



Houghton Valley School

Newsletter

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Thursday, 3rd August 2023

Week 3 of Term 3

HVS Reminders

- Thurs 3rd Aug – Home & School Meeting
TONIGHT in Room 3 Nikau class
- Fri 11th Aug – Hui/Assembly – Rimu & Ngaio
- Fri 11th Aug – EBIS Open Day Year 6 students
- Fri 18th Aug – Bake Sale Room 8 and Room 4

Kia Ora Whānau,

Yesterday, I attended the Wellington Principal Association meeting and we had a presentation from John Parsons who works in the Internet Safety and Risk Assessment space.

It was disheartening to hear the stories he shared and how often these incidents and issues were happening to our tamariki through their use of the digital world. You don't have to go far to hear these stories in our media either.

John has challenged us (schools and whānau) to be brave when leading on this topic. His greatest advice was for us to remind about the importance of sleep, physical activity and supervision when using devices. Also that games or social media have age limits for a reason so we need to follow them.

He spoke about the importance of sleep a lot as it affects everything we do. Te Whatu Ora recommended at least 9-11 hours a night.

Over the next little while we'll be reviewing some of our practices here at school too.

Health and Wellbeing

At the moment with the winter chills and bugs we are experiencing a high level of illness here at school. We are averaging 23 students away sick most days. We appreciate that you are keeping your sick children at home when they are unwell and that keeps the rest of us as healthy as possible.

We are also noticing an increase in nits so please check your child and treat them.

Property Update

This week we have had most of the windows and installation installed and the exterior walls cladded. It is pleasing to see things processing in this space.

We look forward to seeing the new ceiling and being able to get back into the main entrance and Office areas. This looks like it will happen on Wednesday next week as they now need to replace part of the floor.

Goal Setting

Thank you to those who braved the weather and attended our Goal Setting conferences last week. We value the time we get to discuss your child and to talk about how we work in partnership for their success.

EBIS Year 6's - Friday 11 August

On Friday 11 August our Year 6 students will visit EBIS for their Open Day. EBIS are holding their Whānau Open Evening on Monday August 21 between 5:30 and 7pm.

No reira, kia kaha ra,
Ngā Mihi Nui,

Luana Carroll
Te Tumuaki, Houghton Valley School

A BIG WELCOME IN MAHOE CLASS TO:

☺ Ernest Radford

HVS OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

Enrolment of Out of Zone Students Houghton Valley School Term 4, 2023 and 2024

Enrolment at Houghton Valley School is governed by an enrolment scheme. From time to time, the Board of Trustees may determine that there are a limited number of spaces available for out-of-zone students. The out-of-zone ballot for the Houghton Valley School Term 4 and all of 2024 year is open and will close **Friday 25 August, 2023 (12 noon)** and will be drawn Thursday 31 August, 2023 for new entrants and 4 Year 3 students.

- 1st Priority will be given to applicants who are siblings of current students.
- 2nd Priority will be given to applicants who are siblings of former students.
- 3rd Priority will be given to applicants who are children of former students of the school.
- 4th Priority will be given to applicants who are children of Board employees and Board members.
- 5th Priority will be given to all other applicants.

If there are more applications in any of the priority groups than there are places available, selection within the priority group will be by a ballot conducted in accordance with instructions issued by the Ministry of Education. Please note siblings of successful applicants will not be guaranteed a place at Houghton Valley School. They will be eligible to apply if there are any spaces available.

Enrolment Procedure:

- Parents complete an enrolment form (available from office or online) and hand in, or email, to the school office by the application closing date - **Friday 25 August, 2023**
- If on the closing date we have received more applications than spaces we will organise a ballot for **Friday 1 September, 2023**. The ballot is drawn under the supervision of the Police. The names are pulled out of the ballot and a waiting list is created if there are more names in the ballot than spaces available.
- Successful whānau are advised by email and asked to confirm acceptance in writing of the place offered by **Wednesday 6 September, 2023**
- Unsuccessful whānau are advised by email and placed on a waiting list in the number they are drawn from the ballot.
- If successful whānau decline the space, the place is offered to the first/next family on the waiting list.

CLASS TRIPS TO WGTN MUSEUM – QUEENS WHARF

At the Wellington Museum – Queens Wharf, the children will get a guided tour of the inventions and innovations, looking at how things are made, how things work and how things have changed over time. The children will be travelling by bus at the timeslots below.

Term 3 2023	10-11am (Bus leaves HVS at 9:10am)	1pm-2pm (Bus leaves HVS at 12:10pm)
Friday 4 th August 23	Karaka (Rm4)	Pohutukawa (Rm1)
Wednesday 9 th August 23	Ti Kouka (Rm6)	Kowhai (Rm2)
Monday 14 th August 23	Harakeke & Mahoe (Rm5 & Rm7)	Ngaio (Rm8)
Tuesday 15 th August 23	Rimu (Rm10)	Rata (Rm9)



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Te Kura o Haewai

HVS Home & School Association pānui

The Term 3, Week 3 H&S news:

Hōtoke
Winter

- **HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING TODAY**

Our Home and School meeting is a space to connect, find out more and maybe offer a helping hand. Our Term 3 hui is this evening - **Thursday, 3rd August at 7.30pm** in Nikau (Room 3). Everyone is welcome. See [here](#) for the minutes of our last meeting.

Why attend?

- Meet and laugh with others in the HVS community, contributing to your sense of belonging.
- Get your finger on the pulse of HVS events - the bake sales, the quiz, the disco, The Fair.
- Receive updates from the BOT and School about what's up for them.

Everyone is welcome. First-timers get a chocolate fish.

