



Houghton Valley School

Newsletter

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Thursday, 11th May 2023

Week 3 of Term 2

HVS Reminders

- Tues 16th May – Sth Zone Cross Country Y4-6 (Postponement Thurs 18th May)
- Wed 17th May – Junior Reading Session 3:15pm
- Fri 19th May – Pink Shirt Day
- Sun 21st May – FAIR Volunteer Meeting 2:30pm
- Mon 22nd May – 7pm BOT Meeting

Kia Ora koutou e te whānau,

We are into week three of my cameo at Houghton Valley School. This is my first communication with the community at large and I have to say I have really enjoyed my time so far. I am becoming more and more familiar with tamariki, parents and the staff so the engagement factor is a lot more comfortable. The ten weeks will fly by and I'll probably wish I'd never retired at the end of it. I was impressed with the engagement, enthusiasm and behaviour of our tamariki when working with the Royal New Zealand Ballet last week and with the kapa haka tutor. When I walk around the classrooms I witness an enthusiasm and engagement in learning that speaks highly of the culture within this school.

Whangarei Boys High

Our hearts go out to the Whangarei Boys High Community in the wake of their caving tragedy. The loss of a student in these circumstances is unspeakably devastating. Obviously our thoughts are with the boy's family but also with school staff.



Ukulele

We have started a senior Ukulele group. I certainly wasn't expecting the response I got, as 28 tamariki from Rata, Rimu and Karaka have joined up. As such we have split into two groups with Rata training on Mondays and Rimu and Karaka training on Tuesdays. We hope to have something to take to the people by the end of term.



Teachers on Leave

Stephanie Bosch (Ti Kouka Room 6) and Fiona Crossett (Kowhai Room 2) have been given leave by the board for Term Three 2023. Colette de Vere Green will take Fiona's room for the term but we do not have a teacher yet for Stephanie. A fixed term vacancy for Term Three is being advertised in the Education Gazette for Ti Kouka (Stephanie Bosch). Both teachers will return for Term Four 2023. It is important that parents of the children in these two classes are aware of the situation before the position is more widely advertised.

Cross Country

What an inspired decision by Charles to go ahead with our cross country yesterday. Fortune favours the brave and the sun shone on our event. Our tamariki performed outstandingly and it was great to see the number of parents who turned in support. More info below.



R.I.P. Gordon Lightfoot

I would just like to acknowledge the passing of one of the great singer songwriters. I used Lightfoot narratives many times during my years in the classroom.

Amusing Sporting Quotes

- 1980 Vitas Gerulaitas beat Jimmy Connors after 16 unsuccessful attempts
"Nobody beats Vitas Gerulaitas 17 times in a row"
- Footballer Terry Venables
"If history is going to repeat itself, I think we can expect the same thing again"

- Footballer Kevin Keegan
"The Germans only have one player under 22 and he's 23"
- Golfer Greg Norman
"I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mum and dad"
- Boxing coach Lou Duva
"You can sum this sport up in two words, "You just never know"

No reira, kia kaha ra,
Ngā Mihi Nui,
John Wootton (Acting Principal)

A BIG WELCOME IN HARAKEKE CLASS TO:

😊 Alex Shuker 😊 Florence Tay

WELCOME BACK TO 😊 Donavon Kupenga in Rata class

PINK SHIRT DAY



This year we are thrilled to be supporting Pink Shirt Day again at Te Kura o Haewai. Pink Shirt Day is a national anti-bullying event that focuses on being an upstander, and helping to make Aotearoa a kinder place for all New Zealanders. Students and whānau across the school are encouraged to wear pink on **Friday the 19th of May** as a way of celebrating together.

HELPING YOUR CHILD READ AT HOME SESSION

Last term we held a session for parents on helping your child read at home. We will run this again next week. This session is open to anyone who is interested but would be most appropriate for whānau with children up to Year 4. The date will be **Wednesday 17th May from 3:15-3:45pm**. The session will be held in Ngaio. Please can you RSVP to Miriam (miriam@houghton.school.nz) if you are keen to come along. There will be supervision for children available.

