



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Monday, 9th December 2019

Week 9 of Term 4

Home & School Reminders

- **Tues 10th Dec – 2pm** Performacne Assembly
- **Wed 11th Dec – 3pm** Cup of Tea in Hall/Library
- **Thurs 12th Dec – 2pm** Farewell Staff Assembly
- **Thurs 12th Dec – 5:30pm** Year 6 Leavers Farewell followed by a H & S Picnic
- **Tues 17th Dec – Fun Day – all day**
- **Wed 18th Dec – Last Day** pickup time **12:30pm**
2020 – Friday 7th Feb 2020 @ 9am first day back

Kia ora te Whānau o Te Kura o Haewai

This is our final newsletter for 2019. The year has whizzed past and we have much to celebrate and many people to thank for their support, generosity and participation throughout the year. Nga mihi nui koutou!



At the end of the year we farewell 36 Year 6 students who are preparing for the next step in their education journey. We wish our students all the best for the future. In the words of the famous Dr...

We are also farewelling 14 of our whanau for whom this is their last or only student here at HVS. We would like to thank you all for your amazing contributions over the years.

Noho Marae - Year 5/6



Last week, we took 77 students from Years 5 and 6, for a Noho Marae at Pipitea Marae here in Wellington. The focus was on learning more about Te Ao Maori - te reo, kawa and tikanga. During the 3 days the tamariki got to experience a range of activities. They learnt a new haka, waiata, history of Te Whanganui-a-tara, visited Matiu/Somes, played Ki o Rahi, made Soundscapes at Capital E, learnt about the sculptures in Civic Square and more.

Nga mihi nui to the wonderful parents who stayed for the 3 days, the parents who joined us for the trip to Matiu/Somes and to our amazing teachers - Miriam, Briar and Fiona, who organised and ran the Noho.

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

This week we have...

Tuesday 10th - 2pm our final Performance Assembly

Wednesday 11th - transition sessions where the students will be in their classes for 2020 and with their teachers. Reports will come home on this day too. There is a coffee in the library if you would like to meet the teachers for 2020

Thursday 12th - Farewell assembly for staff leaving and Year 1-5 students at 2.00pm. Year 6 leavers assembly on at 5.30pm followed by a whole school picnic on the field. Please remember this is a child event so **no alcohol is permitted**.

Next week ...

Monday 16th - a second transition session for students and teachers.

Tuesday 17th - is our annual end of year Fun Day so children need to bring togs, towel, clothing that they can get wet and run around in.

Wednesday 18th December is our final day and we finish at 12.30pm. Children don't need to bring lunch as we are finishing before eating time.

Stationery 2020

As part of our planning for 2020 we are looking into stationery options for 2020. Every year we aim to keep costs as low as possible. We sell at cost and make no money from this at the beginning of the year.

To start our planning we need to know who would prefer to purchase their stationery elsewhere (not from us here at school). When we order from our supplier they charged us for any over ordering we do so we want to be able to purchase the 'right' amount. We also, by law, need to provide choice for our whanau on where they purchase stationery.

We have also asked that we receive our stationery in paper or cardboard boxes to reduce the use of plastic. If you want to purchase your stationery elsewhere please email Denise by Wednesday to let her know and we will give you a stationery list at the end of the year once teachers have confirmed them - admin@houghton.school.nz.

For those who want to purchase their stationery through school you don't need to do anything.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all back safely in 2020.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa,

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal

FROM THE LIBRARY



Please encourage your children to read over the summer holidays. Research has shown how reading levels drop quickly if reading is not a regular daily activity.

Please remind students to get a bag full of books - or parents are welcome to come and choose for the whole family. They are due back Week 1, Term 1, 2020.

Read NZ (formerly The Book Council) is running a summer reading programme, the [Super Smash Reading Challenge](#). Created in partnership with New Zealand Cricket, this competition involves young readers (aged 5-14) 'playing' (reading) for their local cricket team. Click [here](#) to read more, download a [digital flyer](#), listen to an [interview](#) all about it on RNZ Afternoons and read [an article](#) in the *Education Gazette*.

Best wishes to you all for a safe, happy summer. Enjoy reading! Joanna

TERM 4 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 9 th Dec – 13 th Dec		2pm Performance Assembly	School Reports go Home <hr/> 3pm Cup of Coffee and meet new teachers	2pm Farewell Assembly for Staff ===== 5:30pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly followed by Home & 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>		

TERM 1 2020 - FIRST DAY BACK FOR THE TERM 1 - FRIDAY 7TH FEB 2020 @ 9AM

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

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:

<p>Christmas Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single adult Christmas cakes • Fancy biscuits/crackers • Fancy relishes/sauces • Salted nuts/dry roasted nuts • Chippies • Retail vouchers 	<p>Essential Items:</p> <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 	<p>New Toys & Gifts:</p> <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)
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Thanks for being someone's star! wellingtoncitymission

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