



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Wednesday, 28th October 2020

Week 3 of Term 4

HVS Reminders

- **Thurs 29th Oct** – HVS Athletics – 9:30am
(PP Friday 30th Oct)
- **School FAIR this SUNDAY 10am-2pm**
- **Thurs 5th Nov** – H&S Meeting Staffroom 7:30pm
- **Fri 6th Nov** – BOT Nominations Close 4pm
- **Fri 13th Nov** – School Hui/Assembly 9:15am

Kia ora te whanau,

HVS Fair

The school is buzzing with preparations for the Fair. It is amazing to see the whanaungatanga of our community. We are looking forward to Sunday and being able to get together as a school community. This is amazing after the year we have had. A huge thank you goes to Sarah Wylie who is our Fair coordinator. She is doing a fantastic job pulling this all together. Congratulations to Nell and the team for a successful Pre-clothing sale on Saturday.

See you all on Sunday!

Kathryn Berkett

Ngā mihi nui to Home and School for organising Kathryn Berkett - Building Emotional Resilience Stretching into the uncomfortable. We have added the slides from this session to our website for you to have a look at. Kathryn has worked with the staff this year and we use her work to support our tamariki in a variety of ways. It has been extremely helpful this year, especially as we returned from Learning from Home.

Staffing Update

Deputy Principal Announcement

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the appointments team, we would like to congratulate Miriam Gaynor who has accepted the role of Deputy Principal at Houghton Valley School.

Miriam has been acting as Deputy Principal this year while Whaea Monnie has been on Study Leave. She is a Deputy Principal who brings with her strong communication and organisational skills and has the ability to foster and grow strong relationships with people. She is also our school SENCO so works across the school to support students with learning and behaviour.

Staffing Changes

Every year we receive our staffing entitlement from the Ministry of Education in September for the year ahead. For the past four years we have had roll growth but this year we have seen our roll reduce.

A lot of this has been from a direct impact of COVID-19. We have had whanau moving out of the area, 5 year old deferring to start in 2021 and houses not finished so families unable to move in to the valley. All in all this means we aren't able to keep all of our current staff so we have had to make some changes and we have also had a resignation from Jos.

Jos Abernethy

Jos will be sadly leaving her permanent position with us at the end of the year. She has decided to go relieving so she can travel overseas next year to see her whanau. You will still see her around doing the odd relieving but not just in a Ngaio.

Jos is a fabulous teacher who will be missed! She is someone who lives our values and has been a wonderful teacher to so many children over the last few years. Our 5 year olds over the past few years have had a great start to their schooling journey by starting with Jos. We wish her all the best and look forward to having her relieve at HVS in the future.

From Jos...

It is with great sadness I want to inform the community that I have resigned from teaching at HVS finishing at the end of this year. I would like to thank the HVS community and the amazing tamariki for their support during my 15 years of teaching here.

I wish you all the best. Jos Abernethy

Lucy Bould

Lucy has done an outstanding job in Kowhai this year. We wish her all the best. She has a bright future ahead of herself. Lucy has got a new job at Boulcott Street School in Lower Hutt.

Jenny Cossey

Jenny has worked one day a week for HVS for a very long time, and we will be sad to see her leave us. She has done a range of jobs - Dance teaching, leadership release, CRT release, the list goes on. Jenny is off to have an operation so her last official day at school is the 10 November. We will have a small farewell hui for her at 2.30pm on that day.

Thanks – Island Bay New World

We would like to acknowledge and thank the team at Island Bay New World who have donated a large number of Little Garden kits to support our Gardening and Enviro Club projects. We really appreciate the support of our community businesses.



Sun Safety

A reminder that we are in term 4 so it is important that children are applying sunscreen at home before coming to school and that they must wear a sun hat that has a wide brim.

Children can come to the office and put on more sunscreen during the day. This is really important!

