



# Houghton Valley School

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

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

## Newsletter

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Week 9 of Term 4

### HVS Reminders

- **Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Farewell Jos, Monnie, Lucy & Lauren Peatfield at 2pm followed by afternoon tea for parents
- **Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Year 6 Leavers Farewell 5:30pm followed by a picnic
- **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last day for 2020 finish @ 12:30pm

### Kia ora te whanau,

#### Countdown is on

We are heading towards the finish line for 2020. We have all worked incredibly hard to make this year a success and safe for our tamariki.

I want to thank the wonderful staff for their tireless work throughout the year. When we started 2020 we had lots of plans and when I went through the list we have been able to complete the main ones we hold so dear - Production, Fair, Performance Assembly, Camp, School Hui. The Staffs ability to adapt and be flexible has been much appreciated - learning online, bubble classes, changes to procedures etc. We are so proud of the wonderful achievements our learners have made this year. None of this would have been possible without our fabulous team. They deserve a well earned holiday and time to put their feet up and rest as 2021 is looking exciting!

#### Ngā mihi to our school Supporters

*Thank you to all our parents, grandparents, whānau and community helpers. Without your support we wouldn't be able to help our students as much as we do. As a school we are very lucky to have such a strong community who are interested and involved in supporting the children and school in so many ways. Ngā mihi nui!*

#### Junior Otari Trip

Unfortunately, the trip was cancelled today due to the weather. Otari told us it was unsafe due to the mud and wet tracks.

#### Camp



We wish all of our Year 5's and 6's, whānau and staff a happy, safe and fun filled camp. Thanks to Miriam, Fiona and Lauren S for organising a great camp and giving up the next 3 days to make this happen. We look forward to seeing photos and hearing stories on your return. *They have arrived safely and have started their camp activities.*

#### Transition Sessions

We had our first transition session last week and we have one more on Tuesday 15 December. Our intention is to make any changes for 2021 easier as they know where they are and who they are with.

It was great to see the positive interactions and enthusiasm when going through the classrooms.



#### Library Books

As we are in the last week we need all library books to be returned. If you want a 'red bag' of books these will be handed out on Monday 14 for the holidays. The library will be closed from Tuesday lunchtime for stocktake.

#### Leavers Assembly - Year 6

We are holding our annual Year 6 and Whānau leavers assembly on Thursday 17 5.30pm. After the assembly we will have a whānau picnic (bring your own food). The whole school is invited to join us to farewell our students and whānau who are leaving HVS.



#### Farewell for Monnie, Jos, Lucy and Lauren P

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

#### Emergency Kits

We will be sending home the individual emergency kits on Monday 14 so that you can use the products before they expire and then renew them and return them in February 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 5.30-7.00pm - **Whole school picnic**

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

Ngā manaakitanga, Luana Carroll

A BIG WELCOME BACK IN RIMU CLASS TO:

😊 **Sam Freemantle**

## COUNTDOWN DATES FOR 2020

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 2pm** – Farewell Assembly for Jos, Monica, Lucy and Lauren Peatfield followed by an afternoon tea in the library for the parents/adults.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 5:30pm** – Farewell Year 6 students in the school hall followed by a picnic on the field (Bring your own food). There are 43 students leaving this year!

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 12:30pm** – School finishes for the year!

<b>HVS Staffing for 2021</b>		
<b>Junior Team</b>	<b><i>Morgan Jones</i></b> <b><i>Nicola O'Halloran</i></b> <b><i>Miriam Gaynor</i></b>	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> )
<b>Middle Team</b>	<b><i>Ashleigh Kulwant</i></b> <b><i>To Be Advised</i></b> <b><i>Stephanie Bosch</i></b>	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> )
<b>Senior Team</b>	<b><i>Fiona Crossett</i></b> <b><i>Charles Daily</i></b> <b><i>Lauren Sims</i></b>	Year 5/6 in Karaka/Room4 Year 5/6 in Rata/Room 9 ( <i>Team Leader</i> ) Year 5/6 in Rimu/Room 10
<b>Across School</b>	<b><i>Jill Holmstead</i></b>	Teacher release (sustainability), Leadership Release and Reading Recovery

# HVS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

*Community, Connection, Contribution*



## **T-Shirts and Tea Towels have arrived. Another chance to order if you missed out.**

All t-shirt and teatowel orders that were made by 20 November will be sent home with your eldest child on Monday 14 December.

