



# Houghton Valley School

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

*Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou*

## Newsletter

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Week 7 of Term 3

### HVS Reminders

Please bring a drink bottle for your child/ren.

### **Kia ora te whānau o Haewai,**

It is exciting to know that the school will be open to all students on Thursday. I know the students will be super excited to see their teachers and to reconnect with their friends

At level 2 we cannot have any parents or caregivers enter the school site. If you need to have any questions answered please ring the office 04 939 3318. If there is something that requires more attention and you need to see one of us in person, we will make our way out to the front of the school to help you with it.

At Alert Level 2 there is low risk of community transmission and it provides us with a lot more opportunities to engage and connect with others. However, there are still a number of public health requirements we all need to follow. Please continue to monitor your health and do not send your children to school if they are not well (and please seek advice about getting a COVID test).

For us, all the required safety precautions for Alert Level 2 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands, and to cough and sneeze into their elbow.

While physical distancing is not a requirement in schools, we will be doing our best to keep students from congregating in very large numbers and keeping spaces well-ventilated.

Face coverings are not required to be worn in school. The Director General of Health has recommended that children 12 years+ wear a face covering at school – just as older children are required to wear face coverings in some other places.

Finally, you've all been super parents/teachers over the last 3 weeks. We all take our hats off to you all. We all know how difficult it is to juggle running a household, looking after your whānau, working from home and then having to supervise/facilitate home learning.

Tino pai to mahi koutou katoa - great work everyone. We look forward to seeing all our students back at school.

#### **Key messages:**

- ***ALL students must have a water bottles as there isn't cups or fountains available***
- ***ALL students need to walk in from the gate by themselves. Please organise with them before school on Thursday which gate they will use - the top gate (pathway) or bottom gate (car park) as they are the only entrance ways into school at Level 2***
- ***No parents or whānau are allowed to enter school***
- ***If your child has any symptoms they must stay home or they will be sent home***
- ***No face masks are required at primary school***
- ***School is safe and, if your child/ren are worried, any adult at school is there to help***



#### **Kelly Club and Kelly Sport**

Kelly Club and Kelly Sport will start again tomorrow as they are considered staff. Please check their website and newsletter for more information as their guidelines have changed too.

Kia haumarū te noho - be safe.

Ngā mihi nui, Luana and the HVS Staff

**Āwhinatia ētahi atu** - Help others  
**Kia atawhai** - Be Kind  
**Me toro ki ētahi atu** - Check-in on others

A BIG WELCOME IN MAHOE CLASS TO:

☺ **Cormac Butler**

& ☺ **Kit Childerhouse in *Nikau* &**

☺ **Otto Childerhouse in *Rimu***

## EZLUNCH ORDERS

Orders for lunches start tomorrow – Thursday – Sushi and Friday – Pita Pit

Please order online at [ezlunch\\_orders](http://ezlunch_orders) or go to [ezlunch.co.nz](http://ezlunch.co.nz)

### HVS Information

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HVS Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/houghton.school.nz/>

School Office Email: [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz)

Healthline or COVID-19 Info - 0800 611 116

**Bee Healthy Dental Clinic** • 0800 825 583

**Ezlunch.co.nz** • Thursdays • Sushi • Fridays • Pita Pit  
go online [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) before 9am to order.

**Kelly Club After School Care** - [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) Cell 022 010 9981

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