrageous, Nat Zumba, Bicycle Junction, Good Nature, Catama Headstart Hair Design, Ohtel Oriental Parade, Escape Mate, Staglands, Zealandia, Switched on Bikes, Mojo, Write Limited, Westpac Stadium, Laserforce, Pete Lamb Fishing, Yogarae, Big Air Gym, Floyds Café, Koru Gift Centre, White Room Gallery, Nail Envy, Unichem Island Bay, Numberworks, Pilates Flow, The Body Shop Cuba Street, The Warehouse Tory Street, Eketahuna Mt Bruce, Interislander (Great Journeys), Island Bay New World, PaperPlus Kilbirnie, Kilbirnie Pharmacy, The Childrens' Bookshop, Cicio Cacio, Next Stop Earth Newtown, Wellington Phoenix and lots more to come!*

**Check out our Facebook page to keep up to date**

## **Waste Management**

Imagine going to a fair where the bins are NOT overflowing with rubbish? It is possible!

Last year HVS fair waste focused on reducing our waste and using compostable packaging. We successfully diverted 130kg of compostable waste from going to the landfill. Hurrah!

This year we are focusing on **REUSABLE** packaging, as this is way forward towards a waste free event/community.

What you can do to help this aim:

### **1) BYO keeppcups and tableware to all events you go to, especially to our fair**

Any compostable packaging that is lined with PLA (the fine plastic lining inside coffee cups and containers) is NO LONGER COMPOSTABLE in Wellington. Therefore it will make a HUGE difference if you Bring Your Own.

### **2) DONATE EXTRAS:**

When you Konmari your kitchen this spring, **DONATE mugs, cutlery, bowls and plates** that can spark joy to the fair. Then we can have a stash of reusable tableware for fair-goers who forget theirs.

There will still be monitored waste stations with landfill, compost and recycling bins available.

If you would like to be a Waste Educator to help fair-goers sort their waste, or you would like to help towards reducing our fair's waste, please contact Flic at [flicmorris@gmail.com](mailto:flicmorris@gmail.com). Thank you for all your help!