



# Houghton Valley School

## Newsletter

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

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

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Week 3 of Term 3

### HVS Reminders

- Bake Sale 3pm – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August  
Ngaio and Rata
- BOT Meeting – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug at 7pm
- H&S Quiz Night Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Aug  
@ The Pines

Kia ora Whānau,

### ORANGE LEVEL

Brrrr! Winter sure is biting at the moment! We are grateful to our Road Patrol tamariki and supervising whanau who are braving the cold to keep us all safe when crossing the busy Houghton Bay Road. They do notice all the "thank you" shout outs for their efforts - ngā mihi for your support e te whānau.

Due to this cold, wet and windy weather it is important that our tamariki have plenty of warm clothing and plenty of food. We all seem to get hungrier in cold weather.

### Student Goal Conferences

Nga mihi nui a koutou i te whanau for attending conferences last week. It was lovely to see so many of our whanau and tamariki. We value these opportunities.

We are aware that some whanau could not attend for various reasons so please get in touch with your child's teacher and set up a meeting for next week.

### Board Elections

Congratulations to Mike, Bret, Ana and Stephanie! We appreciate you putting yourself forward for this role and for your support of our kura.

They will also be joined by Sebastian and Georgie who were elected at the mid-year elections.

I would like to acknowledge the mahi of Vanessa Smith who is stepping down from the board after a very busy 18 months. Her commitment to supporting our diverse community, COVID and communications has been invaluable. Nga mihi nui Vanessa!

### Year 6 Visits

Our Year 6's visited SWIS yesterday. I received only positive feedback from Toby and the staff. Our tamariki also came back feeling really positive about their options for 2023. Highlights were science, cooking and woodwork. The children also enjoyed reconnecting with ex pupils of HVS.

The Year 6's will be going to EBIS next week on Thursday to experience the opportunities they can provide. Whanau watch out for enrolments as they are due this term.

### COVID UPDATE AND WINTER ILLNESS

We have seen a slowdown in cases in the past 2 weeks, especially in our classes that are wearing masks. The board will be reviewing the Mask Policy 22 August.

We do still have positive COVID cases and we are starting to see whanau who are needing to isolate themselves as household contacts as they are now on their second round of COVID.

Staffing continues to be a challenge but we are just managing at the moment. We will continue to keep you up to date if things need to change.

Please contact us if you have any questions or if you need any support.

Ngā mihi mahana

Luana Carroll, Principal, Houghton Valley School

A BIG WELCOME IN MAHOE CLASS TO:

😊 Brian Wesley-Wilms

and 😊 Cassius Morris in Ngaio Class

## 2022 HVS BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS

### HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL School Board Elections

#### Parent Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Brough, Mike

McKenzie, Bret

Tovey, Ana

Signed

*Emily Faith*

Returning Officer

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

SCHOLASTIC

You would have received the Issue 5 brochure of the Scholastic Book Club.



All orders should be placed **online** via their website [scholastic.co.nz](https://www.scholastic.co.nz) or the app.

**Orders CLOSE by FRIDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2022**

## SPARE CLOTHING FOR THE OFFICE

We like to keep spare clothes for all ages in the school office. If you have some plants/trousers/shorts/t-shirts/jerseys to donate we would appreciate it.

We have suggested all children have a spare change of clothes in their school bags. Also there is a school lost property blue container in the hall foyer. Please feel free to look through for your children's lost property, as the pile is overflowing.



### Home and School Association looking forward to Term Three

Hope you are all surviving this cold weather. This term we have some exciting Home and School events planned. Coming up we have:

- Two Bake Sales with the first on Friday 19th August
- A Quiz for the adults on 25th August
- Calendar art for sale
- Fair planning.



#### **Bake sale next Friday (19th August)**

The bake sales are wonderful fundraisers and a great way to get the children involved. Our first bake sale this term will be hosted by Ngāio and Rata. A big thank you in advance to our bakers, helpers and those who support these through purchasing yummy baked goods.

#### **Can you help out with planning our Fair?**

This term sees the start of planning for our fair in November. We will be holding a fair planning meeting on Sunday 28th August. More details will come soon but if you are interested in being involved in helping organise our fair in some shape or form, keep this date free and watch out for more information. If you want more information, please contact Sarah, our previous coordinator, about what it involves ([sarah.roseleigh@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.roseleigh@gmail.com)).

#### **HVS QUIZ is ON!!**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August at The Pines – Book the Babysitter and get your team together!

Teams of 6 or 8, \$15 per ticket.

Contact Kirsten [podmorekirsten@gmail.com](mailto:podmorekirsten@gmail.com) for registration and payment details.

Keen but don't have a team? All good, email and we can set you up with a team.

There will be amazing raffle prizes to win from Gramercy Bakery, Baron Hasselhoffs, The Children's Bookshop, Phoenix Soccer, Headstart Hair, Sustainability Trust, Fidel's and more.

Other help needed: We'll need a couple of volunteers on the night (e.g. runners to take answers up to the marker, help to tidy up at the end of the night etc). Be great to hear if you're able to help. Also, please spread the word! The Quiz is all about whakawhangaungatanga. It'd be cool to see HVS friends, whanau and neighbours. It'd also be amazing to hear from anyone who might be able to hook us up with donations (café voucher, a baked cake, flowers anything really!) to contribute to raffle prizes. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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TEAMS  
OF 6 OR 8

what's included.

Amazing  
prizes

Snacks!

Cash bar

HVS  
QUIZ  
NIGHT

AUG  
25TH  
7.30PM

THE PINES  
50 THE ESPLANADE  
HOUGHTON BAY

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TO BOOK YOUR TEAM, EMAIL [PODMOREKIRSTEN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:podmorekirsten@gmail.com)  
LIMITED SEATS

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 4</b> 15 Aug-19 Aug		Southern Zone Swimming		EBIS Open Day for Year 6's	3pm Bake Sale Ngaio Rm 8 and Rata rm9
<b>Week 5</b> 22 Aug -26 Aug	BoT Meeting 7pm			H&S QUIZ Night at The Pines 7:30pm	
<b>Week 6</b> 29 Aug -2 Sept					Scholastic Lucky Book Club Closes
<b>Week 7</b> 5 Sept-9 Sept				School Photos	
<b>Week 8</b> 12 Sept -16 Sept					<b>HV SCHOOL PRODUCTION at Wgtn High School</b>
<b>Week 9</b> 19 Sept -23 Sept					
<b>Week 10</b> 26 Sept-30 Sept					Last Day of the Term - 2:55pm

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### After school drama class in Newtown

Do you have a child who would love to perform in a theatre? Or one that is just needing a bit more confidence speaking in front of a group? Come join our wonderful kids Newtown drama class that is held on Wednesdays! We are about to start working on a scripted show to perform at Gryphon theatre so it is a great time to join up.

Contact: [kids4dramawellington@gmail.com](mailto:kids4dramawellington@gmail.com)

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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 0800 611 116 OR COVID-19 Info 0800 358 5453

**Bee Healthy Dental Clinic**

• 0800 825 583

**[Ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) • Thursdays • Sushi**

• Fridays • Pita Pit - go online to

[www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) before **8:30am** to order

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

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