

# HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL

## Home and School Meeting

**Thursday 3 December 2020 7:30pm at 58 Hornsey Rd**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Kate Mitcalfe, Michael Restieaux, Megan Taylor, Dougal Wylie, Luana Carroll, Sarah Wylie, Anna Ririnui, Nicola du Toit, Fenella Rich, Ronja, Franseka, Jos Abernethy, Ashleigh Kulwant (Quorum 4+1)

Thanks to Michael and Ciandra for hosting tonight's meeting

### **Apologies:**

- 1. Previous Meeting Minutes:** Approved by Kate and Michael (TBC)

- 2. Board Report**

Lulu the dog has been a success and will continue. The kids are calmer and more focused.

A new teacher has been recruited. We are sadly losing some long standing teachers such as Jos who has been involved with the school for 20 years. A bit thank you to Jos.

A huge thank you to all those involved in the fair

- 3. Principal Update**

The school has been having transition sessions to provide security and certainty for the kids going into 2021. A focus was ensuring the kids all had someone they work well with in their class.

Luana expressed her appreciation that we have managed to have some normality this year, like the fair. Luana also expressed her thanks to the Home and School co-chairs.

- 4. HVS Events**

A big thank you to Michael for stepping in to be co-chair this year and for all his contributions over the years. We will need a new co-chair in 2021.

Next year we will look to use the class reps more.

- 5. Finances**

We started a discussion on how the Home and School funding is used. 80% is given to the Board for them to use. Bret talked about how this funding contributes towards maintaining things like the library, bike track and flying fox. All extras that the school is not funded for.

With the 20% the meeting brainstormed ideas, with a focus on bringing the community together. Ideas included cultural activities (recognising all the different cultures in the school), garden to table / seed to feed, kapa haka, musical instruments, chickens.

Other ideas included having a beach party and an international pot-luck dinner. It was noted that the matiriki event was awesome.

- 6. Next meeting: TBD 2021**

Kate Mitcalfe

Chairperson Houghton Valley Home and School Association