



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Wednesday, 20th May 2020

Week 6 of Term 2

Kia ora te whanau

What a fabulous first two days back! The kids have been amazing, everything went super smoothly, and it was lovely to be back to our 'new normal'. Thank you for your patience as we have navigated this transition into Level 2. We are excited about how well it is all going!

The energy and smiles of our tamariki makes the school come alive. It has been great to see our children reconnect with their friends and peers.



Drop Off and Pick Up

Thank you for being so organised it is making our life so easy here at school. It could be a good idea to make sure your child/ren knows what will happen on a 'wet pick up' as the expectations don't change here at school. Just a reminder that if you have a dog can it please be on a led and slightly away from the gate so children can get out easily.

Changes to Term 2:

1. **Teacher Only Day** on 2nd June has been cancelled. We don't want to create any other disruptions for our learners or whanau
2. **Swimming** at this stage this is postponed until Term 4. We are yet to confirm this as we are awaiting news from the pool
3. **Cross Country** we will do this as a school but not sure on Zone events this term

Blue Slides Damaged

Unfortunately, in the past week we have had our Blue slides damaged. These will be out of action until we can find out if they can be repaired or not.



Learning from Home

Now that we have all our students back we will be stopping our Learning from Home programmes. Last week we asked people to provide us with feedback what worked well, not so well and suggestions on what we could do differently if we need to go back to Learning from Home. If you would like to fill it in please do - [Evaluation of Learning from Home](#).

We are reading through the feedback at the moment and one of the questions that people have asked was around the Hard packs from the Ministry of Education.

During the first week of holidays, 30th March, we were asked if we wanted these packs. We ordered them for all of our learners. Unfortunately, due to high demand some students received them and others didn't. We have heard that one child in the family got it but the other didn't. We had no control over this but understand this could have been confusing. We have provided this feedback to the MoE.

Absences

We ask that you let us know as soon as possible if your child is sick or going to be away. Please use admin@houghton.school.nz or our website <https://houghton.school.nz/report-an-absence/> or phone and leave a message - 04 939 3318

Illness and Symptoms

If your child is sick or has any symptoms of coughing, running nose, temperature then they need to stay home and you need to contact Healthline (0800 358 5433) or your own GP. Teachers have been asked by MoH to check children on arrival and if they have any symptoms we will ask you to come and collect them asap.



Kelly Club

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful support we get from Mark and Janine, who are the Managing Directors of Kelly Club. As a school would like to support them too with getting their After School programme up and running. This is a value service for whanau who work and a real asset for our school. If you want to use their programme then contact them on - houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz. Check out their website <https://www.kellyclub.co.nz/houghton-valley>

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Thank you for your kind donation of Hand Sanitiser. Buy local, Supporting local, Go local!



Nga manaakitanga
Luana Carroll

CHILDREN WORKING AT SCHOOL





Re-energise and Reconnect After School Sports Programme (Years 1-4)

Thursday's 3:05pm-4:05pm

Get your children (Years 1-4) back into being active, feeling excited about playing sports & having fun with their friends.

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a safe, fun & enjoyable environment. It encourages their enthusiasm for sport & life skills that such involvement brings - giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future. We have limited spaces available, so please enrol online urgently! Sessions start next **Thursday 28 May 2020!** We would love to see you!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes

visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwqn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

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