If you would like to come along but are unable to make this day, please also let Miriam know as there may be enough interest to run a further session at a different time.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - ONLINE

SCHOLASTIC



We have sent home the latest Issue 3 catalogue of the Scholastic Book Club.

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

ONLINE Orders CLOSE by Tuesday 30th May 2023

I AM AN ARTIST? SHOWCASE

Kia ora, whānau!

This term our focus for inquiry is 'What is an artist?' We are encouraging our tamariki to view art as more than just visual art. We want them to investigate other forms of art -- from dance to drama, music to martial arts etc...

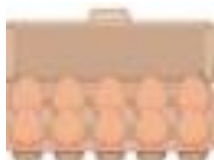
Expressions of interest from parents if they would like to take part in our showcase?

Whānau this is where you come in! Do you play a musical instrument? Are you particularly good with a monologue? If you consider yourself an artist and would like to share, we are looking for expressions of interest to take part in our 'I Am An Artist' Showcase. You would have to introduce yourself and briefly explain what makes you an artist before performing/sharing your choice in art. (10-minute slot)

The day of the showcase is for the children only on Friday 23rd June @ 1:40pm. So far we have a violinist, and a musician.

If you would like to take part, please email Charlotte and Molly. Their emails are charlottem@houghton.school.nz and molly@houghton.school.nz. Thank you so much, looking forward to hearing from you. Charlotte and Molly

HVS EGGS FOR SALE - \$10 A DOZEN



HVS school EGGS for SALE. Yes, we have new chickens and lots of fresh eggs.

Please contact our chicken farmer Jill Holmstead jill@houghton.school.nz if you would like to order our school eggs.



Due to the increased cost of chicken feed, the cost of eggs will increase to \$10 a dozen. When your order is available your child will bring the eggs home or you can collect them from the office.

Then please pay online HVS BOT account: Houghton Valley School Board of Trustees ASB 12-3481-0045763-00 with your child's name and reference **EGGS**. Thanks Jill Holmstead

TEACHER JOB VACANCY - TERM 3 2023

We have a have a fixed term teaching position in Ti Kouka, room 6, a year 1/2 composite class, for term three 2023. The job has been advertised in the NZ Education Gazette but it is quite possible that a community member who is a New Zealand trained and registered teacher, may be interested. If so, please contact the school office.

HVS CROSS COUNTRY

HVS Year 4-6 Results and Southern Zone Cross Country Team

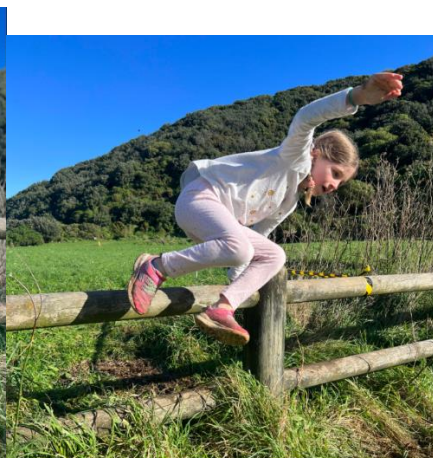
Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
1 Eden McKenzie	1 Alani Scanlon-Sula	1 Freddy Young-Leathers	1 Iris Andrews	1 Max Doig	1 Agnes Williams
2 Fonzie Prebble	2 Poppy Brough	2 Kit Childerhouse	2 Lyra Scott	2 Kiaan Tyagi	2 Niamh Brennan
3 Max Townend	3 Amaia Prebble	3 Harry Adams	3 = Hermione Greenacre 3 = Izzie Riding	3 Matiu Gauldie	3 Cleo Grose
4 Louis Prior	4. Hazel Bishop	4 Joe Carroll		4 Lachie Moore	4 Harriet Dinniss
5 Arlo Anderson	5. Selene Perkins	5 Tadhg Menzies	5 Skyla Ashton	5 Ra Greenfield	5 Havana Peleti
6 Hugo Doig	6 Lola Tod	6 Joseph Young	6 Talia Du Toit	6 Charlie Ririnui	6 Hineariki Haami

