



Houghton Valley School

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Newsletter

Thursday, 11th February 2021

Week 2 of Term 1

HVS Reminders

- **Thursday's–Swimming Day–Bring Togs/Towels etc**
- **Fri 12th Feb** – Whanau School Picnic 5:30pm
- **Tues 17th Feb** – Whole School Lyall Bay Beach Trip
- **Fri 19th Feb** – School Hui/Assembly Rm 8,1,10
- **Wed 24th Feb** – Home & School Meeting 7:30pm

Kia ora te whanau o Haewai,

Nau mai, haere mai and welcome back to all of our Houghton Valley learners and their whānau. We are so excited to be back and see our tamariki.

We have got off to a great start. Ngā mihi to all those who attended our 'Meet the Staff' on Tuesday night and today we started swimming.

Communication and Reporting Tools - New Parent App

We have set up a Parent app this year. We will be using this as our one stop shop for all communication. We have instructions on how to download this on our website or at the office. You will have received an email from school on Tuesday afternoon. You need to use this to link in to get your unique username and password. If you need help please pop in to the office and we can help you.

In the app you can currently access:

- Newsletters
- Messages from teachers
- Calendar of events
- Absences
- School website
- ezLunch orders
- Kelly Club After School link
- School Interviews



Later in the term we will also use the app to share your child/rens learning. We will share more about this once we have done more professional development on this.

Whānau Picnic on Friday 5.30pm

Come and meet the staff, other parents and whānau. Let's kick off the year with some food 'n fun!

Bring a rug, some picnic kai or takeaways. (check the HVS website/app notifications for cancellation due to weather). Please remember this is a child funny event so no alcohol permitted.



Beach Trip Tuesday 16 February

Outline of the day:

- *Leave school at 10.00am and walk to Lyall Bay with morning tea upon arrival.*
- *Then there will be a Buddy class Sand Sculpture-building competition – the theme for the sculptures this year will be "Whānaungātanga".*
- *The children will be divided into the 3 syndicate groups (Yrs 1/2, years 3/4 and years 5/6) and each group will be timetabled to swim for 30 minutes (to avoid having too many children in the water at the same time).*
- *We'll have lunch in syndicate groups starting from 12:15pm to 1:15pm.*
- *When not swimming, children can play games on the beach or build their own sand sculptures.*
- *End of day from 1.45pm to head back to school. If you are picking up your children then you need to be at the beach by 1:45pm or they will walk with us.*



As with other trips, we rely on parents helping, so that we have appropriate adult: child ratios (If you have a pre-schooler then we can't include you in our ratio).

If you can help, please email Denise by Monday 15th February - admin@houghton.school.nz

Reminder for the beginning of the year:

- Children are welcome at school from 8.30am. Before this time teachers and staff are busy preparing for the day and aren't responsible for our tamariki until 8.30am. We appreciate your support with this
- The carpark is not for parents and whanau between 8.00-4.00pm so we would appreciate you don't enter this space or park here as it is the main entrance for our children. Last year we had some dangerous situations due to people pulling in, parking over the entrance and turning around
- We wear sun hats in terms 1 and 4 - *Proper sun-hats with brims or legionnaire caps with back flaps (we sell school hats from the office for \$18)*
- School newsletter will be fortnightly this year. You can expect them on the even weeks of the term
- All students have received their stationery so an invoice will be sent out soon
- Permission slips for trips, digital citizenship and donations have been given to students in paper copy today so we appreciate if the slips are returned as soon as possible
- We have 2 Teacher Only Days this term - 12 March and 1 April

School Hui

Every second week, we have our whole school hui from 9.10- 9.50am on a Friday morning.

This term we have:

- Ngaio, Pohutukawa and Rimu - 19 Feb
- Ti kouka, Nikau and Karaka - 5 March
- Harakeke, Kowhai and Rata - 19 March
- Powhiri - Friday 9 April (this is for all new staff, tamariki and their whānau)

Until next time, be your best.