Ngā manaakitanga,
Luana Carroll

HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES ELECTION



Nominations are open for the election of TWO (2) parent representatives to the board of trustees.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form and a notice calling for nominations – you can use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at 4pm on Friday 6th of November 2020. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination. The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until the election day, which you can view. Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 9th December 2020.

Signed Felicity Morris Returning Officer

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.

CARETAKER/HANDYMAN POSITION

We are looking for a reliable part time caretaker and handyman to work in our school for **8 hours** a week. If you think this is you, please contact the school on principal@houghton.school.nz or 9393318.

A great disco and community education seminar

It's been a great start to the term with the disco in week one and the Raising Resilient Children seminar in week two.



Thanks to all those who helped out at the disco; in particular Johanna who has organised this for the last three years (it's her last year), and Carlie who helped her out this year. We raised just over \$1,000 even though the focus of this event is connection (the kids having a great time and people connecting over the evening).

We ran the seminar by Kathryn Berkett in response to our survey earlier this year. It was great to see so many of you there. We will look to build on this next year. We are keen to run sessions that help build our school community. If you know of anyone who would be an interesting speaker, or could run a hand-ons session, please let Megan know (homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz).



T-shirts and New for 2020, a Tea-towel

Once again we will be selling the Houghton Valley School T-shirts designed by a former parent Aaron McKirdy. This may well be the last time this particular set of designs from Aaron are available. The Octopus (from 2017), the Whale and Chicken (from 2018) and the Anchor which appeared in both years are back but will be in some new coloured t-shirts. They will also be joined by a tea-towel featuring Aaron's Chicken.

The tea-towels may be available in the craft room at the fair if the production pipeline comes together in time. A few samples of the t-shirts will be on display. All items will be available on the order sheet (for T-shirts and tea-towels) which will be emailed directly to everyone in the week following the fair.

Come along to our next "Home and School Meeting" to talk about how we use our Fundraising Money

One of our Home and School goals is making a contribution to the school environment. Some of this contribution comes through our fundraising. 80% of this goes directly to the Board of Trustees, while we retain 20% for the school community to decide how it is spent.

At our Home and School meeting on **Thursday 5th November at 7.30pm** in the school staff room, we will discuss ideas for how we could use this year's 20%. Come along with your ideas, or just to hear the ideas of others. Everyone is always welcome.

HVS School Fair ~ SUNDAY 1st November 2020 10am ~2pm

Last Call-Out: THIS *Friday* after school we need as many of you who can to help set up inside stalls. We will put on a DVD and provide snacks for kids. I have two lovely babysitters booked for the arvo.

Can we please **borrow** outdoor beanbags for our chill out zone!! Pls drop these in the school hall on Friday.

Cake Stall (Kowhai, Room 2)

TODAY parents and caregivers will have received a cake plate, bag and label.

Please drop baking off on Friday to the LIBRARY. You can drop it off before, during or after school.

You can also drop baking in on the morning (Sunday) of the fair, before the fair starts, directly to Kowhai, Room 2.

PLEASE NOTE: For those making smaller sweets like fudge, there are lots of small bags outside the office, please take as many as you need!

Sarah Wylie HVS Fair Coordinator hvsfair@gmail.com 027 210 1925

Please see FAIR MAP below of layout!

HVS SPORTS ATHLETICS

Looking forward to a great day tomorrow – thanks for your support and good luck to all!
Nga mihi, Lauren Peatfield

HVS Athletics 2020 Wednesday Thursday 29th October 2020 (pp: 30th Oct, 2nd Nov)

9:10 - Assemble on the bottom field in year groups with water bottles in the class box.
Wear appropriate sports gear.



