



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Wednesday, 2nd December 2020

Week 8 of Term 4

HVS Reminders

- **Thurs 3rd Dec** – Home & School Meeting 7:30pm
- **Wed 9th Dec** – BOT Voting Closes 4pm
- **Tues 15th Dec** – Farewell Jos, Monnie, Lucy & Lauren Peatfield at 2pm
- **Thurs 17th Dec** – Year 6 Leavers Farewell 5:30pm
- **Fri 18th Dec** – Last day for 2020 finish @ 12:30pm

Kia ora te whanau,

Hauora and Illness

We have noticed a lot of children seem extra tired at the moment. We are not quite sure if it is still a hangover from daylight savings and the unpredictability of the weather, the excitement of the end of year celebrations or just a bit of an end of year weariness!



When children are tired we notice they can experience more headaches and body aches and pains, be extra sensitive to social dynamics, a bit more volatile and emotional, and generally be a bit flat. This week we have seen a significant increase in illness. We ask that if your child is unwell in the morning that they stay home. We will ensure that we keep up the important hygiene practices of hand washing and sanitiser as part of our Level 1 practices. If you're not sure call Healthline and check with them.

As adults we might also be feeling a bit weary from the year and everything it has thrown at us (and continues to throw at us!).

As a school we still have a really full and busy classroom programme between now and the end of the year, as well as our Fun Day/Year 5&6 camp in the next few weeks. Your children might need a few more early nights and some quiet down time during the weekends to help them pep their energy levels back up - easier said than done I know!

Performance Assembly

Wow! We have talented, inspiring, and brave tamariki! All of the performers who shared at our Performance Assembly did an outstanding job.



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.

Activities for 2021

Due to COVID-19 we have not been able to do all of the activities we had planned - swimming and school trips. This means we have made some changes for 2021.

We will be swimming in term 1 on **Thursdays** from 11 February for all classes.

Lesson timetable at the pool is:

- **JUNIORS** - Harakeke, Ti Kouka & Ngaio (Rm 5, 6, 8) 10am-11am
- **MIDDLE** - Pohutukawa, Kowhai & Nikau (Rm 1, 2, 3) 11am-12pm
- **SENIORS** - Karaka, Rimu & Rata (Rm 4, 10 & 9) 12pm-1pm

Swimming is a valuable component of our Physical Education programme and is a requirement for us to provide for Years 1-6. If there is a reason for your child not to be swimming, please drop a note to the class teacher or get in touch to discuss. All children will be tested during the first session so they can be grouped appropriately for their swimming ability. Depending on ability, year 5 and 6 students will be in either "learn to swim" or another water based activity.

Activity/Trip Fee

As we have not used all of our Activity fee for Years 1-4 (Year 5/6 went towards camp costs) we would like to transfer this to cover the bulk of the swimming costs for 2021. We will let you know once we have confirmed costs.

Staffing Update

Lauren Peatfield will be leaving at the end of the year. We want to acknowledge the work Lauren has done in Pohutukawa this year and leading Health, PE and Sport. We wish her all the best for the future.

With this change we have made a slight rejig of classes. Ashleigh Kulwant will be in Pohutukawa and Stephanie Bosch will stay in Nikau.

Transition Sessions

As we plan and organise classes for 2021 we are also planning transition sessions for the children to get together in their classrooms with their peers for 2021 and their teacher. We know some changes are challenging for our learners so these sessions are a crucial part of our planning.

These will happen in week 8 and 10 due to Year 5's being on camp in week 9.

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.

Dates for 2021

Term 1 4th February - Friday 16th April - *Waitangi Day Mon 8th Feb(Mondayised)*

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 - *Queen's Birthday Monday 7th June*

Term 3 Monday 26 July - Friday 1st October - *Labour Day Monday 25th October*

Term 4 Monday 18 October - **Thursday 16th December at 12.30pm**

Teacher Only Days for 2021

12th March - PLD

1st April 2021 (Kahui Ako Staff Only Day)

8th June 2021 -PLD

26th October 2021 - PLD

Dates for Term 1

Tuesday 9 February 5.30pm-6.30pm - **Meet the teacher**

Friday 12 February 5.30pm-7.00pm - **Whole School Picnic**

Tuesday 16 and 17 March - **3 Way Conferences**



HVS Staffing for 2021		
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	Ashleigh Kulwant To Be Advised Stephanie Bosch	Year 3/4 in Pohutukawa/Room 1 Year 3/4 in Kowhai/Room 2 Year 3/4 in Nikau/Room 3 (<i>Team Leader</i>)
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

HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

ONE WEEK TO GO

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

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.

Signed, Returning Officer, Felicity Morris



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**

Home and School welcomes you to our

End of Year Celebrations - this Thursday 3/12 at 7.30pm - 58 Hornsey Road.

The HVS Home and School Group connects families and the school. We meet once a month to organise events that build community and raise funds. Home and School meetings are a chance to hear from teachers and the Board about what's happening around school.

Our End of Year gathering is at Michael's place at **58 Hornsey Road** (with a short, invigorating walk up to some fine views). It's a bit more informal - a chance to celebrate the end of year and connect with our HVS whānau. Agenda and H&S meeting minutes attached to this email.

We will have a discussion about the things we might like to do next year. Please bring your good ideas and food and drink to share. We'd love to see you.

KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

KELLY CLUB ISLAND BAY PRE-XMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - Island Bay School – 21 Dec to 23 Dec 20

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 8 <i>30-4 December</i>	Dental Clinic Leaves this Week	Performance Assembly 1:40pm in Hall		Last Home & School Meeting for the Year 7:30pm	
Week 9 <i>7-11 December</i>			Year 5/6 School CAMP Junior Trip to Otari-Wilton Bush =====	Year 5/6 School CAMP	Year 5/6 School CAMP
Week 10 <i>14-18 December</i>	Reports to go Home =====	2pm Jos, Monica, Lucy & Lauren P Leaving Assembly followed by afternoon tea	Fun Day at School	Leavers Year 1-5 9:15am =====	Last day of the Year 2020. We will finish at 12:30pm
First Day of Term 1 2021 – Thursday 4th February 2021					

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Āwhina Education Tuition Services

Does your child need extra support with reading, writing or maths? At Āwhina Education our business is bridging the gap for young people who are struggling in the mainstream classroom.

Our tutors tailor their lessons to meet your child's particular needs using a range of evidence-based programmes, and work alongside the school to ensure we are wrapping around them as best we can. We tutor both in our homes and in schools throughout Wellington, and have a tutor working locally in the Houghton Bay area. See our website for more information: <https://awhinaeducation.co.nz/> or give us a call on 021 090 55575.

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