



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Newsletter

Thursday, 17th June 2021

Week 7 of Term 2

HVS Reminders

- **Mon 21st June** – BOT Meeting 7pm
- **Fri 25th June** – 9:10am Hui/Assembly Rm 5,2 & 9
- **Wed 30th June** – Matariki Open Afternoon 2pm
- **Wed 30th June** – Reporting Whānau Mihi Hui
1:45pm
- **Thurs 1st July** – Matariki Family Evening 5:30pm

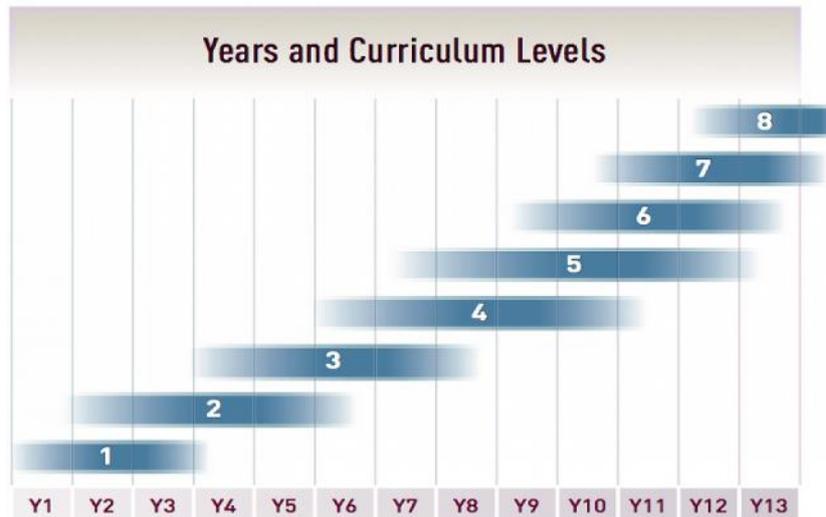
Kia ora te whānau o Haewai,

In a few weeks, we will have our Mid Year Reports coming out to whānau. We thought it might be useful to share how we will be reporting and what we use. We will also be running a couple of sessions about this at our Matariki Open afternoon.

Reporting to Whānau Mihi Hui (15 minutes)

Wednesday 30 June 1.45pm and 3.10pm in the library. Come along and find out more and ask questions.

I will be based in the library and I am happy to share and chat how we report to whānau with the New Zealand curriculum. I will also be sharing our Learner Qualities that we have reporting to in the Parent App.



Mid Year Reports

At Houghton Valley School, we measure student progress against the New Zealand Curriculum across all learning areas. We use curriculum levels 1-4 which covers learning in Years 1-8. Each curriculum level includes two years worth of learning. For this reason we have added an 'Early Level' which shows that the student is beginning a new level. In the diagram to the right, you can see how the curriculum levels generally relate to the number of years a child has had at school, although it is important to note that this does not always look the same for each child. Also, students may be working at a range of levels across different subjects. For the Mid and End of Year Reports we highlight progress in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

In week 10 of this term, you will receive a report for your child/ren. With the removal of National Standards we no longer tell you if they are Below, At, or Above. They will let you know where your child is in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum levels. Curriculum levels cover 2 years worth of learning (as you can see from the graphic above). This reflects that children learn and progress at different rates.

Matariki Open Afternoon - 30 June 2.00-2.50pm

We are opening our classrooms for our whānau to come and share in our learning. Our topic has been Matariki across the school. We would love for you to come in and read with your child, grandchild or share stories of when you were at school.



MATARIKI

Matariki Evening- Thursday 1 July

Timeline of the evening:

- Vegetable soup and sausages (to purchase) available from 4.45-5.20pm
- Year 5/6 Kapa haka performance from 5.30pm
- Waiata, stories and other performances from our choir, school band, whole school
- Night walk (weather permitting) 6.15pm
- Hot chocolate 6.40-7.00pm

Home and School - Wall of Fame

Every year, our wonderful Home and School crew help organise and plan fundraising events to support our kura as well as many other things.

This means we received about \$28,000 every year to support our students to do activities that we wouldn't be able to offer without this.

The Wall of Fame is to show and remind you of what things this money goes towards every year. It is in the corridor leading into the School Hall which was also built through donations and fundraising!



Principal Swap

On Friday 11 June I had the privilege to visit Fraser Crescent School in Upper Hutt. They are slightly bigger than us at 280 students. It is always inspiring to see what others are doing and reaffirming to know that the things we are doing are just as great.

A highlight of my day was seeing the happy and engaged students at Kapa Haka, in the playground and in classrooms. They too are a PB4L school. It felt a lot like HVS!

