



Dear Parent/Caregiver

Each year the Board of Trustees (BoT) asks families to pay a voluntary school donation. The donations are used to help make up the shortfall in school funding.

The school's objective is to provide your children with a stimulating, varied and rewarding education and donations really do make a positive difference to what HVS can offer. All donations made go towards the school's operational costs, such as purchasing educational resources, and directly benefit the children.

Some examples of areas where government funding does not match the services we provide are:

- Library – we receive no specific funding for our library but we consider this special resource an essential element of our school. We love our library!
- Teacher aides – we receive some funding, but in order to address learning needs, we spend considerably more than we receive. Our teacher aides enable the teachers to provide extra support where needed.
- Information Technology – We are living in a digital world! Ongoing development in our computer technology is important.

Making a school donation is voluntary and may be paid annually or once a term if this is more convenient. Please forward donations to the office at your convenience and if you have any issue with donations please don't hesitate to contact me (in confidence). Thank you for your support.

Luana Carroll, Principal

Family Name: _____

School Donation for 2021		
No. of Children	Per Year	Per Term
One Child	\$200 per year	\$50 per term
Two Children	\$350 per year	\$87.50 per term
Family	\$400 per year	\$100 per term

Please remember that donations are voluntary and at the end of the day you may donate as much or as little as you wish.

HVS BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Houghton Valley School Board of Trustees ASB 12-3481-0045763-00

Please note: • A receipt will be issued • School Donations are tax deductible.

Please complete and return this form to the school office:

Internet banking (preferred). Clearly state "HVS School Donation" and child's name in reference

IRD Donation Rebate: The IRD rules state that the following payments qualify for the Donation Rebate

- Donation payments to state schools (including integrated schools), schools approved as charities for tax purposes, school boards of trustees or parent-teacher associations. These payments must be donations, not just a payment of school fees.
- state-funded schools for payment of fees, as long as these go to the school's general fund.

Payments that don't qualify are

- Payments for classes where there is a take-home component, such as woodwork
- Where attendance or participation of the activity is voluntary
- Transport to or from a school activity, such as a camp or food at the camp
- Tertiary or tuition fees.

Parents should claim for any general purpose school payments they have made.

Parents will need a Rebate Claim Form (IR 526) which will either be sent to them or can be obtained from www.ird.govt.nz or by phoning 0800 257 773 (need IRD number).