



Houghton Valley School

Newsletter

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Wednesday, 27th July 2022

Week 1 of Term 3

HVS Reminders

- School finishes at 2.00pm Monday 1 August
- Goal Setting 2 and 3 August

Kia ora Whānau,

ORANGE LEVEL

Nau mai, Haere mai to term 3. We have certainly hit the ground running this week with 4 staff off yesterday and 49 tamariki away.

We have 25 still away on holiday and 24 students away with COVID or other illness. Due to the high number of absences we will continue to take a cautious response here at school.

A reminder of some of our tikanga at Orange:

- If you are sick you stay home
- Only tamariki inside classrooms. Children need to use the outside doors to enter and exit school
- If whanau want to meet with teachers, then this can be done once our tamariki have left for the day and we ask that you wear a mask
- We won't be holding any whole school hui until week 5 at the earliest but we will restart Zui next week (all going to plan)

Yesterday, Principal's in Wellington met with the Ministry of Education to discuss and plan ways that schools can continue to operate with such high levels of illness and staffing shortage. We know many of you are experiencing this in your workplaces too.

We worked hard to keep school open to face to face learning all of last term, which we are really proud of! We only moved 1 class to Learning from Home for 2 days due to staffing shortage and not having anyone to teach.

We will do our best to keep school open for face to face learning as much as we possibly can but we think this will be harder this term due to the lack of relievers. Many relievers have taken up fulltime jobs to support schools who have lost staff.

If we continue to have high staff illness we will need to:

- split classes across the school
- have different staff cover parts of the day
- in extreme situations we will look at finishing earlier in the day for certain classes

We cannot split classes across the school when there is transmission within the class. In this scenario if we do not have the staff to work in that room then we will move that class to Learning from Home until we have the staffing to bring them back to school.

If we find we do not have enough staff at school to operate safely, we will need to move the whole school to Learning from Home.

We will try and keep to routines as much as possible so that we can provide our tamariki with a quality learning opportunities and to support their wellbeing. We know change and many changes can be unsettling. If your child is struggling with this, please get in touch with their teacher or with the team leaders (if your child's teacher is away).

Miriam Gaynor – Junior Team Leader miriam@houghton.school.nz

Stephanie Bosch – Middle Team Leader stephanie@houghton.school.nz

Charles Daily – Senior Team Leader charles@houghton.school.nz

We wanted to reassure you we have a plan for the different scenarios and so that you can also put plans in place if needed. When/if we need to move to Learning from Home we will let you know as soon as we can.

Kahui Ako Second Super Hui - Monday 1 August 2pm

Monday 1 August we are participating in second and final Super Hui at WHS on Whakahaere Tikanga a Te Tiriti o Waitangi/ Embodying Te Tiriti o Waitangi in your teaching practice with Janelle Riki Waaka.

This means school will close early on Monday 1 August at 2pm.

Kelly Club will start at 2pm on this day if you need After School Care.

There will be no staff at school from 2.15pm

Student Goal Conferences

We have Goal setting conferences next week Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 August so please book in now.

We value this time to set goals for the term ahead and to discuss how we work together to achieve them.

You can access this through the Parent App - Interviews.

We ask all whanau and tamariki Year 4 and above to wear masks to goal setting.



School Interviews

Bookings:	Open
Event code:	sp5kp
Teachers:	8
Bookings:	0
Parents:	0
Booking link and QR code	

Dental Clinic

We have the Mobile Dental Clinic onsite from Monday 25th July for a couple of weeks. You may have noticed it parked on the bottom court. They will be busy doing check-ups.

Ngā mihi mahana

Luana Carroll

Principal, Houghton Valley School

A BIG WELCOME IN MAHOE CLASS TO:

😊 **Nina-Mae Bell** 😊 **Ted Geursen** 😊 **Ava Weir**

2022 HVS BOARD OF TRUSTEE

Mask policy Updated 26 July 2022

Houghton Valley School has undertaken a risk assessment and will be introducing a policy for students to wear masks indoors in response to increasing rates of respiratory illness and COVID in the community. This policy will come into effect on 26th July and we will review this policy before the end of week 4(19 August 2022) of term 3 to determine if it needs to continue, be modified, or cease to apply. This policy is in addition to requirements for mask wearing at Orange under the government's COVID Protection Framework.