Time/Event	High Jump	Long Jump	Sprints	Fun Games	Quoits	Vortex	Rest & 800m
9.30	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6 800m Run
10.00	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5 800m Run
10.30	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4
Morning Tea							
11.30	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3
12.00	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2
Lunch							
1.35	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2
2.05	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1

Year 4, 5 and 6 students placing 1-3 in events will qualify for **Southern Zone Athletics (Thursday 5th Nov, pp: Friday 12th Nov)**

PUBLIC BUS ROUTE NO 23

Catching a bus? Check for improvements to your route

Improvements to bus services across Wellington's Eastern, Western and Southern suburbs take effect on Sunday 25 October. These changes are a direct result of the 2019 Bus Network Review and aim to increase overall network capacity and frequency of services. [Look for changes taking effect near you »](#)

The Bus Network Review was undertaken to gauge the impact of the July 2018 network changes. [Find out more »](#)



Check out the METLINK website for more details

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/timetables/bus/23?date=today>

Route 23 / 23e / 23z: Houghton Bay

- Will extend route 23 through Courtenay Place to Wellington Station
- Route 23e will be incorporated into the route 23, retaining the same peak frequency
- 23z will be incorporated into the 23 (there is no change to service for Zoo customers)
- Hourly off-peak frequency

Route 23: Kingston, Vogeltown

- Will be replaced by the route 27 (Kingston, Vogeltown to Wellington Station)
- Route 27 will be a 7 day service
- For hospital and Newtown access - walk from the Hutchison Rd stop, or transfer to the route 3 heading to Newtown
- Hourly off-peak frequency

(Route 23 will run from Houghton Bay, through Riddiford Street, then extend to Wellington Station via Adelaide Road, and Courtenay Place and will no longer service Vogeltown and Kingston.)

Term 4 Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 <i>26-30 October</i>	Labour Day – No school			HVS Athletics Start 9:30am	HVS Athletics Postpone Day <hr/> <hr/> Fair Setup 3pm
HV School FAIR SUNDAY 1st November 10am-2pm					
Week 4 <i>2-6 November</i>				Home & School Meeting 7:30pm in Staffroom	
Week 5 <i>9-13 November</i>					School Hui 9:10am
Week 6 <i>16-20 November</i>	Dental Clinic On-Site for 2 weeks ===== BOT Meeting 7pm				
Week 7 <i>23-27 November</i>					School Hui 9:10am
Week 8 <i>30-4 December</i>		Performance Assembly 1:50pm			
Week 9 <i>7-11 December</i>			Year 5/6 School CAMP	Year 5/6 School CAMP	Year 5/6 School CAMP
Week 10 <i>14-18 December</i>	Reports to go Home ===== BOT Meeting 7pm		Fun Day at School	Year 6 Leavers Evening Assembly 6pm <hr/> <hr/> Leavers Year 1-5 9am	Last day of the Year. We will finish at 12:30pm

2021 Term Dates

Term 1 Thursday 4 February - Friday 16 April

Term 2 Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July

Term 3 Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October

Term 4 Monday 18 October - Thursday 16 December

BIGAIR GYMSPORTS OWHIRO BAY WGTN

Is your child wanting to learn how to handstand, cartwheel or flip? Do you want them to feel strong and confident, and learn in a safe and encouraging environment? Come to Bigair! Our experienced coaches run classes such as Gymnastics, Tumbling, Trampolining, Parkour and Cheerleading! Our classes support children of all skill levels to learn and develop new skills and abilities, improving their fitness and co-ordination, and boosting self-esteem! BOOK NOW for TERM 4!

Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay: 04 3838779 or wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz

Please find attached details of Nathan's upcoming presentation. More information can be found by following this link <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/change-your-brain-change-your-life-wellington/wellington>



Change your Brain, Change your Life!

Neuroplasticity and the brain's power to improve your life and that of your child's.

Island Bay School - Wellington

Mon 16 Nov 2020 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Tickets at eventfinda.co.nz



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<p>Healthline or COVID-19 Info - 0800 611 116</p>	
<p><u>Bee Healthy Dental Clinic</u> • 0800 825 583</p>	<p><u>Ezlunch.co.nz</u> • Thursdays • Sushi • Fridays • Pita Pit go online www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am to order.</p>
<p><u>Kelly Club After School Care</u> - www.kellyclub.co.nz Cell 022 010 9981 email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</p>	

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