



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Thursday, 8th April 2021

Week 10 of Term 1

HVS Reminders

- **Fri 9th April** - 9:15am Powhiri - Welcoming new students, families and Teachers to HVS
- **Fri 9th April** – 2:55pm Bake Sale (Top Court)
- **Tues 13th April** – **Performance Assembly 2pm**
- **Thurs 15th April** – Last Swimming DAY
- **Fri 16th April** – Last Day of Term 1 2021 - 2:55pm
- **Mon 3rd May** – First Day of Term 2 2021

Kia ora te whanau o Haewai,

This is the last newsletter for the term. We are very grateful to have been able to run our full programme - swimming, class trips, Powhiri the list goes on and on. Ngā mihi nui to you all for your continued support throughout the term and enjoy the April holidays from Friday 16 April.

Spotlight and Reporting - starting Monday 12 April

Our kaiako across the school have been working on developing their understanding of a new real time reporting system called Spotlight. As the name suggests Spotlight provides whānau with the opportunity to log into a portal via our school app to view their child's progress and evidence of their learning throughout the year.

Sharing of learning and evidence for all whānau through Spotlight will begin this term, and our first post will be next week - Monday 12 April. These will appear as an alert on your app. The learning and evidence shared will help to create a picture of your child's learning journey throughout the year. Please let us know if you don't receive an alert or access the evidence.

At the end of Term 2 and 4 the evidence shared throughout the two terms will also populate a written report that will be accessed through our school app. This will be the reporting we will use instead of the formal report we have done previously.

Kahui Ako - Thursday 1 April

On Thursday the whole team attended the Kahui Ako day at Wellington High School. We started with Dr Melinda Webber [Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahu] as our first keynote speaker - Understanding and affirming Māori success and potential.

Melinda works at Auckland University and has led some key research into strengths-based approaches to better understand how Māori students learn, succeed and thrive at school. Her korero discussed what "Maori success as Maori" means for Maori students, whānau and teachers.

We were left with some reflective questions:

- What are the qualities of success?
- In what ways do whānau and teachers foster conditions that enable the characteristics of success to manifest?
- How do we enable a positive sense of Māori identity to support and embed achievement?

We will host our first Māori Whānau hui on **Wednesday 5 May** in the Library from 5.30pm where we are keen to hear your korero and whakaaro on these questions.

Kai will be provided. Can you please RSVP to principal@houghton.school.nz for catering.

Future Enrolments 2021 and Beyond

We are in the process of gathering data for our future roll - 2022 - 2025. If you have a child under 5 can you please email the office or pop in and give us the name and date of birth - admin@houghton.school.nz

Powhiri

We will have our Powhiri for new kaiaki and tamariki tomorrow at 9.10am. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Hall.



Maths resources - Scholastic Rewards

We want to thank you for all the books you have purchased at the end of the year and beginning of this year as we get reward points to purchase school resources. This term we have focused on maths equipment. We have been able to buy equipment for all areas of the school. Ngā mihi.



Hungerford Road Works - Monday 19 April – Friday 23 April 2021

Hungerford Road between View Road and Queens Drive will be resurfaced on **Monday 19 April– Friday 23 April 2021**

Between the **working hours of 7am – 5pm** Hungerford Road (from Houghton Bay Rd to Queens Dr) will be deemed “closed” with resident access only. Vehicular access during this time will be highly restricted and only granted to those with special requirements. During working hours we will have guided access to your property, both on foot and with a shuttle service provided by Fulton Hogan. Please note at times there may be small delays. To help us avoid delaying you, you will be provided with a contact phone number to call and inform staff of your movements. Outside of working hours, the street will remain closed although you will have more flexible vehicular access. The work site will be manned 24/7 by our traffic control staff to ensure your safety and to make sure you have contact with us at all times.

If you have special requirements, please get in touch with me as soon as you are able.

For residents of View Road, the detour route will have you continue on Queens Drive and allow you to enter your Street via Houghton Bay Road only.

During this time, all bus services will remain closed on both Hungerford and View Road. There will be temporary bus stops located on Houghton Bay Road opposite the entrance to Hungerford (by Buckley Reserve Kids Play Area) and Houghton Bay Road opposite View Road (just past the Houghton Valley Playcentre)

This bus service detour will remain in place after the Hungerford Rd work is completed to allow for the **View Road works to take place on Tuesday 27th April 21 – More information to come at a later date.**

Rubbish collection will be completed by the normal contractor or Fulton Hogan, we ask that you put your bins out before 7am on Friday morning or if possible the night before. **Please let us know if you have a private bin.**

Deliveries / trades people will be handled on a case by case basis, all Uber, Taxi, supermarket deliveries etc you’re expecting and are able to let us know in advance will help us ensure your delivery isn’t turned away.

Weather has a significant impact on our work. If we experience significant rain or wind then this will have an effect. The extent of the effect depends on the intensity of the bad weather. If it is light we will likely be able to continue. If heavy then this will prevent most work (if not all) from happening, pushing out the end date. You will be updated on any changes along the way.

