



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Thursday, 27th February 2020

Week 4 of Term 1

HVS Reminders

- **Fri 28th Feb 9:10am** – Te Hui/Assembly Rm 8/3/4
- **Fri 28th Feb 10am** - Whole School Beach Trip Lyall Bay
- **Mon 9th March 7:30pm** – Home & School Meeting
- **Mon 23rd March** – Book Fair Week

Kia ora te whanau o Haewai

Last week we had a fabulous evening with our community for Meet the Teacher and whanau picnic on the field. It was lovely to see our whanau, especially our new whanau to HVS. We appreciate the wonderful emails and feedback we have received. It is great to hear we are providing you with the information you need at this time of the year.

The classes have started off with a buzz. As I walk around the school and in classrooms I see active learners who are engaged in their learning. Congratulations to our tamariki and kaiako for a positive start to the year!

Emergency Food Kits

We are an Emergency Hub. People often think that means we have food onsite to feed people and this isn't the case. We have tools for the hub to communicate with the local community and civil defense.

During the holidays, we checked our limited food and emergency supplies and the food has expired or is near expiry so we thought we would try a different system to reduce the amount of waste and to ensure we can provide food for all of our learners, especially those with allergies and special health diets.

As a part of our planning we would like to have food for students if we had an emergency during school time that meant they needed to stay on site for awhile. This could be anything from a lockdown to an earthquake. We thought the best way to do this is for us to get everyone to bring a container of food that they can eat (this caters for allergies and other health needs) and at the end of the year it will go home and return with new food the following year. This was we eliminate any waste.

If you have spare ice cream containers please leave them in the school corridor at the 'Emergency Kit containers' sign for people to pick up if they need one.

Teacher Only Days 2020

Last year, the Minister of Education gave teachers 8 Teacher Only Days to use for professional development during the next 3 years as a way to reduce teacher workload. This year we are using 3. We have attached these either to a holiday or a long weekend so that it isn't too disruptive.

The dates for these are;

1. **Thursday 9th April (the last day of term 1 before Easter and term 1 holidays)**
2. **Tuesday 2nd June (the day after Queen's Birthday)**
3. **Tuesday 27th October (day after Labour Day)**

Beach Trip Friday 28th February

Fingers crossed we will be heading to Lyall Bay beach tomorrow at 10.00am after our School hui. We still need people to help walk with us and get in the water so please email the office asap. Please remember to let Denise know if you are picking your child/ren up from the beach at 2.00pm so we have them on the list.

We also require a car to transport some PE gear for us if possible.

Until next time, be your best.

No reira, kia kaha ra,

Nga Mihi Nui,

Luana Carroll



SCHOOL LUNCHES IN 2020 - WWW.EZLUNCH.CO.NZ

THURSDAYS - SUSHI AND

FRIDAYS - PITA PIT (NOTE: WE WILL DROP PITA PIT TO THE BEACH, TOMORROW)

MOVIN' MARCH



Māehe Manawa Ora Movin' March

2-31 March 2020 | movinmarch.com



Movin'March begins next week!

We will be participating in Movin'March again to encourage students to walk, scoot or ride to school during March. There are many benefits for students to exercise, gain independence and to help them understand the benefits to the planet by reducing the use of vehicles.

WOW Passport Challenge

Each day we will stamp the walk or wheel trips your tamariki do to OR from school. All entries go in the draw to win one of 12 x \$400 My Ride vouchers (that's more than double the prizes from last year!). Let's get stamping!

Movin'March Parent Photo Comp

Snap a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin'March & win! It might highlight a small adventure or wonder discovered along the way, or simply capture a moment in your journey. Post your photo publicly on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) with #movinmarch. All entries will go in the daily draw to win a family pass to a fun destination in the Wellington region.

See the link for more information <http://www.gw.govt.nz/movin-march/>

Jill Holmstead

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Home & School Association - get involved in our school community

Welcome to a new school year. Whether you're starting out at Houghton Valley School, or returning, the Home and School Association is a really important part of the school community helping drive critical funds for the school.

