



# Houghton Valley School

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

*Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou*

## Newsletter

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Week 5 of Term

### HVS Reminders

- **Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Aug** – Interzone Cross Country PP 27/8
- **Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** – School Photos – All Day
- **Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** - HVS Quiz Night @ The Pines 7:30pm

### **Kia ora te whanau,**

We were pleased to be still at Level 2 and to be able to have everyone at school. On Friday we sent home Hard Packs in preparation for moving to Level 3 or 4. We ask that these stay at home for the next few weeks and that they aren't used unless we go to a different level.

If your whanau need any help or things are challenging please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email as it is a challenging time. We want to make sure that we can support all of our tamariki through this next change.

We aren't making any other changes at this time but we will keep you updated as we know more. Thank you again for your support. It really does make a difference when we do it together!

Here are the guidelines for Level 2:

- If you are sick please stay home
- Children arrive between 8.30 - 9.00am
- Any child who has symptoms will be sent home
- Whanau are encouraged to drop off and pick up from the gate but if you come onsite you **MUST** sign in
- Sneezing into your elbow
- Washing hands with soap and water
- Sanitise when entering
- We can't hold any school events with more than 100 and where we can't social distance so we will not be having any school hui at Level 2
- Optional -wearing of face masks to and from school (*please be supportive and kind to those who do*)



### Learning Support - New Initiative

The leadership team has been exploring ways to support tamariki who require additional support with anxiety, self-regulation, social skills, and building self-confidence. After significant research, and consultation with the Board of Trustees a proposal has been put forward to trial having a working dog onsite to help achieve this goal.

Initially the dog will be tagged to Individual Education and Behaviour Plans for specific students for us to see if we meet the outcomes we expect. The dog that will be used for this trial is trained, calm and fantastic around children.



### Introducing **Lulu** the dog

**Likes:** Sticks, balls, getting pats, being a good girl, sleeping

**Strengths:** Great with children, calm, gentle, very good at listening

Lulu will be onsite three days a week and will be stationed in two hubs - Rata class and the library. There will be signage on the doors so students know if she is in the room before they enter.

She will have a handler with her at all times and will not be in the playground during morning tea and lunch breaks.

For the first two weeks of the trial she will be onsite Thursday's only to allow children to gradually adjust to the idea of having a dog at school. The trial will be for 12 weeks to see if we are seeing the expected outcomes.

We have recently had a member of the Wellington City Council come to talk to all children about dog safety. However, we understand that there are students who will feel weary about having a dog at school, and so we have planned to have another session specifically for those children prior to Lulu starting onsite. Please let us know if this applies to your child so we can support them through this process.

Staff will have specific training sessions before the trial begins. Miriam Gaynor as our SENCO (dog owner) is the 'main' handler but there will be a number of Support Staff and teachers who will also be trained.

Our school policy currently states that no dogs are allowed to come onsite, unless they are working as a support dog. Because this dog is a working dog, and is being used in a support role, it fits within our current policy.

For those interested here is a short video about a school in Cromwell that has a dog onsite. Although our school dog will be used in a different manner to the one in the video, it is interesting to see some of the positive results a dog can bring to a school. <https://crux.org.nz/southern-lens/southern-lens-cromwells-school-dogs/>

As always we want to engage with our school community and ask for your feedback around this. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your thoughts or concerns. [principal@houghton.school.nz](mailto:principal@houghton.school.nz)



### School Photos - 3rd September

We will have our annual photo session on **Thursday 3rd September**. Please find the information in the attachment. We will let you know if we need to change the normal procedures if we are still in Level 2.

