



Houghton Valley School

Newsletter

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Thursday, 17th August 2023

Week 5 of Term 3

HVS Reminders

- Fri 18th Aug – Bake Sale Ngaio and Karaka
- Fri 25th Aug – Hui Kowhai and Harakeke
- Fri 25th Aug – Out of Zone Enrolments Close
- Mon 28th Aug – BOT Meeting 7pm
- Wed 13th Sept - ArtSplash 5pm
- Thurs 14th Sept – DanceSplash 5pm
- Thurs 21st Sept – H&S Quiz Night 7:30pm

Kia Ora Whānau,

This week we continue to see a high level of illness here at school for staff and students. Due to high rates of illness with staff we have had to split classes as there are no relievers available. Our tamariki have coped well with these changes.

We will continue to hand wash and clean high touch spaces often throughout the day to help reduce the spread.

We have been advised by Te Whatu Ora that there is a lot of illness here in Wellington. Here is some of the information they have been sharing with schools.

Health and Wellbeing - Messages from Te Whatu Ora

Te Whatu Ora has been notified by a number of education facilities of an increase in winter illness among staff and tamariki. We are seeing surges of Covid, flu, and gastroenteritis and other respiratory virus around the region.

If you are worried your tamariki has symptoms or they have long-term health problems (e.g. asthma, diabetes kidney, heart or immunity problems), then you should phone your usual doctor or Healthline 0800 611 116 for further advice. Most people recover at home and only see their GP if their illness gets worse or is not improving.

Remember - the FREE minor health conditions service is running at a number of local pharmacies until the end of September. Pharmacies can provide free treatments for skin conditions like scabies, head lice, eczema and other skin infections, as well as pain and fever, dehydration, eye inflammation, and acute diarrhoea. The free service applies if you are Māori, Pacific, a community services card holder or aged under 14 years old.

Things you can do to help control illness in your education community

- Tell a staff member if your tamariki has an illness like the one described above
- Stay home until they're feeling well again, and for at least 48 hours from last symptoms (usually 3-4 days but up to 7 days)
- If you test positive for Covid-19 it is still recommend to isolate for 7 days and report your rapid antigen test (RAT). You can do this through My Covid Record mycovidrecord.health.nz or call the helpline on 0800 222 478
- Sick tamariki should not be at school, sports matches, school productions, or camps. This is so they can rest and recover and don't spread illness to others
- Encourage tamariki to use tissues to cover coughs and sneezes or use their elbow and to be very good about washing and drying hands thoroughly
- www.kidshealth.org.nz/flu-influenza has some good tips for looking after people with flu like illness and stopping it spreading to other people at home
- www.kidshealth.org.nz/gastroenteritis-children has information for looking after tamariki with gastroenteritis
- If you are sick, we ask that do not visit hospitals or community care homes or see people who may be at high risk of serious illness, such as pregnant women, young babies, or anyone who has cancer, lung, and heart or kidney conditions.

Prevent the spread of illness in your facility



Remind everyone that sick tamariki or staff should stay at home



Ask parents to let you know the reason for their child being absent



Encourage people to wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes, wear a mask if indoors in crowded areas



Regular cleaning of high touch surfaces e.g. door handles, bathroom areas



Chess Tournament

Today we have a group of Year 5's and 6's competing at the Chess Tournament at SWIS. Thank you Nicola for organising this. We wish them all the best!



School Trip - Museum of City and Sea

The whole school has visited the museum as part of our Inquiry unit on - ***How do you think like an Inventor?*** our tamariki got to explore the items there and then learn about the design process that these have been through. Claire the educator from the Museum was impressed by the critical thinking our learners did and the amazing questions.

We are going to create items from this topic to sell at the School Fair in October. Watch this space!





Emergency Food Kits Stolen

We have had a break in to our shed that houses all of our Student and Staff Emergency food kits. 95% of them have been taken. We have no way of knowing who has taken them and there was no evidence or rubbish left.

We are sorry that the food you have provided for your tamaiti has been taken. We just hope that the kai has gone to good use. If you would like to replace your child's kit please do. Any sealed container will do.

Property Update

You will have noticed the front entrance is still blocked off. We have had more work to do in this area than we expected. Denise and I are enjoying our warm space but hope to be back in the Office area in a week.