Southern Zone Cross Country –Year 4-6 Top 6 placings - Tuesday 16th May (postponement Thurs 18th May)
 Venue: MacAlister Park Berhampore -Children will travelling by bus to the venue–**NOTE: Bus leaves HVS at 8:40am**

TIME	RACE
9:20	Athletes with Support (AWS)
9:30	Year 4 Girls
9:45	Year 4 Boys
10:00	Year 7 Girls & Boys
10:20	Year 8 Girls & Boys
10:40	Year 6 Girls
10:55	Year 6 Boys
11:10	Year 5 Girls
11:25	Year 5 Boys
11:40	
12:00	EXIT course AND Grounds

HVS Year 1-3 Results

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
1	Otto Longstaff	Ava Weir	Finlay Searles-Wright	Tia Brister	Sam McLeod	Isobel Bussell
2	Ted Geursen	Nina Mae Bell	Cormac Butler	Clementine Andrews	Akaash Kalsy	Sally Meehan-O'Mahony
3	Brian Wesley-Wilms	Katie Gunn	= Jake Kennedy-Stolze = Marlow Birdsall	Sylvie Podmore-Clough	Corne Zandberg	Sophie Weir
4	Mo Prebble	= Mille van Baarle = Nova Gezentsvey	Logan Strik	Lily Winspear	Jack Coventry	Wynne Vanstone
5	Nathan Thomas	Eleanor McCarthy	=Hector Kingston =Louis Cartmell-Gollan	Esme Goodwill	Miller Jenson	Scout Young
6				Lucie East	Quin Gezentsvey	Maddie Chao





Our Home & School Association is a collective of parents and caregivers of our Houghton Valley School tamariki. Everyone who is part of the HVS community is part of the Home & School Association. Yes, you are already a member :)

Me te mahi tahi tātou mo te oranga o te katoa. Let's work together for the well-being of everyone.

The Term 2, Week 3 news:

- Thanks to everyone who attended the **Home & School ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on Monday evening.

Highlights included:

- Flic Morris gave a Chairperson's report to give an overview of all the events that Home & School ran last year and the ways that events connected the community.
- Luke Cartmell-Gollan shared the Treasurer's report.
- The following Officers were elected: Ronja Levers (Co-chair), Flic Morris (Co-chair), Luke Cartmell-Gollan (Treasurer), Ian Vanstone (Secretary).
- Seb Bishop gave an update on behalf of The Board of Trustees and talked about the review of the strategic plan coming later in the year. The school community will be engaged to input to the review, so keep an eye out for further info.
- John Wootton and Miriam Gaynor gave an update on the school and teaching. John remarked about his experiences so far and the positive culture at the school. Miriam highlighted the focus of the inquiry cycle and covered various updates on teaching and school events.
- And Ana Tovey gave an update on the School Fair and mentioned the forthcoming volunteers meeting (open to all - more details below).

The full Home & School Association AGM minutes will be shared in the next newsletter.

- **HVS Fair Volunteers Meeting - Open to all**

Every year, the success of the Houghton Valley School Fair relies on people like you who have an hour or two to spare. All the key fair organiser roles are now filled (Hooray!), but we are keen to see you at our volunteers' meeting if you can help a little on the day. At the meeting, we'll introduce who's who, a high level of how the day works, and highlight the different ways that volunteers can help. For example, doing a shift at the sausage sizzle, plate smash, clothes sale, etc on the day or help set up or pack down. This meeting is a relaxed way to learn a bit more about one of the biggest events for the school community. We'd love to see you there.

The volunteer meeting is at 2:30pm on Sunday 21st May at 137 Houghton Bay Road.

