

HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL

Home and School Meeting

Wednesday 25 May 2021 following AGM in School Staffroom Minutes

Present: Kate Mitcalfe, Megan Taylor, Dougal Wylie, Luana Carroll, Flic Morris, Kelly Smith (BoT), Fenella Rich, Anna Ririnui, Yael, Tracey Mckay, Miriam Gaynor (Quorum 4+1)

Apologies: Sarah Wylie, Nicola du Toit, Vanessa Smith, Amanda Berkum

Previous Meeting Minutes: To be approved at next meeting

1. Board Report

The Board is all very new with only Brett, the chair, having been in place prior to this year.

2. Principal Update

The Board is looking at the roll as there has been a drop since COVID-19. The roll is now 192 which has seen the school lose funding for two teachers. The Board has funded one teacher position to keep the class sizes small. This is an issue facing all the inner-city schools. The school has opened its role for out of zone enrolments.

The school is focused on Matariki. All the learning teams are focused on this and in week 9 there will be a week long celebration. There will be crafts and activities on Monday and Tuesday, an open school day on Wednesday, and a Matariki evening on the Thursday.

There are still a few glitches with the new parent ap. Luana is keen to get feedback. An issue was raised about the ap unable to easily switch between schools when there are children at a different school which also uses the same ap.

3. Teacher's report

Miriam talked about how Matariki is being woven through everything the school is doing this term. It has captured the children's interest. Each syndicate will have an outing related to Matariki.

The recent pink shirt day was a success with lots of discussions in class on what the day is about.

4. Finances

A discussion was had on the process for deciding on the 20% left from our fundraising is used.

It was noted that teachers have some ideas and we should survey them. Other ideas suggested at the meeting included Artists in Schools, Garden to Plate, bilingual fair signs, dishwasher.

The need to communicate how our fundraising is used was discussed. A visual board will be pulled together to showcase this.

5. Home and School Events

- 5.1. Quiz: The Quiz organising committee is all in place. It was decided to aim to have the quiz in week three or four of Term Three.
- 5.2. Disco: Tracey volunteered to organise this. Kelly agreed to help.
- 5.3. Parent talk: Still trying to find a day for the talk by InsideOut. Other ideas were discussed such as online safety (similar to the talk recently at SWIS); how to support your child's learning targeted for the junior school.

- 5.4. Fair: this is pencilled in for November 27. It was noted that the drop in the roll might have an impact on what we can offer given how much we rely on the school community to run the different activities.

A discussion was had on how Home and School could support the Matariki event at school. It was agreed that we would run a sausage sizzle.

A big thank you to everyone who helps out.

6. Whanau Reps (formerly known as class reps)

We have coordinators this year to help get the whanau in place and to support them. The objective is to act as a conduit for Home and School, along with organising social events.

The coordinators have some draft guidelines and will get the reps together to create a network amongst the reps.

The list of reps will be provided to Luana and printed in a school newsletter.

Next meeting: TBD 2021

Kate Mitcalfe

Chairperson Houghton Valley Home and School Association