No reira, kia kaha ra,
Ngā Mihi Nui,

Luana Carroll
Te Tumuaki, Houghton Valley School

A BIG WELCOME IN MAHOE CLASS TO:

😊 **Fraser Garrod**

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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - ONLINE



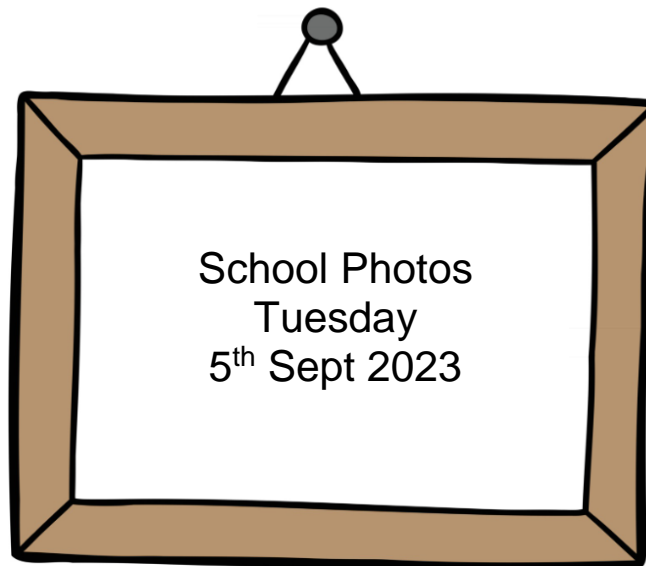
We have sent home the latest Issue 5 catalogue of the Scholastic Book Club. All orders should be placed online via their website [scholastic.co.nz/loop](https://www.scholastic.co.nz/loop) or the book club app.

ONLINE Orders CLOSE by Monday 28th August 2023

SCHOOL PHOTOS – TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER INSPIRE PHOTOGRAPHY

Kia Ora Houghton Valley families and whānau!

The Inspire Photography Team will be back to photograph the school on **Tuesday the 5th of September**. We will be photographing regular siblings within the school later in the day after classes and student's individual photos. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ring us at Inspire Photography 04 384 8009.



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



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Te Kura o Haewai

HVS Home & School Association pānui

The Term 3, Week 5 H&S news:

**Kia hanga he kapa patapatai
tāua!**

- **BAKE SALE THIS FRIDAY**

Come along and taste **Karaka** and **Ngāio** classes baking from 2:55pm this Friday. *On Friday morning drop your baking to the office (Nikau-Rm3).* It's always a fun event, and it's a great way to connect with the community as the tamariki unwind at the end of the week.

- **HVS QUIZ NIGHT 2023 - HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR TICKET?**

This is an annual highlight in the HVS Home & School Calendar! All are welcome, and all you parents and caregivers sure deserve a fun night out without the kids!

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. If you are keen to join in, but don't have a team, just let your class whānau rep know and we can put you in touch with others.

- **HOME AND SCHOOL AUGUST MEETING**

Thanks to those that came along to the Term 3 Home and School meeting on 3rd August. Topics discussed included: the new HVS strategic plan, current/future school and community events, a building update. See [here](#) for the full minutes.

- **WANT TO JOIN THE DIS-Committee?** We're on the hunt for a court of Disco Monarchs who can organise the disco and guide us to the dance floor on Friday 13 October. Contact flicmorris@gmail.com if you're keen.

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: 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.

HVS SCHOOL FAIR 2023 | SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

HOW YOU CAN HELP



VOLUNTEER

Bags your spot!
Same old or something new?
Get your name down now!



DONATE

Put clothes, plants & toys aside.
Drop off instructions soon.



SHOUT

Tell your friends.
Like the posts.
Share the event.



VACANCIES

- Musical entertainers
- Communications Lead
- Silent Auction Lead
- Tea Rooms, Pizza, Burgers & Deli stall leads



FAIR COMMITTEE

Books	Fenella Rich
Clothes	Nell Winton
Comms	tbc - You?
Crafts	Kirsty White
Entertainment	Lee Prebble
Finances	Luke C-G
Food	Flic Morris
Games	Ian V & Kath B
Logistics	Anna Barlow
Silent Auction	tbc - You?
Toys	Anna-Marie Miller
Volunteers	Nicola Du Toit
Waste	Sarah Graydon

Get in touch  hvsfair@gmail.com

HVS SCHOOL FAIR 2023 | SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

Term 3 Events

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 14th-18th August				HVS Chess Team Year 5/6	<i>Bake Sale</i> Bottom Court Ngaio Rm8 and Karaka Rm4
Week 6 21st-25th August	EBIS Open Evening 6pm				Hui - Kowhai, Harakeke <hr/> HVS Out of Zone Enrolments Closes Noon
Week 7 28 th -1st Sept	Scholastic Books Close today ===== BOT Meeting 7pm				
Week 8 4 th -8th Sept		School Photos All day			Hui - Rata, Ti Kouka
Week 9 11 th -15th Sept			Artsplash Singing- 5pm	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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Messy Play Wek at Houghton Valley Playcentre

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2023/messy-play-wek-at-houghton-valley-playcentre/wellington>



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

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	