



Houghton Valley School

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Newsletter

Tuesday, 22nd September 2020

Week 10 of Term 3

HVS Reminders

- **Thurs 24th Sept** – School Production Matinee 1pm
- **Thurs 24th Sept** - HVS Production Evening 6pm performers enter hall from 5:30pm

Kia ora te whanau,

After 20 years of committed and dedicated service to Houghton Valley School, our Deputy Principal, Monica Mercury has resigned. Monnie has been away this year on study leave. She is doing her Masters of Education at Victoria University. Although we are sad that she is leaving us, we are excited for her and wish her success in the next stage of her career working with Maori through research. We will be able to farewell Monnie in term 4 and we will let you know when that is happening. This also means, we will now advertise the Deputy Principal role for 2021.

I want to sincerely thank the Houghton Valley School hāpori for providing me with many and varied opportunities to grow as an educator, to work alongside truly outstanding, dedicated, committed educational colleagues and to teach our amazing tamariki.

'To be a confident, connected, lifelong learner' has certainly been something that I have been able to actually live in the Houghton Valley environment and hopefully I have been an appropriate educational role model for staff and students alike with all the challenges and rewards that come with working in education in Aotearoa.

To all the Principals, staff, students and whānau who I have had the privilege of working closely, during my long tenure, I thank you. Hopefully, our partnership has always been professional, positive and productive.

I want to thank the current Board of Trustees for supporting me with the TeachNZ Study Award for 2020 and allowing me to refresh myself mentally, physically and academically. This opportunity offered me another chance to learn and grow both personally and professionally. Ngā mihi mo tēnā.

It also opened a number of doors to other opportunities that I never imagined. Therefore, to this end, I have been offered a new and exciting opportunity outside of the education realm in the direction Māori research and I have decided to take the role. I look forward to supporting my community in new and positive ways.

Monica Mercury

Production – Reminders

- We are leaving on the bus at 9.00am so if your child arrives after 9.10am and if the buses have gone then they will need to be dropped off at WHS. They will need to be brought into the WHS Riley Centre
- If your child is sick on Thursday can you please email school before 8.30am
- We still have 21 seats left on the adult bus at 12.10pm from HVS to WHS. Just a reminder that there is very limited parking at WHS
- We hope to be back at school by 2.55pm but that will depend on traffic
- ALL children need to be at WHS by 5:30pm for the show. Parents can enter the WHS Riley Centre by 5:45pm
- Children are welcome to come in later on Friday 25/9 by 11am



Reminder Door Entry - Cash only 1pm Matinee – 6pm Evening Show
Adult \$5 – Gold Coin for child/preschooler (no charge for HVS students)
Show approximately 1 hour 15 minutes duration

Learning from Home Packs - Return to School

A few weeks ago when we thought we might move back into Level 3 we sent home 'Learning from Home' packs. We ask that these come back to school this week as we would like the reading books to use in classrooms.