No reira, kia kaha ra,

Nga Mihi Nui,

Luana Carroll and HVS Staff

A BIG WELCOME IN HARAKEKE CLASS TO:

☺ **Quin Gezentsvey** ☺ **Isobel Bussell**
☺ **Daisy Corleison** ☺ **Teigan Du Toit**
☺ **Jimi Pearce** ☺ **Florence Vasquez**
☺ **Olive Wintringham**

ALSO WELCOME IN TI KOUKA TO:

☺ **Nina Pearce**

WELCOME IN POHUTUKAWA TO: ☺ **Izzie Riding**

WELCOME IN KOWHAI TO: ☺ **Arty Beck &**
☺ **Oscar Henley**

WELCOME IN RIMU TO: ☺ **Oscar Beck &**
☺ **Sophia Hall Masino**

A BIG WELCOME to our 2021 school community
from the Home and School Association

The Houghton Valley Home and School Association is all about community, connection and supporting our school environment. Everyone is part of the Association and we would love you to get involved however you want to.

This year our aim is to have one meeting a term, one social event a term, one community event a term (talk, quiz, disco, fair), as well as some ad hoc fun fundraising activities (such as bake sales and kids' artwork calendars).

We would love to see you at our first meeting of this year (7.30pm **Wednesday 24 February** in the school staff room) where you can hear more about what is going on in our school from Luana, the Board, and our teachers; along with finding out more about our ideas for this year. We welcome any ideas, feedback and volunteers to help run these events. So come along just to listen, connect and/or contribute.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Kate, Dougal, Sarah and Megan

homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz

HVS SPORTS



Junior Netball – URGENT - Term One for Year 1 to 4 – Registrations close Monday 15th Feb

Motu Kairangi Netball is now accepting registrations for the MotherEarth futureFERNs Netball Programme for children in Year 1 to Year 4, in term 1, 2021. The summer season begins on Saturday, 20th February 2021 for all year groups.

Please contact Denise admin@houghton.school.nz ASAP if you would like your child to play and parents if you can help coach and manage teams. The registration deadline for individual players and school teams is noon on *Wednesday, 17th February, 2021*.

Mini Polo Year 4, 5 or 6 Students - Interest

Calling all Year 4, 5 or 6 swimmers who want some fun playing Mini-polo (junior Waterpolo). HVS Bluefins are recruiting more players this season. Games start mid Feb on Friday's between 4 -6pm and are about 20 minutes at WRAC in Kilbirnie. If you have a HVS pupil from year 4-6 who is keen to join in, then please contact Kelly on 027 2929 320.

HVS CHICKENS



The 4 chickens are back from their holidays! This year Rimu class Room 10 will be looking after them. The class teacher Lauren Sims laurens@houghton.school.nz has asked if anyone has old newspapers or egg cartons – if you have any of these please drop them to her class on the bottom court or the school office. Thanks

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KELLY SPORTS TERM 1



Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

Super Summer Sports! (Years 0-4) – Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm - Come and try the following sports: **Tball, Dodgeball, Handball, Touch Rugby and Athletics!**

It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Your child will learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Marrzipan Drama - Self-Confidence classes at Houghton Valley. Spaces Available for Term 1 2021!

Marrzipan have gained a huge reputation in New Zealand for the development of shy children, especially those with anxiety, autism and selective mutism. Saying that, this is a class for the super crazy and dramatic types too, as we focus on positive leadership and social skills. Our classes focus on inner and outer self-confidence, and are super fun and exciting for children. Parents are kept up to date with weekly emails about what's been covered in class and why, as well as what you can work on at home. We have two awesome showcases at the end of every term too, so you can see your child's development first hand as they perform in one of our termly productions.

Our classes will be running on Thursday, at 8am. Spaces are limited to 10-14 students, to sign up for a non-obligatory trial lesson - please register your interest by emailing josh@marrzipandrama.co.nz. See you there!

INSTEP DANCE STUDIO: Based in Houghton Bay, we offer dance classes in jazz, ballet & contemporary for ages 3-18 years. BOOK A FREE TRIAL CLASS. Contact Lesley: instepdance@hotmail.com or visit our website for more info: instepdancestudio.co.nz



Pippins
5 - 6 years

Join in the fun at Island Bay Pippins. Being a Pippin with GirlGuiding NZ is a very popular choice for 5 and 6 year old girls. We welcome all girls interested to join our Unit in Island Bay at St Hilda's Church from 6-7pm on a Tuesday night during the school term. If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter and would like to have fun then contact Dianna on phone: 383 7518 or email meates21@gmail.com or see Denise in the HVS office.

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HVS Facebook page

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Healthline or COVID-19 Info - 0800 611 116

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Kelly Club After School Care - www.kellyclub.co.nz

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