



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Wednesday, 25th November 2020

Week 7 of Term 4

HVS Reminders

- **Fri 27th Nov** – Hui/Assembly 9:15am (Rm 8,2,9)
- **Tues 1st Dec** - Performance Assembly 1:40pm
- **Thurs 3rd Dec** – Home & School Meeting 7:30pm
- **Wed 9th Dec** – BOT Voting Closes 4pm
- **Tues 15th Dec** – Farewell Jos, Monnie & Lucy
- **Thurs 17th Dec** – Year 6 Leavers Farewell

Kia ora te whanau,

Class Placements and Organisation for 2021

We have now completed our staffing for 2021. It has been challenging with losing staffing and having to reduce our classes from 10 to 9 but we feel we have come up with the best option for all of our tamariki across the school.

We will have 3 classes in each team which allows us to keep class sizes as small as possible. The BoT are kindly contributing to the ninth teacher as we adjust to changes regarding staff funding from the Ministry of Education.

One of the challenges we have every year is the fluctuation of numbers of each year group and this is one of the main reasons for composite classes across the school. For the past couple of years fluctuating numbers in the different year groups has meant we have had to put some of our Year 2's in with the Year 1's to make a Year 1/2 composite class. We have the same situation this year. All class programmes are planned to meet the needs of the individual students in that room, which is why teachers can easily cater for having multiple year levels in classes.

We will be having a Year 1/2 composite class again in 2021, and are proposing to do this based on student age, but are open to hearing from whānau who would like their Year 2 child to be in the Year 1/2 class. For some of our tamariki having the opportunity to be the oldest in a class has many benefits. If this is something you are considering please let me know before Tuesday 1st of December - principal@houghton.school.nz

Team Leader Appointment

We are pleased to announce that we have employed Charles Daily as our new Team Leader. Next year, Charles will lead the Year 5/6 team and he will be in Rata. We are in the process of organising for Charles to come and spend the day with us. We will build this into our 'transition' day where all classes spend time with their teacher for 2021.

Tena Koutou Te Kura o Haewai!!

It is super exciting joining your wonderful whanāu of learners and kaiako. My name is Charles Daily and I arrived from Canada way back in 2006. I was supposed to stay for a year of study but fell so in love with this beautiful country that I just couldn't leave.

I absolutely love teaching and helping students to realise their potential in a fun and motivating way - inside and outside the classroom. In my spare time, I play football, surf, golf or walk my new(ish) puppy around the Tawatawa Reserve in Island Bay. If you see me around, please don't hesitate to stop for a chat and I look forward to meeting you all. I hope you all have a wonderful summer break!

Charles Daily

HVS Staffing for 2021

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Junior Team	Morgan Jones Nicola O'Halloran Miriam Gaynor	New Entrants in Harakeke/Room 5 Year 1/2 in Ti kouka/Room 6 Year 2 in Ngaio/Room8 (<i>Deputy Principal/Team Leader</i>)
Middle Team	Lauren Peatfield Stephanie Bosch Ashleigh Kulwant	Year 3/4 in Pohutukawa/Room 1 Year 3/4 in Kowhai/Room 2 (<i>Team Leader</i>) Year 3/4 in Nikau/Room 3
Senior Team	Fiona Crossett Charles Daily Lauren Sims	Year 5/6 in Karaka/Room4 Year 5/6 in Rata/Room 9 (<i>Team Leader</i>) Year 5/6 in Rimu/Room 10
Across School	Jill Holmstead	Teacher release (sustainability), Leadership release and Reading Recovery

Farewell for Jos, Monnie and Lucy

On Tuesday 15 Dec at 2pm we will hold a poroaki for Jos, Monnie and Lucy. At 3pm we will have afternoon tea in the library for adults so that you can say goodbye to our departing staff.

Year 6 Leavers

We will farewell our Year 6 students and their whanau on Thursday 17 December from 5.30pm. We will start in the Hall and invite you to join us for a picnic and ice cream afterwards.

This is a very big group of students in which we will also lose 25 whānau. We want to take the time to acknowledge the wonderful contributions that this group has made. Some of our families have had children here over the past 12 years so it is a long time to be associated with a place.

Students Leaving - Year 1-5

If you are not returning to HVS in 2021 can you please let us know as soon as possible as we are in the process of organising classes for 2021.



Athletics

On Tuesday 17 we took our athletics to the Wellington InterZones competition. I had the pleasure of supervising the team in the morning and want to acknowledge Jasmine Pritchard from looking after our athletes for the afternoon. We were super proud of their performance. We were also super proud of how they manaaki each other by being positive, supporting by yelling from the stand (even when they were miles away) and making everyone feel part of the team. Well done team you did our school proud!

Stationery 2021

This year we introduced a new system for stationery which was really successful for us here at school. If you want to purchase your stationery elsewhere please email Denise by Friday 4 December to let her know and we will give you a stationery list at the end of the year once teachers have confirmed them - admin@houghton.school.nz For those who want to purchase their stationery through school you don't need to do anything.