Shane Robinson was visiting our school from Maungaraki. He left me this note on my whiteboard!

"I had a lovely time in your kura. What a great bunch you have here so welcoming! The tamariki were brilliant!"

Shane Robinson

He loved our Hui, his tour guides and the students who had a talk with him. He could feel the manaaki that we have all been working so hard on.

No reira, kia kaha ra,
Nga Mihi Nui, Luana Carroll

A BIG WELCOME IN HARAKEKE CLASS TO:

😊 Logan Strik and 😊 Sylvie Podmore-Clough

HVS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Community, Connection, Contribution

Bake Sale Thanks

It was wonderful to hold a second bake sale this year. A big thanks to the teachers, students and whanau of Karaka and Nikau. We raised just over \$700!



**Book the Babysitter, Prepare your best Jeans, Get your Fun on:
the HVS Annual (except for last year grr) Awesome Quiz is Back!**

We're pleased to confirm the **HVS Quiz** will be happening this year, back at the Pines, on **Thursday 12 August**. Lock it in. If you're keen to help (anything from time, fairy lights, access to freebies like kaimoana or cafe voucher) please get in touch with Anna (Charlie's Mum) - goannac@hotmail.com

SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS

Sustainability Events

In the next weeks, we have several events to be involved in. You may want to collect data with your families for the **NZ Garden Bird Survey 26 June to 4 July**. Healthy bird populations indicate that the environment is healthy. Many of us have noticed more native birds in the suburbs due to the halo effect of Zealandia. The Maanaki Whenua - Landcare Research survey has been running since 2007. Through citizen science, we may learn how effective our predator control is working. Watch the short video and learn how to collect data on the website: [https://gardenbirdsurvey.landcareresearch.co.nz/](https://gardenbirdssurvey.landcareresearch.co.nz/)



Plastic Free July is also something you may want to try with your families. The website has lots of ideas of reducing single use plastics. In Week 9 we will have a visitor from the WCC Waste Education to talk about Plastic Free July Aotearoa. Some of our Senior classes are thinking of ways to investigate plastics and packaging so we can reduce plastic waste: <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

Vegetable Garden The Junior classes have been busy germinating seeds for planting in the school vegetable garden. We are keen to do weeding regularly and prepare our garden beds, then enjoy healthy foods we have grown ourselves. Thursdays after school, could be a good day for working bees as the weather gets warmer following Matariki. The students have also been learning about weaving Harakeke and caring for our flax plants.



Green Geckos - Our students are learning about what Kaitiakitanga means in the playground. They are showing their caring Guardianship by collecting rubbish, sweeping leaves for the compost and worm farms. This is keeping our courtyards clear for our ball and wheels games. We will have plenty of compost for the gardens.

If you would like to help with gardening or any other Sustainability ideas for HVS, please come and chat with the Sustainability Team: Charles, Nicola, Emma and Jill.

HVS SPORTS

Interzone Cross Country

A HUGE congratulations to the students who participated in the Interzone Cross Country event this past Tuesday. Children represented our school with enthusiasm and we were proud to send so many runners to this event. Tino pai rawa atu!



We are thrilled to announce that **LUCIA HEALD** (Year 4) has qualified for the Regional Cross Country Event to be held on Thursday 8 July.

Winter Netball – HVS Ferns



We have one Year 5/6 team participating in the Motu Kairangi satellite each Saturday at EBIS. The team is made up with ten very enthusiastic players called the HVS Ferns. The players are learning new skills each week and have a great team spirit. The girls have been practising their goals at throughout the week at lunchtime. Thanks to all the parents for helping out with the coaching, managing and umpiring of the game each week. Looking forward to seeing their progress. Denise

LOST PROPERTY



The children's lost property lives in the corridor to the school hall – it is overflowing at the moment. Please get your child to check the blue wheelie bin or come in and have a look. Thanks

KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM & KELLY SPORTS



KELLY CLUB ISLAND BAY JULY 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: "Laserforce, Te Papa, Avalon Park and we are to the movies to see "Tom & Jerry, Plus: The Oscars Day, Creepy Crawlies Day, Go for Gold Day, Glitter VS Goo Day and Zappo the Magician is coming to Kelly Club 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 **022 198 6316**

PLAY LIKE A SPORTS HERO! – TERM 3 Yrs. 0-4) – Thursday's 3:05-4:05pm

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 with their fun and exciting classes. Come and try ***Football, Hockey, Ultimate Frisbee and Dodgeball!*** 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 adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201



General Information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school. Our holiday programme is focused around sports, games, and outings to local attractions. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweater/hat, drink bottle and food.

Food: Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12.30pm to 1.00pm each day.

