



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Thursday, 25th February 2021

Week 4 of Term 1

HVS Reminders

- **Thursday's–Swimming Day–Bring Togs/Towels etc**
- **Tues 2nd March** - Junior Zoo Trip Room 5, 6 & 8
- **Fri 5th March** – School Hui/Assembly 9:15am
Rm 6, 3 & 4
- **Fri 12th March** – Teacher Only Day – No School
- **Fri 19th March** – Home & School Breakfast 8am in Library

Kia ora te whanau o Haewai,

Ngā mihi nui te whānau for your support and understanding as we navigate our way through level changes and crazy weather last week. We were disappointed that we couldn't go to the beach so we have decided to make a day at the end of the year to go instead.

We would also like to acknowledge those who have downloaded the New parent App. We still have about 70 whānau to go so if you need any help please come to the office or read the instructions on the website.

We have also attached a copy of our Emergency Kits. We sent these home at the end of the year so that you could use any food before it expires so it wouldn't be wasted. It is time to repack these and return them to school. We like them back by 19 March.

Library Update

Today, we farewell Inna who has been working in our school library. Inna has done a fantastic job of reorganising our library, purchasing new books, running clubs and supporting our learners love of reading. Inna and her whānau are returning to Sweden in a few weeks. We wish them all the best.



We have also had to make the difficult decision not to replace Inna. As our roll has reduced we receive less funding from the Ministry of Education so have had to reduce some of the optional extras that we have. Teachers and students will take over the roll of leading our library for the rest of the year. We are also hopeful that our library refurbishment will start during 2021.

Kapa Haka - Welcome Henare

We are excited to say that we will have Henare Parata teaching Kapa Haka to our Years 5 and 6 once a week. This will start next week. The rest of the school will have Kapa Haka in their teams which will be lead by our teachers

3 Way Conferences

During week 7 (Tuesday 16 March 3.15-7.30pm and Wednesday 17 March 3.15-6.00pm) we are holding our term 1 goal setting sessions. These hui are an excellent opportunity for parents to meet the teacher and to share some thoughts and goals they may have about their child with the classroom teacher for 2021.

We hope to see 100% of our parents and whanau at these meetings.

You can book through our Parent app or go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter our event code - this is unique to HVS.

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Termly School Policy Review:

Each term we review different school policies - this term we are seeking parent feedback on:

- **Home Learning**

Please follow the instructions below to have your input:

1. Visit the website <http://houghton.schooldocs.co.nz/>
2. Enter the username (**houghton**) and password (**6023**)
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

Instructions for 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
- Booking school interviews
- Calendar of events
- Absences
- School website
- ezLunch orders
- Kelly Club After School link



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.

Until next time, be your best.

No reira, kia kaha ra,

Nga Mihi Nui,

Luana Carroll and HVS Staff

HVS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION *Community, Connection, Contribution*

Do you want to help build connections in your child's classroom community?

Everyone has busy lives and Home and School wants to support a range of ways that people can connect with the school community. We are looking for representative(s) for each class who would help build connections within the classroom whanau and with the wider school. These representatives would encourage socialising within the classroom, and ensure people know what is happening at school and how they can get involved.

We have two parents who are going to be our classroom representative coordinators this year: Nicoal Du Toit and Fenella Rich. They are going to organise occasional class rep get-togethers to provide opportunities for these people to meet each other and share ideas.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Fen (fennyrich@yahoo.com.au) and Nicola (nicolastanbridge@hotmail.com)



Come and meet some other parents at our first Home and School breakfast event on 19 March



We know that not everyone finds it easy to get away in the evening so Home and School are hosting a breakfast (or morning tea) event this term as an opportunity for people to get to know each other.

We are holding this **Friday 19 March from 8am - 8.45am** in the library. Come along to meet some of the other whanau members of our school and to hear more about Home and School. We would love to see you there.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



You would have received the Book Club brochure – please order ONLINE scholastic.co.nz/LOOP OR Download the LOOP APP before **Wednesday 3rd March 2021**. Thanks

MOVIN' MARCH



Māehe Manawa Ora
Movin' March

1-31 March 2021 | movinmarch.com



2021 Māehe Manawa Ora! Movin' March begins next week!

We will be participating in Movin' March to encourage students to walk, scoot or ride to school during March. There are many benefits for students to exercise, gain independence and to develop an understanding that small actions we take can also benefit planet Earth by reducing the use of vehicles and fossil fuels.

WOW Passport Challenge

Each day student leaders will stamp the **walk or wheel** trip passports when tamariki travel to AND from school. Walk, wheeling and public bus transport can all count for stamps. All cards whether complete or partly completed count can be entries in the draw to win one of 12 x \$400 My Ride vouchers. Let's get stamping!