Last year, the Association raised more than \$40,000 which will be used to support a range of things from the flying fox to school equipment. We are starting to plan this year's events and would love to hear your ideas. The first meeting of the Association is **Monday, 9 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom**. It would be great to see as many parents and whanau as possible.

After two years as Chair, I'm reluctantly stepping down so we're now on the hunt for someone to lead the Association. We encourage anyone interested in finding out more to contact us homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz. You would be joining a great team with Megan (Secretary) and Dougal (Treasurer).

Getting involved with the Home & School Association is a great way to help make our school community a great place. In addition to the vacant Chair position, there are a number of opportunities where we need help:

- Be a class reps (*see below*).
- Spend an hour helping run the book fair in the week of 23rd March. We will be selling books straight after school with two late nights to coincide with the 3-way conferences. The school will get 50 free books from holding this event. If you can help out, let Megan know at homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz.
- Help organise one of our other events later in the year (quiz night, disco, fair).

Parent Classroom Reps

We are looking for a parent representative for each classroom. It would be up to you what you make of the role but the main idea is to help build the relationships between the classroom parents, Home and School Association, and the school. This would involve welcoming new parents who start at HVS and could involve organising catch-ups for the parents to get to know each other. If you are interested please contact Megan at homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz.

TERM 1 EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 24 th -28 th Feb		BOT Meeting 7pm			Te-Hui-kura Ngaio, Nikau and Karaka 9.10am <hr/> Whole School Beach Trip Lyllall Bay - Leavin School at 10am-till 2pm
Week 5 2 nd -6 th March	Movin March Begins				
Week 6 9 th -13 th March	Home and School Meeting 7:30pm in Staffroom				Te-Hui-kura Ti Kouka, Pohutukawa and Rata 9.10am
Week 7 16 th -20 th March					
Week 8 23 rd -27 th March	Scholastic 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
Week 9 30 th Mar-3 rd April					
Week 10 6 th -9 th April		Performance Assembly 2pm	Last Day for Students for Term 1- 2:55pm	Teacher Only Day – No School	Easter Friday – Public Holiday

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Harbour City Hockey Club is an inclusive and diverse club and we welcome those from all walks of life. Harbour City Hockey Club is one of the largest hockey clubs in Wellington with both senior and junior teams. We have teams for competitive and social players and for those who are new to hockey. Fees are \$150 for Y7&8 11 a side teams and \$130 for Y3 -Y6 6 a side teams. The clubs is able to assist players who are unable to pay their fees and families are advised to contact the club via harbourcityjh@gmail.com to arrange support. All that is needed is a hockey stick, shin guards and sportsmanship. The registration form can be found via our website www.hcjh.org.nz/registrations or via the registration form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_ro8Gwfzwdxf0HAqCnurgh6zo4AOSP04OArBhFgCCy8 Registrations close on 31 March 2020. The season starts on 2 May 2020 and will end on 14 September 2020. Please email the club with any questions harbourcityjh@gmail.com

MARIST ST PATS (MSP) RUGBY REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN! The MSP Junior Rugby Club welcomes children to register for the upcoming 2020 junior rugby season, from Nursery grade through to Under 13's.

REGISTRATION EVENTS Sign up, weigh in and collect your jersey at any of the following dates:

- Sunday 8th March: 12-2pm · Wednesday 25th March: 5-6:30pm (meet some of our Hurricanes!)
- Sunday 29th March: 11am-2pm MSP Junior Club Carnival day All registration events will be at the MSP gym situated between St Patrick's College and Evan's Bay Intermediate School in Kilbirnie. COST MSP Junior Rugby offers the best of both worlds: low fees and excellent facilities. Our subscription fees are as follows: · Little Rippas: For kids aged 2-4 - \$25 for the entire season · Juniors: New Players - \$20 / Returning players - \$45 per returning player or \$80 per family with two or more players

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