



Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back to routine and we hope you had an enjoyable break with your tamariki. Term 1 seemed to fly by and we're all excited for the promising term ahead.

Our trip to the zoo in the final week of term 1 was an excellent way to cap off a fulfilling term. Children loved learning about what makes NZ unique.

During term 1 we have been building strong relationships with your tamariki. We have strived to create a safe environment where students are encouraged to take risks in their learning while looking out for others and themselves.

Term 2 is looking like it should be a great time here at HVS and we're looking forward to all the new discoveries we will make.

What's happening this term:

Cross Country

We have been training for the upcoming cross country. Children have been doing lots of running drills and going on the track a few times already this week.

Since we are training everyday, we are encouraging students to have at school everyday:

- A water bottle
- Running shoes
- Active wear clothes or a change of clothes to use whilst participating in physical activity

School Cross Country - Tuesday 18 May (Postponement day Thursday 20 May)
Your child's running time is as follows:

Year 5	Year 6
Boys 12.00	Boys 12.10
Girls 12:05	Girls 12:15

The first **SIX** runners in each category will qualify for the Southern zone competition held on Monday 24 May. We are lucky at HVS to have a slight advantage as it will be held on our fabulous running track.

If parents feel they want to *awhi* their children and show solidarity to their efforts, we are encouraging parents to come and join in on the Parents Gut Buster challenge held at the end of the event on the 18th of May.

In class Learning

We are keen to share what we are focusing on in class to encourage learning discussions at home.

Maths - Multiplication and division. Geometry later in the term.

Reading and Writing - Narrative stories. Analysing structures and texts and students creating their own. This will lead into myths and legends about Matariki.

Inquiry - Finishing off Unique NZ and then Matariki, traditions, navigation, cultural significance.

****On 1 July, we will have a Matariki celebration at school. We are encouraging whānau to come and participate in various activities. More information to follow****

Road Patrol Refresher

Wednesday 12 May - 11:30 am - end of the day

All Year 6 Road Patrollers that were trained last year will have a refresher course with Constable Aaron Dann. Thank you to all parents who have been supporting the school by helping our Year 6 leaders. It is appreciated by the school and community.

Chickens

As you may know, we have some chickens at the school. Students have done an excellent job at supporting Lauren and we are now enjoying some rewards - EGGS! If you are keen to have some delicious free range eggs they are \$8 a dozen.

If you live locally, we are looking for one whānau to come in during the first week of the next holidays and also anyone interested in supporting during Term 3.

Choir

We have a school wide choir run every Wednesday at lunch time. We are encouraging all Year 5 / 6 to come down and support the younger singers. This is a great opportunity to develop their singing skills but also show leadership with our younger learners

Homelearning

Homelearning is still encouraged but not mandatory. We feel this is a great opportunity for students to practice responsibility, meeting deadlines and time management.

Our homelearning tasks will go home on a Monday and be returned to school the following Friday.

There will be **THREE** main components.

- Daily reading - minimum 20 minutes a day
- A writing task - can be done individually or with a parent/sibling/other helper
- Maths - needs and goals based on what we are learning in class

Mā te wā,

Charles, Lauren and Fiona