



# Houghton Valley School

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

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

## Newsletter

Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Week 2 of Term 1

### HVS Reminders

- **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2:15pm** - Powhiri/Welcome
- **Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 5pm** - Meet Teachers & Picnic 6pm
- **Fri 21<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am** - Whole School Beach Trip Lyall Bay
- **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.10am** - Te Hui A kura Assembly Rm 8/3/4

### **Kia ora te whanau o Haewai**

Nau mai haere mai and welcome back to all of our Houghton Valley learners and their whanau. We trust you had a relaxing and special time with whanau and friends over the summer holidays and that you are feeling recharged and energised.

It has been wonderful to see the children skip back into school with a smile on their face after the holidays. I have enjoyed sharing holiday stories with them and have certainly been amazed at what they got up to. It seems we have some very lucky families exploring all parts of New Zealand and even further afield.

We have tried to jam pack this first email with notices and reminders with useful information for the term and year.

### New Staff

We welcome Morgan Jones, Lauren Peatfield, Lucy Bould and Lauren Sims to HVS. Classrooms are looking great. Staff have been busy preparing and planning during the break. We encourage you to come in and see your child's teacher and have a look around their classroom.



Morgan Jones



Lauren Peatfield



Lucy Bould



Lauren Sims

### Reminder for the beginning of the year:

- Children are welcome at school from 8.30am. Before this time teachers and staff are busy preparing for the day and aren't responsible for our tamariki until 8.30am. We appreciate your support with this
- The carpark is not for parents and whanau between 8.00-4.00pm so we would appreciate you don't enter this space or park here as it is the main entrance for our children. Last year we had some dangerous situations due to people pulling in, parking over the entrance and turning around
- We wear sun hats in terms 1 and 4 - *Proper sun-hats with brims or legionnaire caps with back flaps (we sell school hats from the office for \$18)*
- School newsletter will be fortnightly this year. You can expect them on the even weeks of the term
- All students have received their stationery so an invoice will be sent out soon (Stat Costs: Seniors-Rm 9,10,4 \$33.70 – Middle-Rm 1,2,3 \$28.00 – Juniors-Rm 5,6 \$25.00 – New Entrant Rm 8 \$14.80) -
- Permission slips for trips, digital citizenship and donations have been given to students in paper copy today so we appreciate if the slips are returned as soon as possible

### Parent Information Evening and Staff Picnic – Thursday 20th February

Come and find out more about how our teams work together and what they have planned for 2020. We are going to keep this brief. The purpose is to give you an overview of each team.

**5.00pm Year 1-2 classes** (Jos Abernethy, Morgan Jones, Ashleigh Kulwant and Rekha Tiwari)

**5.20pm Year 3-4 classes** (Lauren Peatfield, Jill Holmstead, Lucy Bould and Stephanie Bosch)

**5.40pm Year 5-6 classes** (Miriam Gaynor, Lauren Sims and Fiona Crossett)

## **Meet the Staff Picnic Starts from 6.00pm**

Come and meet the staff, other parents and whanau. Let's kick off the year with some food 'n fun! Bring a rug, some picnic kai or takeaways. (check the HVS website for postponement due to weather). Please remember this is a whanau event so no alcohol permitted.

## **Beach Trip Friday 21st February**

### ***Outline of the day:***

- *Leave school at 10.00am and walk to Lyall Bay with morning tea upon arrival.*
- *Then there will be a Buddy class Sand Sculpture-building competition – the theme for the sculptures this year will be Sustainability.*
- *The children will be divided into the 3 syndicate groups (Yrs 1/2, years 3/4 and years 5/6) and each group will be timetabled to swim for 30 minutes (to avoid having too many children in the water at the same time).*
- *We'll have lunch together at 12.30pm then gather for sand sculpture judging.*
- *When not swimming, children can play games on the beach or build their own sand sculptures.*
- *End of day from 2pm*
- *Note: The "2020 Annual Permission Slip/activities form" (yellow) needs to be returned to the school office before the beach trip by Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 20 would be great*



**As with other trips, we rely on parents helping, so that we have appropriate adult: child ratios.  
If you can help, please email Denise by Monday 17th February - [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz)**

## **Communication Tools and Expectations**

With all that is happening it is important that we understand and know all the ways we use to communicate with our parents and whanau. We also wanted to remind parents and whanau that teachers will answer emails as soon as possible but during the day they are busy teaching so often they don't read them until after school or before school. We understand that at times, you email us later in the evening as that is when you get a spare moment but staff will only reply during their work hours of 8.00-5.00pm Monday to Friday.

1. **Newsletter(fortnightly)** - the purpose of the school wide newsletter is to share the key topics of discussion, share learning that is happening around the school, highlight key school events, update our community of our strategic direction e.g Sustainability and PB4L, and to allow you to be involved in what is happening. It also has a section where others from the community contribute too.
2. **School website** - you can find a range of information on here but 4 key features are:
  - Front page - update on events and their status
  - School calendar of events. You can link this to your phone so you can keep track of all the school events <https://houghton.school.nz/calendar/>
  - Emailing through absences - <https://houghton.school.nz/report-an-absence/>
3. **eTap** - this is our school-wide student management system which also allows us to bulk text and email. We use this in emergencies, emailing the fortnightly newsletter and for classroom teachers to email parents and whanau.
4. **Team and Class Newsletters** - At the beginning of the term each team sends out a newsletter to tell you about the learning focus. It also includes any dates or trips that have been finalised by then. Then during the term you might receive class notices, especially about trips, sports etc
5. **Phone** - to update us any immediate information(first aid) or to speak to our parents and whanau.
6. **Facebook** -<https://www.facebook.com/houghton.school.nz/> this has been successfully managed by Home and School but we have now merged this to be a school Facebook page. This is used to share reminders, advert events and to post important messages.