Another chance to order more. If you missed out on ordering or you want to order some more then you can do this by completing the following order form by 31 December and paying.

### **Second round Fundraising T-shirts and teatowels...**

We are able to offer this extra round of ordering because a few t-shirts were out of stock and we need to do an extra print run in January. New orders will be delivered in late January.

If you want to make a second round order please contact Michael at [ciandra.michael@gmail.com](mailto:ciandra.michael@gmail.com) to let him know you will be doing this. There is a small supply of teatowels on hand which could be delivered to you by 18 December if you contact Michael.

## EZLUNCH

Final day for Sushi and Pita Pit lunch orders this week. We will start again in 2021 on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, please check online [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) for more details.

## KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

### **KELLY CLUB ISLAND BAY PRE-XMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - Island Bay School – 21 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](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) email [islandbay@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:islandbay@kellyclub.co.nz) or call 022 198 6316

### **Term 4 Events**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 9</b> <i>7-11 December</i>			Year 5/6 School CAMP <hr/> Junior Trip to Otari-Wilton Bush ===== BOT Voting Closes 4pm	Year 5/6 School CAMP	Year 5/6 School CAMP
<b>Week 10</b> <i>14-18 December</i>	Reports to go Home ===== BOT Meeting 7pm	2pm Jos, Monica, Lucy & Lauren P Leaving Assembly followed by afternoon tea	Fun Day at School	<b>Leavers Year 1-5</b> <b>9:15am</b> ===== <b>Year 6 Leavers</b> <b>Assembly Evening</b> <b>5:30pm followed</b> <b>by a Picnic</b>	<b>Last day of the</b> <b>Year 2020.</b> <b>We will finish at</b> <b>12:30pm</b>
<b><i>First Day of Term 1 2021 – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021</i></b>					

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**The Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshop** is back by popular demand and is running from Monday 18 January 2021 to Friday 22 January 2021 at the awesome Aro Valley Community Centre. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment. Past workshops have been a great hit, see last year's video for yourself:

**Marrzipan Holiday Workshop Video** Spaces are limited to 14 per group so get in quick! Book now or give us a call if you have any questions. See you there! Wellington - [https://marrzipandrama.co.nz/holiday-workshops/?utm\\_source=dec-2020&utm\\_medium=school-newsletter&utm\\_campaign=wellington](https://marrzipandrama.co.nz/holiday-workshops/?utm_source=dec-2020&utm_medium=school-newsletter&utm_campaign=wellington) Mollypop, Marrzipan Drama, 022 436 5608

**Sunshine Drama** Sunshine Drama provides a creative and fun learning space for students aged 4 – 16 years. Sessions engage imaginative minds, grow confidence and build communication, performance and social skills. Interested to know more? Enrol your child for a free trial class, Sat 30th Jan 21, or join us in Term 1. For timetables and information, visit [sunshinedrama.co.nz](http://sunshinedrama.co.nz) or contact Jenae 0274 380 533 / [sunshinedrama.nz@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinedrama.nz@gmail.com).

**Musical Stars Performance Trust** Sing - Dance – Act Musical Theatre classes for young performers who love the stage [musicalstars.co.nz](http://musicalstars.co.nz) [info@musicalstars.co.nz](mailto:info@musicalstars.co.nz) 021-410-015

**Artrageous Kids Creative Christmas: 16 Dec – 23 Dec 2020** Come and join our magical pre-xmas Artrageous Holiday programme! We will be exploring many exciting Christmas crafts including baking, decoration making, ornaments, and creating love filled handmade gifts. Our trusty favourites will also be on hand like paint, paper, clay, stone, collage, construction and of course the "glue gun table" will all be available. Venue: Ponake Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington  
8.30am–3:00pm \$79 and after care 3:00pm–5.30pm \$15  
Bookings essential. [Artrageous Kids Christmas](#) For ages 5–10 yrs old

**Artrageous Summer Adventure: 6 Jan – 3 Feb 2021** Aimed at children aged 5–10 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! **Bookings essential. BOOK NOW!**  
Venue: Ponake Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington  
8.30am–3:00pm \$79 and after care 3:00pm–5.30pm \$15



### 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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<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>	