



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Thursday, 11th March 2021

Week 6 of Term 1

HVS Reminders

- **Fri 12th March – Teacher Only Day – No School**
- **Fri 19th March** – Home & School Breakfast 8am-8:45am in School Library
- **Fri 19th March** – 9:15am Hui/Assembly Room 5,2,9
- **Thursday's–Swimming Day–Bring Togs/Towels**
- **Sunday 28th March** – Tremendous Planting Day 10am-noon

Reminder: Teacher Only Day – Tomorrow Friday 12th March 2021 – No School

Kia ora te whanau o Haewai,

This week we have been busy doing PAT's Years 4-6, preparing for goal setting (next week), swimming and enjoying being back at level 1.

Tomorrow, staff are participating in professional development on our new reporting tool which we intend to have up and running by the end of term. By being able to do this during a Teacher Only Day allows us to progress this quicker and as a whole team, ngā mihi nui.

At level 1, we are able to return to whole school events. We were lucky to have a presentation from the Jonah Project.

The Project Jonah is a marine mammal welfare charity, best known for attending whale and dolphin strandings throughout New Zealand.

Our presentation yesterday talked about the marine species we are lucky enough to find here in New Zealand.

This fits really well with our sustainable focus and being kaitiaki of the environment, including our marine environment. Ngā mihi Jill Holmstead for organising this for us.



T-shirt Design

Our current t-shirt supplier can no longer provide us with our t-shirts so we thought that this is a great opportunity to redesign our school tops.

We want to be able to use both t-shirts to represent HVS as so many of our students have our blue school t-shirts. The idea is to introduce the new design and use the old one at the same time.

At the moment we have put this out to our tamariki to assist in the design process. We also want to open it up to our whānau. If you want to come up with a design and submit it then we are happy to consider it too. We need all designs by Monday 22 March - principal@houghton.school.nz

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.

Until next time, be your best.

No reira, kia kaha ra,

Nga Mihi Nui,

Luana Carroll and HVS Staff

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A BIG WELCOME IN HARAKEKE CLASS TO:

☺ Reggie Hamilton ☺ Scout Young

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](https://www.facebook.com/movinmarch) or [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/movinmarch) 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 HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Community, Connection, Contribution

Come and meet some other parents at our first Home and School Breakfast event on Friday 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.

Come along next **Friday (19 March)** to the library anytime between **8am - 8.45am**. Meet some of the other whanau members of our school and hear more about Home and School. We would love to see you there.



RSVP to Sarah on 0272101925.

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

Home and School wants to support a range of ways that people can connect with the school community. We are aiming for each class to have a representative to help build connections within the classroom whanau and with the wider school. The role would be to encourage socialising within the classroom, and ensure people know what is happening at school and how they can get involved. Thanks to those who have already volunteered - **we are still looking for class reps for Nikau, Karaka, Ti Kouka and Rimu.**

We have two parents who are going to be our classroom representative coordinators this year: Nicola 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)

HVS SPORTS

Basketball



Kia ora te whānau o Te Kura o Haewai,

Registrations have opened up for ***basketball in Term 2.***

There can be a Year 3/4 teams and Year 5/6 teams.
The games will be held between 4pm - 6 pm.

Y 5/6 Mixed - held on Mondays

Y 3/4 Mixed - held on Tuesdays

Please let **Charles** know if you are keen for your child to participate: charles@houghton.school.nz

HVS Winter Netball - Year 5 and 6 netball is played at EBIS on Saturdays in Term 2 and 3 as part of the

Motu Kairangi Netball league. The year 5 & 6 play a 6v6 game which is fast and provides players with lots of touches on the ball to enhance skill development and enjoyment. If your child would like to play in the HVS year 5/6 team(s) then please email **Denise** admin@houghton.school.nz to register your interest so we can start to organise team(s), new players welcome. We will also be looking for coaches, managers and umpires to assist the team. Teams will need to be registered by 5th April 2021. First grading game will be Saturday, 8th May 2021. Thanks Denise



TREEMENDOUS PLANTING DAYS



At 10-12noon on **Sunday 28th March** and **Saturday 10th April** we will be planting and weeding in the "Treemendous" area of our school.

This area needs regular maintenance to allow our native plants to grow. We have plenty of new plants being delivered soon, of if you can help on either day, we would love to see you. Please bring along your gardening tools. Thanks Jill Holmstead

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Marrzipan Drama - Self-Confidence classes at Houghton Valley Spaces Still Available!

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 are running on Thursdays, at 8.00-8.50am. We are half way through our term and still need a couple more superstars to join for our performance- please register your interest by emailing josh@marrzipandrama.co.nz or calling 022 436 5608. See you there!

Football Help us celebrate NZ Footballs Girls & Women's month at Wakefield Park from 4:30pm on Friday the 19th of March with FREE fun games, spot prizes, a BBQ, a boot swap and the opportunity to talk to club volunteers about the prospect of playing in 2021. For more information check out our website islandbayunited.org or email girlsonlycoordinator@islandbayunited.org

Music School Holiday Programmes Lots of fun, modern 'cool' songs and activities with personable inspiring teachers. Perfect for building confidence in creative children who would like to explore music or take their playing to a new level. Ideal for budding singers, guitarists, pianists and bassists. Contact us today to book or for more information. April 2021 Dates - From Tuesday the 27th until Friday the 30th of April. 8:45 am until 3:30 pm. www.therockacademy.co.nz

Capital Trout Centre Open Day Saturday 13th March 2021

Children must have a licence to fish for trout and free licences/tickets are available from **Monday 1st March 2021** at the following stores.: **Capital Fishing , 49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba Mall)** The Centre is located behind the WCC Administration buildings on the way to the Wellington City Council Southern Landfill, on Landfill Road, Happy Valley, Wellington and is open to the public on specific days. Children do not have to bring any gear as Club members will assist children to catch a trout on fly fishing tackle. As the Centre is manned and maintained by volunteers we rely on donations to cover our expenses of purchasing the fish from the hatcheries, fish food and general maintenance. Your donations will be appreciated Contact: Strato 387 7878 (wk) 386 3740 (hm) email: strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com



Wellington United Junior Football Club

JOIN US FOR THE 2021 FOOTBALL SEASON
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Have fun, learn new skills and make new friends!!

MIXED FOOTBALL
Teams for Under 7 through to Under 15
Games on Saturdays
Skill sessions with qualified coaches

GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL
Teams for Under 7 through to Under 16
Games on Sundays
Skill sessions with qualified coaches

FUN FOOTBALL (boys and girls born 2013 and 2014)
Games on Saturdays
1 weekly indoor training with qualified coaches

FIRST KICKS (boys and girls born 2015 and 2016)
Saturday mornings with qualified coaches

MATES CAN PLAY WITH MATES!
Let us know if you have a friend(s) you want to be in a team with

For more information, please visit www.wellingtonunited.org.nz
or email wellingtonunitedjuniors@gmail.com

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<p>Healthline or COVID-19 Info - 0800 611 116</p>	
<p>Bee Healthy Dental Clinic • 0800 825 583</p>	<p>Ezlunch.co.nz • Thursdays • Sushi • Fridays • Pita Pit go online www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am to order.</p>
<p>Kelly Club After School Care - www.kellyclub.co.nz Cell 022 010 9981 email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</p>	