Our policy:

- A mask must be worn by students in years 4 and above in all indoor settings where it will not have a significant impact on teaching and learning.*
- This policy does not include any situation where mask wearing might not be practicable, such as while eating and drinking, playing certain musical instruments, indoor sport, where it will have a significant impact on teaching and learning (for example, students with particular learning needs), certain activities such as singing or drama performance on stage, and PE. In these situations, particular attention will be paid to ensuring there is good ventilation during the activity, and physical distancing where practicable.*
- Students with an exemption do not have to wear a mask.*

- *Parents and whanau will need to provide their own child-sized masks. We may be able to make mask available for children whose parents and whanau are unable to do so.*
- *All visitors to comply with the mask requirements in place at the time of their visit.*
- *We regularly assess for risks in our school and community.*

The requirement for staff to wear masks and exemptions from doing so continue to apply.

Kia ora koutou,

There is only one more week to go until the nominations for the Board of Trustees close. If you are considering putting your name forward now is the time! We need you! Don't be intimidated by the formality of it all. The main requirement is people who care about our kura. A diverse range of people, skills and perspectives makes the Board of Trustees stronger.

If you have any questions about what is involved, please get in touch with any of the current members via our emails below or ask Denise at the school office for our phone numbers. We'd be happy to chat about our experiences and answer any questions. There's also a comprehensive Government site www.nzsta.org.nz that has information about what the School Boards do.

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Georgie Ferrari - botgeorgie@houthgton.school.nz

Vanessa Smith - botvanessa@houghton.school.nz

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Nominations close next Wednesday at 12.00pm.

Thanks!

Bret McKenzie

Presiding Member of the Board

2022 HVS BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations are open for the election of THREE (3) parent representatives to the school Board of Trustees. If you did not receive a nomination form by email this week, you can pick one up from the school office, or download it from the school website.

*Nominations need to be received by **noon on Wednesday 3 August 2022.***

You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination. As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school office, which you can view.

If more than three nominations are received, a voting election will be held. All eligible voters will be sent a voting form. Voting will close on Wednesday 7 September 2022. The electoral roll is held at the school.

If you wish to view the roll, please contact the school office.

More information on the role of the Board is on the New Zealand School Trustees Association website (www.nzsta.org.nz).

Emily Faith

Returning Officer

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Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 25 July- 29 July	Dental Clinic at School ===== BoT Meeting 7pm				
Week 2 1 Aug- 5 Aug	Kahui Ako Super Hui School closing at 2.00pm	Student Goal Setting Conferences	Student Goal Setting Conferences		
Week 3 8 Aug- 12 Aug			SWIS Open Day for Year 6's		
Week 4 15 Aug- 19 Aug				EBIS Open Day for Year 6's	
Week 5 22 Aug - 26 Aug	BoT meeting 7pm				
Week 6 29 Aug - 2 Sept					Lucky Book Club due
Week 7 5 Sept- 9 Sept				School Photos	
Week 8 12 Sept - 16 Sept					SCHOOL PRODUCTION at WHS
Week 9 19 Sept - 23 Sept					
Week 10 26 Sept- 30 Sept					

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

 SCHOLASTIC

We have sent home the latest Issue 5 of the Scholastic Book Club.

All orders should be placed online via their website scholastic.co.nz or the app.



Orders CLOSE by FRIDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2022

Ko Debs tōku ingoa.

I'm a drama teacher for Wonderplay.

DRAMA: Wonderplay has places available for kid's drama in Island Bay on Thursdays. Join us now for our production of Peter Pan! Thursdays at Island Bay Community Centre: 3.45-4.30pm: New Wonders (Intro to drama, 5yrs+), 4.30-5.30pm: Star Players (8yrs+), 5.30-6.30pm: Advanced Drama (experienced 10yrs+).

Also ask about our award-winning Wellington Young Actors class for teens (Wednesdays, CBD).

First lesson is free to try.

Please contact Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz



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Healthline 0800 611 116 **OR COVID-19 Info** 0800 358 5453

Bee Healthy Dental Clinic

- 0800 825 583

Ezlunch.co.nz • **Thursdays** • Sushi

- **Fridays** • Pita Pit - go online to

www.ezlunch.co.nz before **8:30am** to order

Kelly Club After School Care - www.kellyclub.co.nz Cell 022 010 9981

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