Movin' March Whānau Photo Comp

Parents can snap a photo of your family's journey to school during **Movin' March** & win! Simply snap a photo or post a message that highlights an adventure or wonder as you journey to kura. Post publicly on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) using #movinmarch. All entries will go in the daily draw to win a family pass to a fun destination in the Wellington region and a draw to win a Micro Scooter every week! Jill Holmstead

See the links for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/movinmarch>

<http://www.gw.govt.nz/movin-march/>

HVS SPORTS

Floorball has started with a bang and it was a great first week. Our teams had some wins and some losses but the feedback has all been positive with students having a great time while displaying fair play and teamwork.

A big thank you to these parents for putting their hands up to manage. It is greatly appreciated and we couldn't play without them volunteering their time.

- Phil Anderson • Roger Young • Rob Laking • Jonny Wynands •
- Shannan Dilks • Anna Ririnui • Adam Hayman •

I will email parents the draw when I receive it.

<p>SUMMER SMASH GIRLS ONLY SUMMER SMASH TUESDAYS 14.00 - 4.45PM MACALISTER PARK 9 MARCH, 16 MARCH, 23 MARCH, 30 MARCH FREE ENTRY FOR SCHOOLS (YEARS 3-6) - ENTER IN TEAMS OF 6 FREE T-SHIRT FOR REGISTERED PLAYERS NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FUN, INCLUSIVE MODIFIED CRICKET GAMES TRANSPORT HARSHIP FUND AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT STUDENTS TO ATTEND EMAIL: FRANCES@CRICKETWELLINGTON.CO.NZ TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION</p>	<p>There is an upcoming SUMMER SMASH cricket festival coming up in March for girls only.</p> <p>This is an exciting opportunity for our students to either practise their cricket skills or learn to play the game.</p> <p>The emphasis here is for it to be a fun learning experience for everyone involved. They have stressed that it can be a range of abilities and any girl keen to give cricket a go.</p> <p>It would be an awesome afternoon out each week in March and sounds like it would be a good time.</p> <p>We only need 6 players per team. This is a gauge to see if we have any interest.</p> <p>If this sounds like something you want your daughter in Years 3-6 to be involved in, please let Charles know via email by Friday 26. charles@houghton.school.nz</p> <p>One FREE coffee from the coffee truck for the manager.</p> <p>Free t shirts for all registered players.</p>
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HVS CHICKEN WEEKEND HELP

Kia ora koutou katoa! We need some families who are able to come and check on our chickens during the weekends! It involves making sure they have food and clean water. Any eggs you find are free range and free for you to take home as a reward for your mahi! If you are able to help, please let Lauren (in Rimu) know ASAP at laurens@houghton.school.nz



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics

Rhythmic Gymnastics is a mix of dance and gymnastics. It develops hand-eye co-ordination through the use of apparatus – rope, hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon. We are the only Rhythmic Gymnastics Club in the Wellington region.

If your child loves to dance and is looking for something a little different, then come along to a class and give it a try! Email info@rhythmicgym.nz to arrange a **FREE trial**.

We have classes available from Mon to Sat, min. numbers apply. Our classes are in Thorndon, just opposite the Botanical Gardens.



For more information about Elements and our classes, visit rhythmicgym.nz

½ Price Kids Entry at Staglands on Children's Day Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be celebrating Children's Day on Sunday 7th March by offering ½ PRICE ENTRY into The Reserve for ALL CHILDREN. In addition to their usual attractions visitors can enjoy free off-road tractor-trailer rides. So if you are looking for a fun Children's day outing for the whole family; meet at Staglands and Connect with Nature on Sunday 7th March. *Offer is not available with any other offer. Children (0-16 years) must be accompanied by paying adult. For more information visit www.staglands.co.nz

Wonderplay Drama Special: Join today and pay only 50% of the term fee! Thursdays 5-8yrs (3.30pm), 9-12yrs (4.30pm) and Advanced Drama (11-13yrs- 5.30pm) at Island Bay Community Centre. Teen drama classes Weds, Abel Smith St. Special is for new students only. Please contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz

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.



Bring the kids down to the **Newtown Festival** on Sunday 7th March 2021 for a full day of fun in the sun. We have lots of activities and entertainment on offer such as storytellers, street sports, bike tracks, face painters and more! This year's event falls on the same day as Children's Day, so we are fortunate to have the Children's Commissioner, Andrew Becroft, and his team celebrating with us all day at the event.

So come down to our Fun Zone on Arney St and Donald McLean St for cool, free activities, or explore the 420 wonderful food and craft stalls and over 160 music performers on offer at the festival.

You can find more information such as stall maps and performance schedules on our website at www.newtownfestival.org.nz.



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AROUND LOCAL FOOD

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SUNDAY 28TH FEB
HOUGHTON VALLEY COMMUNITY
HALL
4:00PM-7:00PM

-A CELEBRATION OF WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE LIVE-
COME AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS VEGAN FEAST, PREPARED BY OUR
CHEF AND SOURCED FROM LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE. MEET THE
LOCALS AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE WE
CALL HOME!

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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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