Ngā manaakitanga, Luana Carroll

HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

There are 3 candidates for 2 places on the board.

The candidates are:

- Georgie Ferrari
- Vanessa Smith
- Kelly Williams



Voting papers have been issued to all eligible voters' home addresses.

How to vote:

- 1) Choose up to two candidates. Candidates' statements are below.
- 2) Seal the voting paper in the return envelope.
- 3) Deliver to the box in the school office, available during school hours.

VOTING CLOSSES AT 4PM ON WEDNESDAY THE 9TH OF DECEMBER.

Signed, Returning Officer, Felicity Morris

**SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC
ONSITE TILL EARLY NEXT WEEK**

HVS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Community, Connection, Contribution

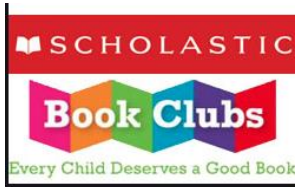
Come along to our last meeting of the year to celebrate,
connect and talk about how we spend our fundraising money

Thursday 3rd December 2020 @ 7:30pm Venue: 58 Hornsey Rd

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.

Come along to our Home and School meeting next week, Thursday 3rd December at 7.30pm. Michael Restieaux, one of Committee team will be hosting the event at his home: **58 Hornsey Rd**. Parking outside 48 Hornsey Road with an invigorating walk up to some fine views. We will discuss ideas for how we could be spending the 20% in the future. Come along with your ideas, or just to hear the ideas of others. Fitting with a December meeting we will also be celebrating the end of year, planning for the next one and getting to know each other a little better.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS



Lucky Book Club closes Friday 27th November – order and pay online at scholastic.co.nz. LOOP - Thanks

HVS SPORTS

The Greater Wellington Primary and Intermediate Schools Athletics Meet is scheduled Tues 1 Dec, ppmt Thurs 3 Dec at Newtown Park. Big congrats and good luck to the competitors.

Events for top 3 place getters:

Vortex - Y5 Girls - **Maddi Hill**

High Jump - Y5 Boys - **Ethan Bell**

Long Jump - Y5 Boys - **Ethan Bell** Y6 Boys - **Henri Miller**

KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

KELLY CLUB ISLAND BAY PRE-XMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - Island Bay School – 21 Dec – 23 Dec 2020

HO HO HO - We're taking over Santa's workshop for the Pre-Christmas Holiday Programme with lots of fun and exciting Christmas activities planned! *Messy Xmas Day, Christmas Party Day plus a trip to Laserforce!*

KELLY CLUB ISLAND BAY JAN 2021 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – 5 JAN – 3 FEB 2021

Kelly Club Island Bay Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.

The programme is packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. We have some exciting days planned: "Minute to win it", Crazy day, Super Hero Day, Summer Tea Party, Harry Potter Day, Star Wars Day, H2GO Day, Hawaiian Luau Day plus Trips to Wellington Zoo, Staglands, Te Papa, Cure Kids Day plus we are off to see the movie Peter Rabbit 2!

To enrol www.kellyclub.co.nz email islandbay@kellyclub.co.nz or call 022 198 6316

Term 4 Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 23-27 November					School Hui 9:15am Presenting Ngaio, Kowhai & Rata ===== Scholastic Books Close
Week 8 30-4 December	Dental Clinic Leaves this Week	Performance Assembly 1:40pm in Hall		Last Home & School Meeting for the Year 7:30pm	
Week 9 7-11 December			Year 5/6 School CAMP ===== Junior Trip to Otari-Wilton Bush ===== BOT Voting Closes 4pm	Year 5/6 School CAMP	Year 5/6 School CAMP
Week 10 14-18 December	Reports to go Home ===== BOT Meeting 7pm	2pm Jos, Monica, & Lucy Leaving Assembly followed by afternoon tea	Fun Day at School	Leavers Year 1-5 9:15am ===== Year 6 Leavers Assembly Evening 5:30pm followed by a Picnic	Last day of the Year 2020. We will finish at 12:30pm
First Day of Term 1 2021 – Thursday 4th February 2021					

2021 Term Dates

Term 1 Thursday 4 February 21 - Friday 16 April 21

Waitangi Day Mon 8th Feb

Teacher Only Day – Friday 12th March – No School

Teacher Only Day – Thurs 1st April – No School

Easter Holidays –Friday 2nd April – Monday 5th April & Tuesday 6th April

Term 2 Monday 3 May 21 - Friday 9 July 21

Queen's Birthday Monday 7th June

Teacher Only Day –Tuesday 8th June – No School

Term 3 Monday 26 July 21 - Friday 1 October 21

Term 4 Monday 18 October 21 - Thursday 16 December 21

Labour Day Monday 25th October

Teacher Only Day Tuesday 26th October- No School

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HVS Facebook page

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

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Healthline or COVID-19 Info - 0800 611 116

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

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