Programme activities: Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

Payment details: Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Parents / caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.workandincome.govt.nz.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme. If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$15 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

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JULY 2021 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME ISLAND BAY SCHOOL

	Mon 12 July	Tues 13 July	Wed 14 July	Thurs 15 July	Fri 16 July
WEEK 1	<p>WHO'S GOT THE RING Calling all elves! Help us search the land for the lost rings! Stop along the way to create your own set of elf ears and bake some delicious elf bread to share!</p>	<p>GO FOR GOLD Find out what it means to be an Olympic champion! Work together to overcome a variety of sporting challenges to win the gold!</p>	<p>LASERFORCE & TE PAPA Gear up with the state of the art laserforce battlesuit vest and grip your phaser tight – it's time for action! Then it's off to Te Papa. \$17 extra for the day. Please remember lunch and a drink bottle.</p>	<p>GLITTER VS GOO/ZAPPO Get ready for a day of sensory exploration! Mix up some goo & get messy! Decorate donuts, slime & create glitter grenades! Zappo the magician is coming too! (\$8 extra)</p>	<p>MINECRAFT MANIA Join us as we delve into the world of Minecraft! Get ready as we turn ourselves into Minecraft characters. Compete in mini challenges and bake some yummy Creeper Rice Krispie treats!</p>
WEEK 2	<p>CREEPY CRAWLING Are you ready to face your fears? Join us as we dig for insects, see who can make the creepiest spiders, and... if you're brave enough eat a creepy crawly yourself!</p>	<p>PREHISTORIC PALS Ever wondered what life was like back in the caveperson days? Let's find out! Make your mark with cave drawings and hand print art, play Club Tag and hunt for some prehistoric snacks!</p>	<p>MOVIE DAY Join us for a movie day to see "Tom & Jerry" the ultimate cat and mouse battle! We are then off for a play at Avalon Park. \$17 extra for the day. Please remember lunch and a drink bottle.</p>	<p>THE KELLY CLUB OSCARS Dress like your favourite movie character! It's a day of glitz & glamour as we set off for the Oscars! Be ready to make your red carpet debut! Plus the bouncy castle will be here!</p>	<p>MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS Ho ho ho - Christmas is a while away but we're going to celebrate it early at Kelly Club! Get your Santa hats and let's get Christmassy!</p>
	FULL WEEK: \$270 8am-6pm	FULL DAY: \$54 8am-6pm	SCHOOL DAY: \$43 8:45am-3:15pm	HALF DAY: \$36 8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm	EVENT DAY: Extra \$17 (Included in Full Week)



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

Term Two Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 14-18 June		Interzone Cross Country			
Week 8 21-25 June	BoT Meeting 7pm				Te-hui-a-kura /Assembly at 9.10am Harakeke, Kowhai & Rata
Week 9 28-2 July	Matariki Creative Session 9.00-11.00am	Matariki Creative Session 9.00-11.00am	Open Afternoon to Whānau 2-2.55pm ===== Reporting to Whānau Mihi Hui in the Library 1:45pm to 3:10pm (15 minute slots)	Matariki Evening for families 5.30pm-7.00pm	
Week 10 5- 9 July		Performance Assembly 2.00-2.55pm	Mid Year Reports via @School App "Spotlight"		Last Day of Term 2 finish at 2:55pm
First Day of Term 3 - Monday 26th July 2021 9am					
Newsflash: Home & School Quiz Night - Thursday 12th August 2021					

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Flat Bread from Bakery Ki Te Tonga - View Rd deliveries this Saturday 19th June.

Kia ora, my name is Stanley, I am 12 years old and I run Bakery Ki Te Tonga. I hand make flat bread, sprinkled with sea salt, olive oil and locally grown rosemary. I deliver the delicious warm flat bread to your door. The loaves are also vegan and 10% of all sales are donated to the Wellington City Mission.

To order your flatbread for this Saturday (View Rd deliveries only), visit bakerykitetinga.co.nz or text me on 020 4029 3252.

Artrageous July Holiday Adventure: 12 – 23 July 2021 [BOOK ARTRAGEOUS JULY](#)

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**

Olderageous July Creative Exploration: 12 – 23 July 202 [Programme](#) [BOOK OLDERAGEOUS JULY](#) Our BIG KIDS programme is aimed at children aged 10-14 years. Providing them with a space, focused adult attention and loads of resources. This programme is tailored to draw out older children's interest in creating and using their imagination and creativity in a hilariously fun atmosphere. **Bookings essential.** [BOOK NOW!](#) **Venue: Art rooms, Block D, Wellington High School, Taranaki St, Mt Cook, Wellington 8.30am–3:00pm \$79 and after care 3:00pm-5.30pm \$15**

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