



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Thursday, 12th March 2020

Week 6 of Term 1

HVS Reminders

- **Fri 13th March 9:10am** – Te Hui/Assembly Rm 6/1/9
- **Thurs 19th March 2-3pm** - Whole School Working Bee
- **Mon 23rd March** – Book Fair Week
- **Tues 24th & Wed 25th March** – 3-Way Conferences

Kia ora te whanau o Haewai

This week we had our first Home and School meeting for the year. We are always grateful for the wonderful support we receive here at HVS. It allows us to provide a range of extra learning opportunities for all of our tamariki.

This year we are using some of the Fair money raised in 2019 to pay for our school librarian. We are excited to have a new librarian soon (this job is being advertised this week).

In celebrating our love of reading at Te kura o Haewai we are holding a book week and a book fair from Monday 23rd-27th March. There will be books for you to purchase in the book fair in the library all week. You are invited to visit the library before and after school, and during our 2 late evenings for interviews. The library will be open so come in and have a look around!

I would like to acknowledge the amazing work of our student librarians and school book club. They are helping with the planning of Book Week and running the fair.

BOOK WEEK

Monday 23 rd	Tuesday 24 th	Wednesday 25 th	Thursday 26 th	Friday 27 th
Classes will visit the library with their class and add a book to our tree of books	Every child selects a book from the library or from home to read to another child in the school		We invite our parents and grandparents to come in and read with us 2.00pm-3.00pm in our classrooms	Book character parade - dress up as your favourite book character and bring your book 9.00-9.45am

3 Way Conferences

During week 8 (*Tuesday 24th March 3.15pm-7.30pm and Wednesday 25th March 3.15pm-6.00pm*) we are holding our term 1 goal setting sessions. These hui are an excellent opportunity for parents to meet the teacher and to share some thoughts and goals they may have about their child with the classroom teacher for 2020.

We hope to see 100% of our parents and whanau at these meetings.

You need to click on to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter our event code - this is unique to HVS.

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Emergency Food Kits and Update of Contact Details

Any changes to contact details, phone numbers and emergency contact please email
Denise admin@houghton.school.nz

Your child's emergency food kit needs to be given to the classroom teacher by March 16.

- can of spaghetti/baked beans (or similar) with a tear tab (see picture to the right)
- muesli bars
- dried fruit (raisins, sultanas, apricots, dates, etc.)
- pretzels
- crackers or *Le Snak* cheese dip with crispbread
- nuts (unsalted)
- hard sweets (e.g. barley sugar)
- snack-sized canned goods, e.g. rice, fruit, chicken, tuna with a tear tab.

Termly School Policy Review:

Each term we review different school policies - this term we are seeking parent feedback on:

1. Recognition of Cultural Diversity

Please follow the instructions below to have your input:

1. Visit the website <http://houghton.schooldocs.co.nz/>
2. Enter the username (**houghton**) and password (**6023**)
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

No reira, kia kaha ra, Nga Mihi Nui, Luana Carroll

HVS BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Hello from the Board of Trustees. We just wanted to send out a quick message to reintroduce ourselves, and to hopefully find some parents who would like to be involved in the board over the coming years. The current parent representatives on the school board are Susan Hall, Angela Williams, Teneti Ririnui, Bret Mckenzie, and Richard Carroll and there is information about each of us on the school website. We're always keen for a chat so please come and find us!

The board elects new representatives every third year, but we try to overlap terms so we don't end up with a completely new board every time. The boards role is general governance, but focuses on student achievement, setting the strategy the school would like to take, and ensuring the school is doing all of us based on legal and policy requirements. It's a great thing to be involved in, and allows parent representatives to have a direct input into how the school looks after and develops our children.

Anyone can be a parent representative, and most don't work in education. In fact boards need lots of different skill sets to work well and we would encourage anyone who thinks they might be interested to let us know. Please feel free to grab any current board member for a chat about what being on the board involves, and we'd love to see anyone who thinks they might be interested at upcoming board meetings to see how it all works. The next two board meetings are Tuesday 28th April and Monday 25th May, both at 7pm in the staff room.

The school board of trustees are looking to appoint a secretary for board meetings at an hourly rate. The board expects this will be 4 hours of work per month. This person would not be an elected or active member of the board, and would take minutes and distribute meeting documents. We'd be keen to hear from anyone who might be interested.

Best wishes, Board of Trustees

EGGS FOR SALE

HVS has eggs available for purchase cost is \$8 for a dozen - cash only.



If you would like to place an order please email Jos – jos@houghton.school.nz. Thanks.

HEADLICE

Please check your child's hair. If you sight head lice please treat everyone in the family together. A combination of correctly applied insecticide and very thorough nit combing is your best bet for getting rid of head lice.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE



Movin' March is full swing with many students walking or wheeling to school on their scooters and bikes. Some kids are also asking parents to park a short distance away from the school so they can stride on to the school gates. Our keen walkers are onto their second card which will give them an increased chance of winning a \$400 prize in the regional draw at the end of March. Keep it up!

Working Bee 2pm-3pm - Thursday 19 March



We are planning some regular working bees so we can maintain our vegetable garden and Tremendous area which have been overcome with fennel weeds during the summer break. We would greatly appreciate your help if you can spare some time to get things back in order. All our classes are going out to do their bit. Please bring your own labelled tools if you can help.

Our **Green Gecko** environmental leaders have become so popular that this year all students will be able to join the Green Geckos each Tuesday lunchtime. We will be able to make the best use of the vegetable garden, Tremendous and neighbouring forest area and invite community members to share other aspects of our local environment with our focus of 'Our People, Our Place'.
Jill Holmstead jill@houghton.school.nz

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Home & School Association - new chair needed

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Home and School Association Chair. Our AGM is coming up at the beginning of April (date and time to be confirmed) where we elect positions for the coming year. If you are interested please, talk to Ian about the role: homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz.

Helpers Needed! Help us get new books for our school library

We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair this term to earn a number of new books for our school library. Books will be sold after school each day from 23-27 March, with late nights on the days of the 3-way conferences (Tuesday and Wednesday night). The year 6 librarians will be helping out but we need a number of parents to help supervise them and do the later nights.

If you can help out for an hour, please either put your name on the sign-up sheet on the Noticeboard in the corridor outside the office; or e-mail Megan at homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz.

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.



- Washing hands with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet.
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow.
- Putting used tissues in the bin.
- Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell.

4PM
22 MARCH
2020

SEEDS TO FEEDS
HOUGHTON VALLEY

"The Haewai Feestival"

WELLINGTON'S LOCAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Seeds to Feeds is a new festival that spans the summer growing season, culminating in a week of community feasts that showcase local food.

Come along and enjoy a 3-course vegetarian meal cooked by chef Sukie Conley, featuring fresh, organic, locally grown fruit, vegetables, edible flowers and weeds sourced from Houghton Valley Community gardens, Te Kawakawa Commons, local residents and our very own back-door wild larder. The meal will be supplemented by other organic produce grown, processed or made close to Wellington City.

4PM, 22 MARCH 2020
HOUGHTON VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL, 80 HOUGHTON BAY ROAD, HOUGHTON BAY.

Festival events happening near you,
tickets on sale at www.seedstofeeds.nz

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HVS SPORTS



Basketball Term 2 – Registration

Kia ora koutou, It is basketball time again, ready for Term 2! Some key information for you:

- **Games for Year 3/4 mixed teams will be on a Tuesday**, between 4-6pm at the ASB centre. These will take place between the 5th May and 30th June.

- **Games for Year 5/6 mixed teams will be on a Monday**, between 4-6pm at the ASB centre. These will take place between the 4th May and 29th June.

All equipment provided. Players must be wearing own mouthguard; no mouthguard, no play! The children will need parental support to make this run smoothly. We will require a parent coach for every team of minimum 5 players. Your support is highly appreciated. Please ensure your form is returned by **Wednesday 18th March**. Form on website: Nga mihi nui, Lauren Peatfield lauren@houghton.school.nz



Winter Netball - Year 5 and 6 netball is played at EBIS on Saturdays in Term 2 and 3 part of the Motu Kairangi Netball league. The year 5&6 play a 6v6 game which is fast and provides players with lots of touches on the ball to enhance skill development and enjoyment. If your child would like to play in the HVS year 5/6 team(s) then please email Denise admin@houghton.school.nz to register your interest so we can start to organise team(s), new players welcome. We will also be looking for coaches, managers and umpires to assist the team(s). Teams will need to be registered by 1st April 2020. First game will be Saturday, 9th May 2020. Thanks Denise

TERM 1 EVENTS

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	BOT Meeting 7pm			School Working Bee 2.00pm- 3.00pm	
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	Come and read with your child/ren 2.00pm- 3.00pm	Te-Hui-kura Harakeke, Kowhai and Rimu 9.10am
Week 9 30 th Mar-3 rd April					3pm - Bake Sale - Ti kouka and Karaka
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

TERM 2 EVENTS

Week 1 27th April-1st May	Public Holiday Anzac Day Mondayised	Term 2 starts 9am BOT Meeting 7pm			
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<p>Bee Healthy Dental Clinic • 0800 825 583</p>	<p>Ezlunch.co.nz • Thursdays • Sushi • Fridays • Pita Pit go online www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am to order.</p>
<p>Kelly Club After School Care - www.kellyclub.co.nz Cell 022 010 9981 email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</p>	