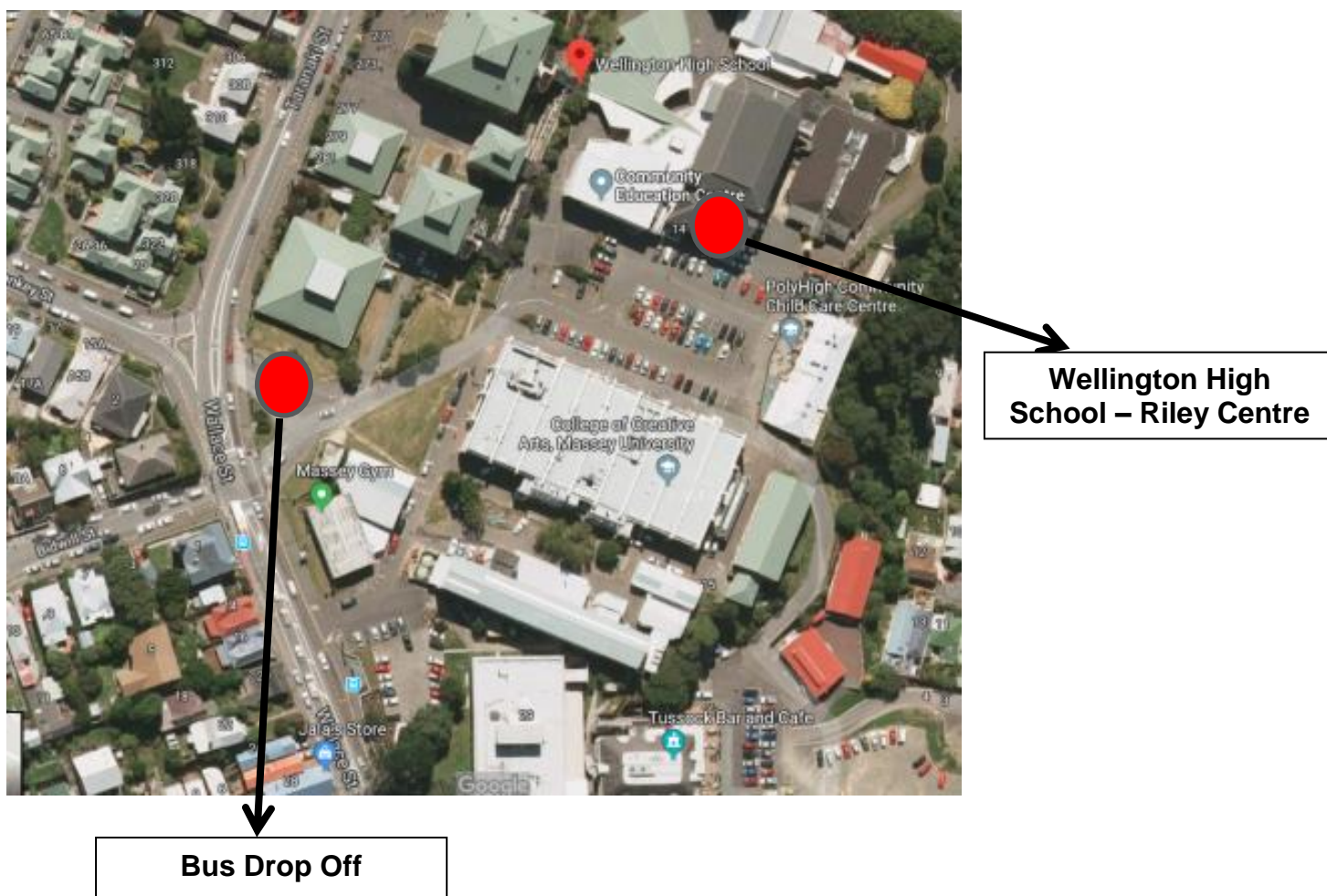
Dates for 2021

- **Term 1 - Thursday 4th February - Friday 16th April**
Easter: Good Friday 2 April, Easter Monday 5 April and Easter Tuesday 6 April (a school holiday)
- **Term 2 - Monday 3rd May - Friday 9 July**
- **Term 3 Monday 26 July - Friday 1st October**
- **Term 4 Monday 18 October - Thursday 16th December**

Enrolments for 2021

If you have a child turning 5 in 2021 please come and see Denise for an enrolment pack. We are busy planning for 2021 and what to make sure we know about as many students as possible. Any out of zone enrolments for Term 1 2021 go to this link <https://houghton.school.nz/enrolment/>

Ngā manaakitanga
Luana Carroll



Houghton Valley School Dates for 2020			
	Start	End	Exceptions
Term 4 (10 weeks)	Monday 12 th October	Friday 18 th Dec 2020	Teacher Only Day – Friday 23rd October Labour Day Monday 26th October

PHOTOS- CLASS – INDIVIDUAL - SIBLINGS

Hello parents,

We would like to invite you all to view your pictures at Inspire Photography's online ordering site. This gallery and ordering system is live and working as of now. This gallery will close **at midnight on Wednesday 21st October 2020** and orders placed before the gallery closes aim to be dropped off at your school by the 05.11.20. Orders to be posted will be processed at the same time as the prints that are to be returned to the school. Digital files are purchased as is and retouching requests may incur fees.

The gallery will remain online for up to 12 months from approximately lunchtime the day after the main ordering period closes, postage and packing fees may also apply. The school does not receive any commission on sales after the main ordering closes.

To view and order your photographs:

1. Go to our website at <https://www.inspirephotocart.co.nz>
2. Enter this access code in the box: owl210

For detailed instructions on how to order go here: <https://www.inspirephotography.co.nz/ordering2019.html>

If you require an alternative method of ordering, have any questions or are having problems ordering, then please feel free to call or email us. The more questions we receive the better we become at informing parents about this process.

Kind regards, The Inspire Team. orders@inspirephotography.co.nz 043848009
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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	

HVS School Fair ~ SUNDAY 1st November 2020