The HVS Fair itself is on Saturday 28th October.

KELLY SPORTS AND KELLY CLUB



KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 2 - ACTIVE AUTUMN SPORTS!!

Sessions start on Thursday 4 May 2023 from 3.05pm-4.05pm

The Kelly Sports sessions are a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop and enhance balls skills, catching, kicking, and throwing, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness. We teach new skills and improve ability by using games, drills and exercises. It's a great way to try new sports and maintain fitness – all while having fun!!

Term 2 we will be focusing on the following sports: **Basketball, Netball, Football and Rippa Rugby**

To enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz and in the school box put "Houghton Valley"

		TERM 2 2023 24 April - 30 June		Weekly Theme Planner Kelly Club Houghton Valley	
Wk 1 24 April	Arts and Crafts Masterclass		It's time to let your artistic side shine! What will you create?		
Wk 2 1 May	Welcome to the Jungle		Home to over half of the world's animal and plant species, let's take a visit to the jungle!		
Wk 3 8 May	Whānau Fun		Our KC families come in all shapes and sizes and we want to celebrate them all!		
Wk 4 15 May	Cartoon Central		Who loves cartoons? This week's activities are dedicated to all of our favourites!		
Wk 5 22 May	Super Silly Sports		Throw the rule books out the window for KC silly sports!		
Wk 6 29 May	KC Escape Rooms		Can you escape the Kelly Club Challenge Rooms?		
Wk 7 5 June	Royal Rampage!		You are a royal for the week! What is your first decree?		
Wk 8 12 June	Underwater Explorers		Let's take a journey into the deep blue sea. Time to dive in!		
Wk 9 19 June	Kid's Choice		You have a chance to take over the planner. What will you decide..?		
Wk 10 26 June	Reward Week!		It's the week we've been waiting for, come and join us as we celebrate our amazing selves!		

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Events for Term 2 2023

Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 8-12 May	Home & School AGM 7:30pm-9pm		HVS Colour Run and Cross Country		
Week 4 15-19 May		Southern Zone Cross Country	Junior Reading Session 3:15pm-3:45pm in Ngaio class	Southern Cross Country Postponement	Pink Shirt Day ===== Hui/Assembly 9:15am - Rata Rm9 & Harakeke Rm5
<u>HVS Fair Volunteers Meeting- Open to all Whanau</u> Sunday 21 st May 2:30pm at 137 Houghton Bay Rd					
Week 5 22-26 May	BOT Meeting 7pm				
Week 6 29 May-2 June		Scholastic Books Close			Hui/Assembly 9:15am - Karaka Rm4 & Pohutukawa Rm1
Week 7 5-9 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday				
Week 8 12-16 June					Hui/Assembly 9:15am-Ngaio Rm8 & Rimu R10

COMMUNITY NEWS

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?

Open up the world for your family and be a part of enriching and transforming lives. Now that global travel has opened up we are receiving many applications from students wishing to start at Wellington High School in term one 2023. These students will come for one term through to a year. We are now looking for new homestay families who are inclusive, caring, supportive and willing to share their home and Kiwi life with a student. Visiting students want to experience day to day life with a New Zealand family and to feel a part of the family. The 2023 homestay fee will be \$320 per week. After hosting more than 50 students a homestay Mum summarised saying "Hosting students opened up the world for our family. I can't think of the word to really describe how enriching the whole experience is." Enquiries to: Claire Bown homestay@whs.school.nz 021 020 63860 04 385 8911 ext 781

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<u>Bee Healthy Dental Clinic</u> • 0800 825 583	<u>Ezlunch.co.nz</u> • Thursdays • Sushi • Fridays • Pita Pit - go online to www.ezlunch.co.nz please order before 8:30am
<u>Kelly Club After School Care</u> - www.kellyclub.co.nz Cell 022 010 9981 Eden – Co-ordinator Email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz	
HVS School Fair – Saturday 28th October 2023 – Put this date in your DIARY	