No reira, kia kaha ra,

Nga Mihi Nui, Luana Carroll and HVS Staff

A BIG WELCOME IN HARAKEKE CLASS TO:

😊 **Sally Meehan O'Mahony** 😊 **Marlon Henley**

TREEMENDOUS PLANTING DAY SATURDAY



At 10-12noon **this 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. Last week we planted half of the plants. We have the rest of new plants to put in, so if you can help, we would love to see you. Please bring along your gardening tools. Thanks Jill Holmstead



Bake Sale on Friday 9th April

Bake sale tomorrow - remember your coins



The first bake sale of the year is on tomorrow (Friday 9 April) after school. It is being organised by the teachers, students and whanau of Rimu and Pohutukawa. A big thanks to all those helping and all those who are supplying baking. Bring along your spare change to spend.



Home and School Association AGM

Our AGM will be held early on in term two, date still to be confirmed.

This is an important event for the Association. It is where we elect the officers for the coming year. We would love to have another co-chair to join Kate (many hands make light work). It would also be great to have someone interested in learning the ropes of being the secretary with an eye to taking those over later this year or next year.

If you are interested in finding out more about what that means, talk to Kate, Megan or Dougal. Or e-mail: homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz.

KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AND KELLY SPORTS



KELLY CLUB ISLAND BAY APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: Kelly Club Island Bay Holiday Programme focus's on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.

This programme are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. We have some exciting days planned: Trips to: "Frosty Spot" - Ice Skating, "Strike"! 10 Pin Bowling, Maidstone Park & Avalon Park., Plus: Kelly club's Got Talent Day, Legendary Lego Day, Out of This World Day, Anzac Day and lots more!!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz/Islandbay email islandbay@kellyclub.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

KELLY SPORTS WINTER WARM UP SPORTS! – TERM 2 (Yrs. 0-4) – Thursday's 3:05-4:05pm

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes. Come and try **Football, Basketball, Netball and Ripa Rugby!** 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. 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 adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wellington Harrier Season Open Day Saturday 27th June

Where: Meet at the Wellington Harrier Clubrooms on Alexandra Road Mount Victoria at 2pm.

New members are welcome, we have social and competitive members.

We have Saturday club runs, club races and there's an interclub competition.

We also assist with training for primary/intermediate age children competing in the schools cross country competition.

For more information please contact. Julie Richards juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk 0212959026

Artrageous April Holiday Adventure: 19 – 30 April 2021 » Programme [BOOK ARTRAGEOUS APRIL](#)

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: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am–3:00pm \$79 and after care 3:00pm–5.30pm \$15

Capital Trout Centre Open Day Sunday 25th April 2021 Special Holiday Open Day - Children must have a licence to fish for trout and free licences/tickets are available from Saturday 10 April 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

Fun Sticks programme being held at Berhampore's National Hockey Stadium. Designed for children years 1-2, the programme offers a fun and interactive introduction to hockey and is a great opportunity for children looking at getting into the sport. Fun Sticks has a focus on developing fundamental skills and offers a positive and quality coaching environment for all. The programme will run for 8 weeks from Saturday the 8th of May and will cost \$60 for all sessions. For Fun Sticks registrations and more info click here:

https://wellingtonhockey.org.nz/content_page/10069834/

Registrations for our other primary programmes are also open for children years 3-8 and have new competition structures and playing formats to encourage the development and growth of fundamental skills.

Check them out here:

https://wellingtonhockey.org.nz/content_page/10059449/?fbclid=IwAR2UyHA04qDCY_owu47rCfumZgd0KGkntfQ13IMLqD3QvkCCVTVHS_s3Aw

Harbour City Gymnastics Gymnastics is a great and fun activity for developing confidence, coordination, strength and agility. Harbour City Gymnastics, Hataitai Park, are currently taking enrolments for Term 2 classes - from preschool to adults. Email our office office@hcg.org.nz for further information or to register. Join our gymnastics packed Term 1 school holiday programme. This will be running over the 2 week break with 9 sessions available;
 - Monday 19th April - Friday 24th April - Tuesday 27th April - Friday 30th April The cost is \$45.00 per day (9.00AM - 3.00PM) To register please visit hcg.org.nz/holprog or contact office@hcg.org.nz -

Upcoming School Holiday Classes for Children at the Wellington Sewing Centre - The Wellington Sewing Centre in Coutts Street in Kilbirnie is running school holiday sewing and craft classes for children 8 years old and over: make tote bags, felted toys, decorated cushions, monsters and more! For more information and to enrol, check our website www.sewingdirect.co.nz. Small classes and individual attention!

April Football School Holiday Programme Island Bay United in conjunction with Wellington United and Brooklyn Northern United For Kids aged 5 - 12 years - no experience necessary Skills, drills, mini tournaments, fun 9am - 3pm at Wakefield Park \$40 per day - 10% discount with 5 days **Bookings at <https://islandbayunited.org/holiday-program>**

Marrzipan Holiday Workshop - It's almost time for our WELLINGTON HOLIDAY WORKSHOP with Josh and Dan! The Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshop runs from Mon 19 - Fri 23 April. 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!

Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment.

For more information check out our website! Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick!

W: marrzipandrama.co.nz **E:** josh@marrzipandrama.co.nz **P:** 022 436 5608

Circus Aotearoa – fabulous affordable family fun – Wellington City – Evans Bay, Cog Park – beautiful big top – a great time – Fri 16th April to Sun 2nd May 2021 check online www.circusaotearoa.co.nz

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<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>	