See [HERE for the Agenda](#) of tonight/Thursday's meeting

- **BAKE SALES COMING SOON**

Our first bake sale is coming up fast on **18th August** - hosted by Karaka and Ngāio classes. Ngā mihi! Keep an eye out for comms from your whanau reps. Our second bake sale will be on 15th September - hosted by Pōhutukawa and Tī kōuka.

- **HVS QUIZ NIGHT 2023 - GRAB YOUR TEAMS AND BOOK YOUR TICKETS**

When: **Thursday 21 September**, 7:30pm (please note the date change)

Where: The Pines, 50 The Esplanade, Houghton Bay.

Tickets: \$15 each adult.

Teams of 6 - 8 adults, or can be assigned a lucky dip table.

Contact podmorekirsten@gmail.com to book your team's tickets, or to offer to help in the lead-up or on the night.

This is an annual highlight in the HVS Home & School Calendar! See you all there.

What is the Home & School Association?

Our Home & School Association is a collective of HVS parents and caregivers. Our purpose is to support the school by connecting the community and raising funds. Everyone who is part of the HVS community is part of the Home & School Association. Yes, you are already a member :)

Save the date - Term 3

Bake sale: Karaka and Ngāio - Fri 18 Aug
Bake sale: Pōhutukawa & Tī kōuka - Fri 15 Sept.
HVS Quiz - Thu 21 September @ The Pines

Save the date - Term 4

HVS Disco - Friday 13th October @ SWIS
HVS Fair - Saturday 28th October, 10-2pm

There's ALWAYS a chance to join in. Here's how you can help...

Just an hour of your time can make a real difference to our community. The events above all rely on volunteers. Volunteering is easy - *no experience necessary* - and you'll get to meet a bunch of other volunteers in the process. If you're interested to know more about how you can help at one of our events, please email us at homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz.

Term 3 Events

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 31st-4th August			SWIS Open Day for Year 6s (morning)	Home & School Meeting 7:30pm Tonight	
Week 4 7-11th August			SWIS Open Evening 6pm		Hui - Rimu, Ngaio EBIS Open Day for Year 6's
Week 5 14th-18th August				HVS Chess Team Year 5/6	<i>Bake Sale</i> Ngaio Rm8 and Karaka Rm4
Week 6 21st-25th August	BOT Meeting 7pm EBIS Open Evening 6pm				Hui - Kowhai, Harakeke HVS Out of Zone Enrolments Closes Noon
Week 7 28 th -1st Sept					
Week 8 4 th -8th Sept					Hui - Rata, Ti Kouka
Week 9 11 th -15th Sept			Artsplash Singing- 5pm	Southern Zone Swimming DanceSplash 5pm	<i>Bake Sale</i> Pōhutukawa Rm1 and Ti kōuka Rm6
Week 10 18 th -22 nd Sept				HVS Quiz Night at The Pines 7:30pm	Last Day of Term 3 2:55pm pickup

KELLY CLUB

KELLY CLUB – TERM 3!!

Our Aftercare Programme is focused around various activities including sports, cooking, art and craft as well as structured 'free-time' after a busy day at school. These activities are incorporated into themes that give children the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment.

Next week at Kelly Club we have Green Thumbs Up!! We will be doing lots of awesome activities with recycled materials, and making delicious pizzas on Friday!"

To enrol go to <https://kellyclub.co.nz/houghton-valley>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:55 – 3:10 pm	Sign In and Introduction	Sign In and Introduction	Sign In and Introduction	Sign In and Introduction	Sign In and Introduction
3:10 – 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Noodles and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Sammies and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Corn Thins and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Pizza and Fruit
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice
3:45 – 4:35 pm	GAME Kick the Can 	CRAFT Cardboard Roll Snowmen 	DISCOVERY Bird Feeders 	CRAFT Leaf Prints 	COOKING Pizza! 
4:35 – 4:45 pm	Pack up and Snack Time	Pack up and Snack Time	Pack up and Snack Time	Pack up and Snack Time	Pack up and Snack Time
4:45 – 5:15 pm	Second Activity: Paper Plate Crafts	Second Activity: Scrap Pin Cushions	Game: Sneak Up On Grandma	Game: Four Corners	Second Activity: Recycling Robots
5:15 – 6:00 pm	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time

COMMUNITY NEWS



Marrzipan Drama is running a special 6-week program for \$125 this term with new teacher Holly! Starting Thursday 17th August at Houghton Valley Community Hall - You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson via the website**

www.marrzipandrama.co.nz



Pippins
5 - 6 years

Join in the fun at Island Bay Pippins. Being a Pippin with GirlGuiding NZ is a very popular choice for 5 and 6 year old girls. We welcome all girls interested to join our Unit in Island Bay at St Hilda's Church from 6- 7pm on a Tuesday night during the school term. If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter would like to have fun then contact Dianna on phone: 04 3837518 or email meates21@gmail.com or Denise in the HVS Office.



Suzanne Aubert Scout Group

Develop teamwork, life skills, personal resilience whilst having fun in the outdoors.

The Suzanne Aubert Scout Group is open to both girls and boys: Keas (aged 5 – 8), Cubs (aged 8 – 11) and Scouts (aged 11 – 14) on Monday nights 6.30 – 8pm at St Anne's Hall, 22 Emmett St Newtown.

This terms activities include: camping, campfire cooking, mountain biking, outdoor adventure, archery and swimming. Come along and join the adventure.

For more details email SuzanneAubert@group.scouts.nz.

Houghton Valley School Information

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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 please order before 8:30am
Kelly Club After School Care - 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	