



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Wednesday, 3rd June 2020

Week 8 of Term 2

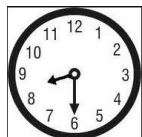
HVS Reminders

- **Tues 16th June 7.30pm** - H&S AGM Meeting
- **Tues 23rd June** - Student Conferences
- **Thurs 25th June** – Student Conferences
- **Tues 30th June** – HVS Cross Country

Kia ora te whanau,

As we start to prepare for Level 1 we have been evaluating our Level 2 practices. One of the things we have found (as have all other schools in New Zealand) that over the last three weeks, our tamariki have developed great self-management skills and independence through our drop off and pick up procedures. Surprisingly, reduced anxiety has been evident with parents not dropping learners directly at the classroom. Teachers are valuing the 1-1 connection time with their learners from 8.30am. As we move towards Level 1, we would like to continue these practices to maintain the growth we have seen.

We would like to see the Whanau plans continue where possible. It has been lovely seeing the older sibling helping their younger siblings. This supports our kaupapa of tuakana-teina.



BEFORE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday: Entry to school grounds remains at 8.30am for students only, except for the new entrants or students who require extra support (or into the Kiss, Wave & Go areas). Learners continue to go in straight to class to be ready and build relationships with their peers and teacher.

END OF THE DAY

At Level 1 we welcome families back onsite at the end of the day for pick-ups. We have allowed an extra 10 minutes for this so that we can continue to stagger entries and exits, and so that teachers and parents have time to touch base as we have missed seeing our whanau.

We thought we would ring our first bell at 2.45pm and for whanau that are wanting to come in and see what their child is learning this would be a time for you to do so until the final bell at 2.55pm.

BENEFITS THAT WE HAVE OBSERVED:

- Student independence is high
- Student organisation and self management have improved
- There is virtually no separation anxiety
- Relationships with teacher and student have strengthened
- Less traffic congestion around the gates
- Less/no noise outside the classrooms during learning time (particularly at the end of the day where it is very distracting)

Students are settled as a class before the day begins.

If you have feedback on this for us, we are keen to hear it - principal@houghton.school.nz

Student Conferences - Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th June

We have opened the Conference booking. We have made these slightly longer so we can also talk about mid year progress. Interviews will be 15 minutes long. Students will help to lead their goal setting.

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

Students working together and being creative together throughout the school



Cross Country Training

We start Cross Country training on Monday 8th June. So children need to bring their running gear.

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. If you are unsure if they should come to school we ask that you ring Healthline.



Term Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 <i>8th-12th June</i>	HV Cross Country Training starts				
Week 10 <i>15th -19th June</i>	BOT Meeting 7pm	Home and School AGM 7.30pm			Scholastic Book Club Closes
Week 11 <i>22nd -26th June</i>		Student Conferences		Student Conferences	
Week 12 <i>29th June- 3rd July</i>		HV School Cross Country		Mid Year Summary and Goal reports go home =====	Last Day of the Term
				Matariki Celebration	

Scholastic Book Club

These are coming home this week for you to order **ONLINE** by Friday 19th June.



Nga manaakitanga, Luana Carroll

A BIG WELCOME IN MAHOE CLASS TO:

😊 **Eva Cornwall** 😊 **Leo McGillen**

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

New Faces Needed

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Home and School Association Chair. At our AGM on 16 June (see below) we elect positions for the coming year; our treasurer and secretary are happy to continue on but our chair can no longer do the role. If you are interested please, talk to Ian about the role: homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz.

We also need to consider whether we are going to run a fair this year. And if we do, we need people to come forward to run this; either an individual or a team. So if you are interested in being involved in any way or shape with either the fair or any other Home and School activity; please get in touch: homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz.



Home & School Association - AGM on 16 June

We would love to see you at our AGM at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 16 June** in the school staffroom. This is where we will elect the positions for the coming year, reflect on the year that has been and look forward to what is coming up. We need a quorum for this meeting, so do come along to help us get the AGM across the line.

HVS SPORTS



Winter Netball - Year 5 and 6 netball is played at EBIS on Saturdays in Term 2/3 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. Team registrations needs to be completed by Friday 12th June 2020.

We will also be looking for coaches, managers and umpires to assist the team(s). Teams will need to be registered by. First game will this term for a grading game on **Saturday, 27th June 2020**. Then Term 3 will be nine weeks starting from **Saturday 25th July until Saturday 19th September 2020**. Thanks Denise ☺

Houghton Valley School Dates for 2020

	Start	End	Exceptions
Term 2 (12 weeks)	Wednesday 15 th April	Friday 3 rd July	
Term 3 (10 weeks)	Monday 20 th July	Friday 25 th September	
Term 4 (10 weeks)	Monday 12 th October	Friday 18 th Dec 20	Labour Day Monday 26 th October Teacher Only Day Tuesday 27 th October – No School

SCHOOL PATROL



We are waiting to restart school patrol as soon as possible, before and after school.

If you can help email: miriam@houghton.school.nz

SCHOOL LUNCHES TERM 2 2020

WWW.EZLUNCH.CO.NZ

START THIS WEEK – 4/6 THURSDAYS SUSHI AND 5/6 FRIDAYS PITA PIT

COMMUNITY NOTICE

INSTEP DANCE STUDIO Situated in Houghton Bay, we offer dance classes in ballet, jazz and contemporary. Taking new enrolments now for Term 3 for ages 3-10 yrs in ballet, and ages 5-10 yrs in jazz. Join now for the remainder of the term and receive 50% off. No obligation trial classes available. Contact us for more info at instepdance@hotmail.com, or visit our website www.instepdancestudio.co.nz



SEASON STARTS 13TH JUNE

REGISTRATIONS STILL OPEN

Boys and girls aged 5-14

GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL

Teams for Under 7 through to Under 16

Games on Sundays

Skill sessions with qualified coaches

For more information please visit - www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/girls-football

FUN FOOTBALL (born 2012 and 2013)

Games on Saturdays

1 weekly indoor training with qualified coaches

For more information please visit - www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/funfootball

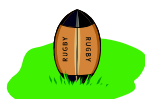
FIRST KICKS (born 2014 and 2015)

Saturday mornings with qualified coaches

For more information please visit - www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/first-kicks

MATES CAN PLAY WITH MATES

Let us know if you have a friend(s) you want to be in a team with



Wellington Football Club Does your kid have some pent up energy from the lockdown that needs to be worked off? Register them to play junior rugby in 2020! Training starts this week. At Wellington Football Club (Axemen Junior Rugby) we cater for all grades from nursery grade (3 and 4 year olds play for free!), through ripa rugby for children up to 9 years of age and tackle rugby for the older kids. Health and safety is of course paramount and our club has been cleared to train in accordance with Level 2 rules. To register your child please email robogordon@windowslive.com.

Houghton Valley School Ph: 939-3318

Website: www.houghton.school.nz

Principal Email: principal@houghton.school.nz

HVS Facebook page

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

School Office Email: admin@houghton.school.nz

Bee Healthy Dental Clinic • 0800 825 583

Ezlunch.co.nz • Thursdays • Sushi • Fridays • Pita Pit
go online www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am to order.

Kelly Club After School Care - www.kellyclub.co.nz

Cell 022 010 9981 email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz