



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Thursday, 28th November 2019

Week 7 of Term 4

Home & School Reminders

- **Fri 29th Nov** – 9:15am New Families Powhiri
- **Mon 2nd Dec** – 7:30pm **Home & School Meeting**
@ Venue to be confirmed
- **Fri 6th Dec** – 9:15am Hui/Assembly (Room 8 & 1)
- **Tues 10th Dec** – 2pm Performacne Assembly
- **Thurs 12th Dec** – 2pm Farewell Staff Assembly
- **Thurs 12th Dec** – 5:30pm Year 6 Leavers Farewell & School Picnic

Kia ora te Whānau o Te Kura o Haewai

WOW - Fair

The sun shone, the food smelled amazing, the children sang and played, the stalls were packed with goods, crafts and customers, another super successful annual school fair!

Well done to the wonderful team who put this truly amazing event together and to all of those who contributed or participated in some way. It was a true representation of our school vision in action - Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together!

A special mention to Karen Parr the event organiser for the 5th year and Sarah Wylie, Kate Mitcalfe, Flic Morris and Nell Winton and others for going above and beyond. All of the students, staff and HVS community appreciate your commitment to our tamariki and kura.



Year 6 Leavers and School Picnic

On Thursday the 12th December, we will have our annual Year 6 leavers assembly. This will start at 5.30pm in the Hall. We would love for as many families to attend this as possible as this is a special time to acknowledge those students and their whanau who are leaving HVS.

Along with the Home and School team we have decided to have a whole school picnic after the assembly as a way to celebrate 2019. We expect this to start at 6.15pm on the field so we hope you can all come along!

Staff

Congratulations to our wonderful Deputy Principal, Whaea Monnie Mercury, for winning a TeachNZ Study Award to complete her Masters of Education at Victoria University in 2020! We are excited that Monnie gets an opportunity to continue her learning journey. She will be here for a couple of weeks at the start of the year to help us kick off term one, before she begins her study. Miriam Gaynor will step up as Deputy Principal for 2020 while Monnie is on leave. Nicola O'Halloran is taking term one off to do some study and travel. She will rejoin the team at the beginning of term 2 when we start our tenth class for 2020.

Leaving Staff

At the end of the year we say farewell to some wonderful staff. Joanna Ludbrook who has worked in our library as our wonderful librarian for the past 10 years is going to spend time with her mokopuna who live overseas.

Michelle and her girls are moving to Ngaio. Michelle has a new job at Ngaio school and the girls will be joining her there. Briar is heading to Whistler in Canada to fulfil a life-long dream and work on the ski fields there with her older sister, and Ben is moving on to new adventures.

All of these staff members have made important contributions to your child's learning journey and been active members of our school community. We wish them all the best on their new adventures! There will be a farewell assembly on Thurs 12th December at 2pm for staff.

New Staff

We have a number of new staff joining us next year. We welcome Morgan Jones to Year 2 and she will be the Acting Team Leader of the junior team for 2020. Lauren Peatfield and Lucy Bould will be in Years 3/4 and Lauren Sims will join the Year 5/6 team. They will be attending sessions with staff and students before the end of the year. We are excited to welcome them to the team.

If you would like to meet the new teachers then they will be at school on Wednesday 11th December (except Lauren Sims as this is her schools last day of the year) so feel free to pop in for cup of tea with us to introduce yourself in the Library from 3pm to 3:30pm. Lauren Sims will come and spend the day with us all on Monday 15th December.

Staff and Classes for 2020:

Junior Team	Middle Team	Senior Team
Jos Abernethy - Room 8 Year 1/NE	Lauren Peatfield - Room 1 Year 3/4	Fiona Crossett - Room 4 Year 5/6
Nicola Halloran - Room 7 Year 1 (Term 2)	Lucy Bould - Room 2 Year 3/4	Lauren Sims - Room 10 Year 5/6
Ashleigh Kulwant - Room 6 Year 1/2	Stephanie Bosch - Room 3 Year 3/4 (Team Leader)	Miriam Gaynor - Room 9 Year 5/6 (Acting Deputy Principal)
Morgan Jones - Room 5 Year 2 (Acting Team Leader)		

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:

☺ **Arlo Winspear**

FROM THE LIBRARY



Please ensure all overdue books are returned to the Library.

If a book has been lost, please pay \$10 to Denise (or on-line) so I can finalise my stock-take.

Thanks for your co-operation. Joanna

HVS SPORTS

Interzone Athletics

HVS has 19 students competing at InterZone Athletics on Tuesday this week. They had a fantastic day in the sunshine, filled with a lot of success and some big grins along the way! Ka pai team!

Congratulations to **Te Maihi, Ethan, Maddi and Henri** who have qualified for Regional Athletics!



H&S Meeting:

We are having our last Home and School meeting on **Monday 2nd December at 7.30pm**. Unfortunately our **venue of choice is closed on Monday** - so we are looking to find somewhere else to go. We will let you know once we have confirmed the venue. Please RSVP to Megan in the meantime: homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz.