### School Policies Review

We currently have one policy up for review for the community to have input into. This term it is Learning Support. You can find the link to this by using this link <https://houghton.school.nz/publications/>

Ngā manaakitanga  
Luana Carroll

A BIG WELCOME IN NGAIO CLASS TO:  
😊 **Corné Zandberg**

**INTERZONE CROSS COUNTRY 2020 @ LEVEL 2**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August at **Grenada North Park** (PP Thurs 27/8)



<b>Race Times</b>					
Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 4 Boys	Year 4 Girls
10am	10:30am	1pm	1:30pm	2pm	2:30pm

**N.B. There are now restrictions to Cross Country at Level 2  
please read the Country Country Newsletter**

**What is happening with our Home and School events?**

We are forging ahead with plans for both the Fair and Quiz (see below and the attached flyer) but will update everyone with any changes as we hear decisions about changes to Alert levels.



**HOLD THE DATE! BOOK THE BABYSITTER!**

**DUST OFF YOUR GOING OUT JEANS!**

**The Annual HVS Quiz is On!**

**Details: Thursday 3 September, at The Pines. 7.30pm start.**

**Cost: \$90 for team of 6 (register and pay later)**

**Tickets:** Secure your team ticket! Email [hvsquiz@gmail.com](mailto:hvsquiz@gmail.com) to book your team in. Team spots are limited so get in quick. **Note: Payment to be made closer to the event date.** New to the community and keen to join a team? Email and we'll make it happen. **Or talk to Anna Ririnui (02108458118)**

Whilst it is a fundraiser event (ticket sales) this year we're just keen to come together as a school community and enjoy each other's company – Fun and Whanaungatanga. So, instead of seeking donations from local businesses for raffles this year we're asking for food donations from our school families, which we will pull together as hamper/prizes for games and spot prizes. We have put a box in the office foyer for donations.

**HVS School Fair ~ SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**

**HEADLICE**

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

**Houghton Valley School Dates for 2020**

	Start	End	Exceptions
<b>Term 3</b> (10 weeks)	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	
<b>Term 4</b> (10 weeks)	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020	<b>Teacher Only Day – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b> <b>Labour Day Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>

## Term 3 Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 5</b> <i>17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August</i>	BOT Meeting 7pm				
<b>Week 6</b> <i>24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August</i>	Pride Week				<i>@ Level 2 POSTPONED</i> Te-Hui-a-kura Mahoe, Ti kouka, Pohutukawa & Rata - 9.00am
<b>Week 7</b> <i>31<sup>st</sup> Aug – 4<sup>th</sup> Sept</i>				<b>School Photos</b> ===== Quiz Night @ The Pines 7:30pm	
<b>Week 8</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Sept</i>					Te-Hui-a-kura Harakeke, Kowhai & Rimu 9.00am
<b>Week 9</b> <i>14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</i>					
<b>Week 10</b> <i>21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Sept</i>	BOT Meeting 7pm			<b>HVS PRODUCTION DAY</b> <b>Venue</b> <b>Wgtn High School -</b> <b>Shows at</b> <b>1pm and 6pm</b> <b>(no Sushi this day)</b>	2:55pm Last day of the Term 3

<b>Houghton Valley School Ph: 939-3318</b> <b>Website: <a href="http://www.houghton.school.nz">www.houghton.school.nz</a></b> <b>Principal Email: <a href="mailto:principal@houghton.school.nz">principal@houghton.school.nz</a></b>	<b>HVS Facebook page</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/houghton.school.nz/">https://www.facebook.com/houghton.school.nz/</a> <b>School Office Email: <a href="mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz">admin@houghton.school.nz</a></b>
<b>Healthline or COVID-19 Info - 0800 611 116</b>	
<b><a href="#">Bee Healthy Dental Clinic</a> • 0800 825 583</b>	<b><a href="http://Ezlunch.co.nz">Ezlunch.co.nz</a> • Thursdays • Sushi • Fridays • Pita Pit</b> go online <a href="http://www.ezlunch.co.nz">www.ezlunch.co.nz</a> before 9am to order.
<b>Kelly Club After School Care - <a href="http://www.kellyclub.co.nz">www.kellyclub.co.nz</a></b> Cell 022 010 9981 email <a href="mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz">houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</a>	
<b>HVS School Fair ~ SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020</b>	