

# Houghton Valley School - Home Learning Newsletter 2



**Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together**  
*Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou*

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020**

**Week 2 of Term 2**

## ***Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou*** ***Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together***

Kia ora te whanau o Haewai

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new students. We have 3 new 5 years olds who started school last week - Nau mai haere mai - Jake, Sam and Amaia. We are excited to have you join us.

We would also like to welcome Makayla to Room 10 and welcome back Zante to Room 9. Zante and her whanau have been traveling for the past year.

We are also pleased to welcome back Nicola O'Halloran after having term 1 off. Nicola is creating our whanau weekly challenges for the newsletter. Her lighthouse challenge looks interesting!



### **Whole School Hui - ZOOM STYLE Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm**

We know a lot of our tamariki would love to see their friends and school buddies so we have set up a Whole School Hui for Friday at 2.00pm.

We have set it up so the audio is off when you enter as we don't want 200 children trying to talk at one time. We will have a host to welcome you and you will be able to see the programme for our hui.

We ask that you are patient if there are technical difficulties. This is the first time we have attempted to do anything like this. Can we ask that there is only one login per bubble so that everyone can join in.

Here is the link to join us. We hope you can!!!

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76745232538?pwd=QlZlSUK2b0ZmZlJUNUpPVEltZGhNQ09>

Password: **726572**

### **Level 3 - Returning to School**

Thank you to everyone who has completed the form we emailed out yesterday (21st April). We are now busy planning for this next phase. We will only have the necessary staff on site as we need to continue to minimize the amount of people in our bubble. Most staff will continue to work from home with your child/children.

Things to know about schools in Level 3:

1. Our playground, field and bike track will continue to be closed for those at school and the community. I believe this may change at level 2
2. No one is to come on site without prior arrangement. Please phone 939-3318 or email us if you have any questions (from Wednesday 29th April)
3. We will be running the same programme for learners at home and on site at school
4. Teachers are working through and planning work for the next few weeks. You might notice some changes
5. The Ministry of Education has given all schools a Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April to prepare sites and to plan. Teachers will have shared learning for this day but due to other demand will not be available to our learners for this one day.



## Whanau Challenge

This week's whanau challenge comes directly from my bubble to yours.

After visiting Stephens Island as a small child off D'Urville Island, South Island, sparked my interest in lighthouses.

So whenever I get the opportunity to visit one, I'm full steam ahead!

Your challenge if you and your whanau choose to accept it, is to design a lighthouse and build it.

I wonder what materials you may use? I know you'll all be good at using Lego, any other materials you could use? Be creative as much as your heart desires.

How tall can you make it so your lighthouse stays standing?

Can you make it taller than the tallest person in your whanau?

Are you able to put on top a light that works? Can the light flash and turn around?

You might like to add a further challenge and workout access for the keeper to get across to the lighthouse and climb to the top.

Please take photos and or draw diagrams/pictures of your models.

I can't wait to see them all. [nicola@houghton.school.nz](mailto:nicola@houghton.school.nz)



## Ka Manaaki - Caring



Kiaan's gorgeous way of saying thanks!



**ANZAC DAY:** As we try to carry on our important traditions and events in a new way, maybe you can try to make a poppy or flower wreath to add to your windows in order to commemorate ANZAC day. Check out some Youtube clips for some great ideas you can adapt using materials you have available, maybe magazines, paper plates, egg trays or even by weaving harakeke flowers if you have made these at school previously. Poppies can also be white to symbolise peace, or purple in remembrance of animals who died.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qe0uqc6lmgQ> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NLA15IUito>

## Ka Rapu/Exploring

Niamh doing some measurement at home and yoga!



Niamh measuring her sister Grace



Some more maths



Family yoga



Donavon's spelling practice at home.



Daniel is working on a board game.



**Collage:** During your autumn walks this week you may want to find leaves of different shapes, colours and sizes. You can make leaf rubbings or collage them. Help at home by sweeping up the dead leaves and add them to your home compost or worm farm to add a 'brown' layer which worms love and stops the compost getting too wet.

## Ka Whakamanawa/Inspiring

Freda listened to the story "The Gardeners Maze" and created a maze like the character in the story.



Fantastic maze Freda! I like how you have used blocks to stop some of the pathways.



Hjalmar's Mansion in response to our lego challenge - it has a helicopter pad!



Jed has been doing his piano by Zoom - quite inspirational!



I read Charlotte's web and this is my scene made of playdough.  
Charlotte Thomas

## Tahi ai tātou/Together

Abi's homemade ice cream made with her little sister.



Before



During



After



Evan and Anna have been building a hot air balloon out of tissue paper together. It has involved lots of measuring, division, multiplication and use of a spread sheet to help save time. They are aiming for a first flight this afternoon.

Hazel and Arlo made some cardboard cars early in the lockdown with their dad.



**Recycling:** As Wellington City Council hasn't included recycling during lockdown, this is an ideal time to see how long it takes for different household waste to break down. Arihia Latham our EnviroSchools Facilitator has shared her daughters 'Bury it and dig it up' experiment on Youtube. Last year our Year 3 & 4 students did a similar investigation. Now this experiment includes the use of scales to weigh the items first, to compare later. It's great to see how a family can share the experiment task.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbzzRY0QSFY&feature=youtu.be&utm\\_source=EnviroSchools+Te+Upoko+o+Te+Ika+a+M%C4%81ui+newsletter+list&utm\\_campaign=9d10f23984-](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbzzRY0QSFY&feature=youtu.be&utm_source=EnviroSchools+Te+Upoko+o+Te+Ika+a+M%C4%81ui+newsletter+list&utm_campaign=9d10f23984-)

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**Kelly Club** has shared their website for HVS and they have put some activities for you and your whanau to do at home. We thank them for the wonderful job they do providing our students with after school care and look forward to having them back onsite once school goes back to 'normal'

<https://www.facebook.com/KellyClubHoughtonValley>

No reira, kia kaha ra,

Nga Mihi Nui,

Staff at Houghton Valley School