School Fair

A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped make the school fair such a success. More details to follow about the amount raised, but I think all would agree it was a great day. It was wonderful to see members of the local community, grandparents, friends and neighbours involved as well as school whanau.

If you have any expenses to claim, please get receipts to Denise or Kevin ASAP so that we can do a final tally.



Calendars

Once again a big thank you to the teachers for the amazing art work they helped the kids to create for the calendar art fundraiser this year. We raised \$808.00.

City Mission - Donations

We have got a box here at school which you can donate to. If you want to help someone this Christmas you can by:

BE SOMEONE'S STAR

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Please help The Mission make this Christmas special for families in need, through the gift of giving.

Be someone's star by filling this box with any of the following goods:

Christmas Items:	Essential Items:	New Toys & Gifts:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single adult Christmas cakes• Fancy biscuits/crackers• Fancy relishes/sauces• Salted nuts/dry roasted nuts• Chippies• Retail vouchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spreads & muesli bars• Sugar & milk powder• Pasta sauce• Tinned soup• Tinned fish/meat• Tinned fruit• Biscuits & crackers• Baby food & nappies• Laundry powder & dishwashing liquid• Sugar free food for diabetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vouchers (e.g. movies/zoo/pool)• Construction toys (e.g. Lego/Meccano)• Gifts for 10-14 year olds• Educational toys• Books• Puzzles & Board games• Baby toys for 0-2yr olds (e.g. rattles/shape sorters)• Diaries/calendars• Sports equipment (e.g. rugby balls/ netballs)

Thanks for being someone's star! wellingtoncitymission

TERM 4 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 25 th Nov – 29 th Nov		Interzone Athletics (pp Thurs 28 th Nov)			Powhiri – Welcome New Families Hui @ 9:15am
Week 8 2 nd Dec – 6 th Dec	Home & School Meeting 7:30pm @ <i>Venue to be decided</i>	Regional Athletics @ Newtown Athletics Park	<i>Year 5 and 6 Noho Marae Experience at Pipitea (3 days)</i> Hui/Assembly Ngāio & Pohutukawa @ 9:15am		
Week 9 9 th Dec – 13 th Dec		2pm Performance Assembly	School Reports go Home	2pm Farewell Assembly for Staff =====	
				5:30pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly followed by School Picnic @ approx 6:15pm	
Week 10 16 th Dec – 18 th Dec		Whole School Fun Day	Last day of School <i>Finishing at 12:30pm</i>		

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

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

KELLY CLUB AND HOLIDAY PROGRAM

KELLY CLUB HOUGHTON VALLEY – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Schools out!! – come along to Kelly Club Houghton Valley for a fun filled afternoon of activities and sports. From 12:30pm to 6pm

KELLY CLUB ISLAND BAY PRE XMAS 16 DEC – 20 DEC & JAN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 6 JAN – 4 FEB 2020 – 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.

Pre- Xmas Holiday Programme - HO HO HO - We're taking over Santa's workshop for the week with lots of Christmas activities planned!

The January Holiday Programme is packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. We have some exciting days planned: Awesome Bounce, Rock Climbing, Ice Skating, Laser Force, Zealandia, Staglands, Colour War Day, Under the Sea Day, Slime Day, Wonderful Water Day, Wicked Wheels Day, Masterchef plus the Bouncy Castle is coming to Kelly Club and lots more!

To enrol www.kellyclub.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call [04 972 7201](tel:049727201)



COMMUNITY NOTICE

Artrageous Kids Holiday programme

Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! Find out more about us on our website artrageouskids.co.nz. Bookings essential!

Creative Christmas programme: 16 – 23 Dec 2019

Summer Adventure programme: 6 – 31 Jan 2020

Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15

Bookings available at enrolmy.com/artrageous-kids

Schedule of Events

- 4:30 pm Handball Showcase
- 5:00 pm Team Presentation
- 5:05 pm **Haka**
Te Kapa Pā-ringa Ō Pango
- 5:15 pm Game - 1st Half
- 5:55 pm Half Time Show
- 6:15 pm Game -2nd Half
- 6:50 pm Closing

FREE Entry (Koha)
GRANDSTAND seating by reservation only
<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/nz-men-vs-barbarians-exhibition-match-tickets-83102201923>

NZ Men vs Barbarians Exhibition Match
7 Dec 2019 - ASB Sports Centre, Wellington

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<p>Kelly Club After School Care www.kellyclub.co.nz Cell 022 010 9981 email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</p>	<p>Ezlunch.co.nz • Thursdays • Sushi • Fridays • Pita Pit go online www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am to order.</p>
<p>Bee Healthy Dental Clinic • 0800 825 583 Term 4 2019 Mobile Clinic onsite @ HVS from Thursday 14th Nov</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For updates check www.houghton.school.nz</p>