## **Absences**

It is very important that you let us know asap that your child/ren won't be at school. You can do this via email - [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz), from the website <https://houghton.school.nz/report-an-absence/> or phone 939 3318. We have a legal responsibility to follow up on any absences. If your child is coming in late you also need to let us know so we have a record of this.

Until next time, be your best. No reira, kia kaha ra,  
Nga Mihi Nui, Luana Carroll, Principal

A BIG WELCOME IN POHUTUKAWA CLASS TO:

☺ Eli Jones    ☺ Otis Geursen    ☺ Arlo Anderson  
 ☺ Hugo Doig    ☺ Max Townend    ☺ Zeita Pattison  
 ☺ Zara Coulter

ALSO WELCOME IN NIKAU TO:

☺ Harry Barton    ☺ Lucca McErlane-Rogers

WELCOME BACK IN RATA TO: ☺ Asher Hansen

WELCOME IN RIMU TO: ☺ Daniel Erlewein

### TERM 1 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 2</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> Feb					Powhiri/Welcome for new tamariki and kaiako at 2:15pm
<b>Week 3</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> Feb				Meet the Teacher 5pm then School Picnic from 6pm	Whole School Beach Trip Lyall Bay 10am-2pm
<b>Week 4</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> Feb		BOT Meeting 7pm			Te-Hui-kura Ngaio, Nikau and Karaka 9.10am
<b>Week 5</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> March	Movin March Begins				
<b>Week 6</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> March					Te-Hui-kura Ti Kouka, Pohutukawa and Rata 9.10am
<b>Week 7</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> March					
<b>Week 8</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair Week	3-Way Goal Setting conferences with student, parents & teachers	3-Way Goal Setting conferences with student, parents & teachers		Te-Hui-kura Harakeke, Kowhai and Rimu 9.10am
<b>Week 9</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> March-3 <sup>rd</sup> April					
<b>Week 10</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> April		Performance Assembly 2pm	Last Day for Students for Term 1	Teacher Only Day – No School	Easter Friday – Public Holiday

## HVS SPORTS



### **Junior Netball – Term One for Year 1 to 4 – Registrations close TOMORROW**

Motu Kairangi Netball is now accepting registrations for the MotherEarth futureFERN Netball Programme for children in Year 1 to Year 4, in term 1, 2020. The summer season begins on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for all year groups.

Please contact Denise [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz) if you would like to play and parents if you can help coach and manage teams. The registration deadline for individual players and school teams is noon on *Wednesday, 12 February, 2020*.

## KELLY SPORTS



### **Back to School Sports - TERM 1 2020 - (Yrs 1-4) – Thursday's 3:05-4:05pm**

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes. Come and try **Cricket, Dodgeball, Touch Rugby and Kick Boxing**. With 2 weeks of each sport. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability.

We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Your child will learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time! For full details and to enrol into our programmes

visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201

SCHOOL LUNCHES IN 2020 - [WWW.EZLUNCH.CO.NZ](http://WWW.EZLUNCH.CO.NZ)

THURSDAYS SUSHI AND FRIDAYS PITA PIT

## COMMUNITY NOTICE



**Pippins**  
5 - 6 years

**Join in the fun at Island Bay Pippins.** Being a Pippin with GirlGuiding NZ is a very popular choice for 5 and 6 year old girls. We welcome all girls interested to join our Unit in Island Bay at St Hilida's Church from 6-7pm on a Tuesday night during the school term. If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter you would like to have fun then contact Dianna on phone: 04 3837518 or email [meates21@gmail.com](mailto:meates21@gmail.com) the HVS office.

**INSTEP DANCE STUDIO** – 80 Houghton Bay Road  
Offering dance classes for ages 3-18 years in ballet, jazz and contemporary. With qualified and experienced staff teaching young dancers in an inspiring and nurturing environment. FREE TRIAL classes available! To enrol or book a trial class for Term 1, please contact [instepdance@hotmail.com](mailto:instepdance@hotmail.com)

For more information, visit [www.instepdancestudio.co.nz](http://www.instepdancestudio.co.nz)



### **Suzanne Aubert Scout Group**

Do you enjoy camping, the outdoors and doing adventurous activities like kayaking, camping, tramping?

The Suzanne Aubert Scout Group is running Cubs (girls and boys aged 8 – 11) and Scouts (girls and boys aged 11 – 14) on Monday nights 6.30 – 8pm at St Anne's Hall in Newtown.

This term's activities include: fishing, campfire cooking, geocaching, outdoor adventure and games nights. Come along and join the adventure.

For more details either email [SuzanneAubert@group.scouts.nz](mailto:SuzanneAubert@group.scouts.nz) or contact Rob McCullough on 0221771007.

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HVS Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/houghton.school.nz/>

School Office Email: [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz)

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go online [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) before 9am to order.

**Kelly Club After School Care** - [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) Cell 022 010 9981 email [houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz)