



# Houghton Valley School

## Newsletter

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

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

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

Week 7 of Term 3

### HVS Reminders

- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Sept – School Photos
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Sept – Whānau Strategic Plan Meeting 7pm
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Sept – Hui/Assembly Rata & Ti Kouka
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Sept – Bake Sale 3pm Rm 1 & Rm6
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – BoT Meeting 7pm
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Sept – H&S Quiz Night 7:30pm
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Last day of Term 3 23 2:55pm

### **Kia Ora Whānau,**

This week we bring you an update on our Property news. You will see we have a lot going on over the next term. We want to reassure you that school will be able to operate smoothly even if things are a little tight for a while.

### **Property Update**

You may have noticed that we have moved back into the Office area and we can now use the front door again. A small step in the right direction!

Last week, at our fortnightly property meeting, we were given the news that the Library area will not be completed until sometime in October or early November due to a long list of unforeseen issues. This will affect Stage 2 of the building work.

In Stage 2, we are replacing the roof of the Office and all of the Classrooms in the Junior block/Rooms 5-8 and upgrading these spaces with soundproofing tiles, Autex and painting these spaces to spruce them up but the most significant item is the demolition of Ngaio class so it can be rebuilt.

Ngaio has significant rot due to the flat roof and the weathered windows. We have also had this room tested for asbestos and some has been identified in this space.

When demolishing spaces with asbestos it must be done when there is no-one onsite so this must be done in the upcoming school holidays in September/October to keep the project moving.

This allows us to safely use Rooms 5/Harakeke and Room 6/Ti kouka until we can move into the Hall.

### **What does this all mean?**

- We will have a crossover of the two stages at the same time which requires some changes to current classes
- We need to rehome Rooms 7/Mahoe and Room 8/Ngaio before the end of this term - Thursday 21 September
- We need to create 2 spaces for them to go to - Room 4/Karaka and Room 3/Nikau
- We will have no access into the Hall due to the demolition of Ngaio and the uncompleted Library space
- We will also need to move Rooms 5/Harakeke and Room 6/Ti Kouka but we will have to wait until the Hall is available and the library is completed
- **We ask people not to play at school or walk around Ngaio class area during the first week of the school holidays when the demolition is happening (Saturday 23 September - 30 September) as an extra safety precaution. This will all be blocked off in-line with asbestos regulations**

### **Implications and Changes:**

Due to needing 2 classrooms to rehome Rooms 7/Mahoe and 8/Ngaio we have made the strategic decision to move Room 4/Karaka into Rooms 9/Rata and 10/Rimu.

We will utilise all 3 learning spaces so that we can cater for the needs of all tamariki.

We understand this is not ideal, but we also know that this brings some new opportunities, especially in the senior school. We are looking at this scenario with a glass half full perspective.

We will have very limited spaces across the school for the next term so we are having to restrict outside tutors onsite during the day as we have no spaces for them to work in. An example is that we are having to suspend piano lessons.

We have met and worked with Kelly Club so that they are business as normal but they will be based out of Room 4/Karaka until we can go back into the Hall.

I need to thank and acknowledge our amazing staff for being so flexible and accommodating with all of the constant changes. We know it will be worth it in the long run! They all work hard to make the HVS the best place for our tamariki as possible.

This is inside the Library at the moment. We are making progress!



### Strategic Plan Review

We are looking forward to whānau joining us on **Tuesday 5 September, 7pm - 8.30pm, HVS hall** to participate in the strategic review.

### Teacher Only Day - 17 November

The Ministry of Education has given all schools a day to support the implementation of the new curriculum. We will be taking this on Friday 17 November.

### School Dates for 2024

We have set our school dates for 2024. We have planned two Teacher Only Days during the year.

Thursday 1 February - 12 April

Monday 29 April - 5 July

Monday 22 July - 27 September

Monday 14 October - 19 December

### **Teacher Only Days 2024:**

1. 4 June
2. 29 October

### School Drop Off - 8.30am

We just want to remind you that our tamariki can come to school from 8.30am. We have noticed a lot of children here before 8.30am but teachers are often not in classrooms as they are busy having meetings or preparing for the day.

Noho ora mai

Luana Carroll

Te Tumuaki, Houghton Valley School

A BIG WELCOME TO:

😊 **Toby Collins** in **Mahoe** class and

😊 **Clara Millman** in **Ti Kouka** class

## SCHOOL PHOTOS – TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 'Out of School' siblings from **8.30am**. These are for those students who have younger or older siblings who are NOT at the school. 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.

## SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS

### **Southcoast Cleanup - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am-12pm**

We are hosting the annual beach cleanup at Houghton Bay Beach once again and hope many of you will join us. However, we know many of you look forward to cleaning our local shores especially in the Taputeranga Marine Reserve. We know we are making a difference to our sealife with more dolphins, orca and whales visiting our coastline. Jill Holmstead [jill@houghton.school.nz](mailto:jill@houghton.school.nz)



## HVS SPORTS

### **Touch Rugby**

In term 4 there is a Touch Rugby season. Is there anyone keen for their child to play? The games will be at Wakefield Park on Wednesdays between from 3:45pm. The dates are Oct- 29 Nov (6 weeks).

This is for Years 3 - 6. Please let me know if you would like your child to play by Monday 4 September.

Nga mihi nui, Charles - [charles@houghton.school.nz](mailto:charles@houghton.school.nz)

## ARTSPLASH AND DANCESPLASH

This was an optional event so only some students are involved.

**ARTSPLASH** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 5pm - Choir Concert 3 (Wearable Art)

**DANCESPLASH** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 5pm - Dance Concert 2

Tickets are purchased online at Ticketmaster <https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/artsplash-tickets/artist/3050049> - please ensure you book the correct concert tickets.

Note: Dancesplash tickets is limited to two per whānau.



**Houghton  
Valley  
School**  
Te Kura o Haewai

## HVS Home & School Association pānui

The Term 3, Week 7 H&S news:

**Kia hanga he kapa patapatai  
tāua!**

- **DIS-Committee VOLUNTEERS NEEDED?** We still need some help to organise the disco and guide us to the dance floor on Friday 13 October. Contact [flicmorris@gmail.com](mailto:flicmorris@gmail.com) if you are able to lend a hand.

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

Tickets are still available for this fun night out!

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](mailto: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.

- **NEXT BAKE SALE**

Our next bake sale is after school on Friday 15th September. Come along and taste **Pōhutukawa** and **Ti kōuka** classes baking.

### 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 & Ti 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](mailto:homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz).



HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL

# HVS QUIZ NIGHT

*at the*  
**PINES**



**PRIZES!**



**CASH BAR!**



**RAFFLES**

**WHEN:** Thursday 21st September

**WHERE:** The Pines. 50 The Esplanade, Houghton Bay

**TIME:** Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30

**COST:** \$15 per person

**TEAMS:** 6 - 8 people, adults only

Register today, contact Kirsten at [podmorekirsten@gmail.com](mailto:podmorekirsten@gmail.com)



Houghton Valley School Fair | Sat 28 Oct 10am - 2pm

# How Can You Help?



## SQUEEZE & FREEZE

Your lemon tree is heaving right now. So when life gives you lemons... get juicing and freezing for the lemonade stand!

Email: [flicmorris@gmail.com](mailto:flicmorris@gmail.com)



## DONATE

- Clothes
- Toys
- Fabric
- Plants

Keep your your preloved goods aside for the fair. Drop-off instructions coming soon...



## SHARE

Tell your friends! Like the posts, share the event and shout about our great little fair on the beautiful south coast.



## VOLUNTEER

Bags your favourite spot... or try something new? The food stalls need people to join the:

- Salad Superstars
- Pizza Pioneers
- Burger Brigade
- Candy Floss Clan

Email: [flicmorris@gmail.com](mailto:flicmorris@gmail.com)



## COOKS & CURRY

Join the team making the fair's famous curry on Monday 23 October (Labour Day) at Elements cafe in Lyall Bay. Bonus points if you can provide any freezer space for the curries or work the stall on fair day! Text Ana on 021 989 609



## SILENT AUCTION

Can you take the lead for the fair's silent auction? It's a great fundraiser for our school and needs someone (or a team) to take the reins.

### FAIR COMMITTEE

Books	Fenella Rich
Clothes	Nell Winton
Toys	Anna-Marie Miller
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?
Comms	Emma G
Volunteers	Nicola Du Toit
Waste	Sarah Graydon



Get in touch: [hvsfair@gmail.com](mailto:hvsfair@gmail.com)

## Term 3 Events

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 28 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Scholastic Books Close today ===== <u>BOT Meeting 7pm</u>				
Week 8 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Sept		School Photos All day ===== Whānau Strategic Plan Meeting 7pm-8:30pm in the School Hall			Hui - Rata, Ti Kōuka
Week 9 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Artsplash Singing- 5pm (Choir Concert 3)		DanceSplash 5pm (Dance Concert 2)	<i>Bake Sale</i> Pōhutukawa Rm1 and Ti kōuka Rm6
<i>South Coast Clean-Up Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 10:30am-12pm</i>					
Week 10 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	BOT Meeting 7pm			HVS Quiz Night at The Pines 7:30pm	Last Day of Term 3 2:55pm pickup
<b>Term 4 starts on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>					

## KELLY CLUB AND HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Next week at Kelly Club we are doing KC Taskmaster! This week will feature lots of fun challenges, finishing off with our Taskmaster Scavenger Hunt and pancakes!!

<b>KELLY CLUB</b>		<b>THEME: KC Taskmaster!</b> <small>Term 3 Week 8, 4th September 2023</small>				<small>Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Houghton Valley</small>	
	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 Pizza Toast and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Corn Thins and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Noodles and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Sammies and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Croackers 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	<b>CRAFT</b> Blindfolded Paintings 	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Biscuit Challenge 	<b>GAME</b> Tallest Tower 	<b>GAME</b> Sardines 	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Taskmaster Scavenger Hunt 		
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: Code Breakers	Second Activity: Word Scramble Challenge	Second Activity: Code Breakers	Second Activity: Word Scramble Challenge	Second Activity: Word Scramble Challenge		
5:15 – 6:00 pm	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time		
<small>E: houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</small>		<small>kellyclub.co.nz/houghton-valley</small>			<small>P: 022 010 9981</small>		

Join us at Island Bay School for Holiday Programme these upcoming holidays! There will be some awesome themed days like Book Day and Ginormous Galaxies, and trips to go swimming, roller skating and to do gymnasium! Book in Now over at Kelly Club Island Bay!!





Website: [kellyclub.co.nz/island-bay](http://kellyclub.co.nz/island-bay)  
 Contact: Genevieve Marsland  
 Email: [islandbay@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:islandbay@kellyclub.co.nz)  
 Phone: 022 198 6316  
 Facebook: @KellyClubsIslandBay  
 Address: 6 Thomas Street, Island Bay

# OCTOBER 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ISLAND BAY SCHOOL

**General Information:** We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a safe and fun environment. We provide quality childcare in a safe and fun environment for children out of school. Our holiday programme is focused on fun, games, and activities to local attractions. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with our boys. They are passionate about making the most of our management, looking after, and actively sharing with others.

**Who can attend:** Children aged 5-15 yrs

**What do you need to bring:** Socks and comfortable clothing, water or sweetener. Hot drink bottle and food.

**Food:** Please bring a variety of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:00pm each day.

**Programme activities:** Programme activities are subject to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on activities. Programme activities may vary without notice depending on weather conditions and programme numbers.

**Payment details:** Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

**Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy:** Parents / caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a W&I subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit [www.wellingtoncouncil.govt.nz](http://www.wellingtoncouncil.govt.nz)

**Please note:** Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child. We will have a variety of insurance coverages of Kelly Club activities. For any enquiries or to see our full range of services or to book your child into a programme, if you are 16/17 we can assist to offer the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or per the day.

WEEK 1	Mon 25 September	Tues 26 September	Wed 27 September	Thurs 28 September	Fri 29 September
	<b>BOOK DAY</b> Step between the pages of your favourite book and become part of the story. Winners will win each day! Come along dressed as your favourite book character and find out!	<b>TRIP DAY - GYMNASTICS!</b> We are heading to Hunt Valley Gymnastics Club. We will learn the basics in gymnastics. The Floor, Hoop, Bar, Circle & Lolo's more! Extra: \$18 for the day.	<b>NERF WARS</b> Today we battle it out in an all out Nerf War with team challenges and replays to your energy after it leaves take off! Who will come out on top?	<b>MAGICIAN</b> Atheenabhai Andrew Wilson the Magician is coming to Kelly Club! Come along and watch the magic show. A morning show. Extra: \$12.	<b>GIANT GALAXIES</b> It's World Space Week to prepare for a giant off! All our systems are going to be on track on an astronomical adventure here at Kelly Club.
WEEK 2	Mon 2 October	Tues 3 October	Wed 4 October	Thurs 5 October	Fri 6 October
	<b>KELLY CLUB FAVOURITES</b> Today we are re-living our favourite Kelly Club activities from the school year in celebrating all the best things about Kelly Club!	<b>TRIP DAY - SWIMMING</b> We are off swimming to Te Rauaroa Arena for a swim! Please remember your goggles, towel & big lunch, drink bottle, and a bag \$18 extra for the day.	<b>MMM-MONSTERS</b> The monsters are casting a shadow over our Kelly Club! Let's give them a big hug and show them off the fun that can be had!	<b>TRIP - ROLLER SKATING</b> We are heading to the Upper Hunt Roller Skating Club for a day of roller skating! Extra: \$18 for the day.	<b>YEAR OF WORLD CUPS</b> This year our top Rugby, Netball, Football and Cricket players are all competing for World Cups. Today you can join the competition as we compete all our in our own Mega Cup!

FULL DAY \$59 SCHOOL DAY: \$47 HALF DAY: \$39 EVENT DAY: Extra \$12-\$18  
 8am-6pm 8:45am-3:15pm 8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Wellington Harrier Children's Athletic Club

Our season open day is Saturday 14th October, at Newtown Park.

We have a new start time of 9am this season and a new Hurdles, High

Jump coach! At our club days athletes practice all events, including long jump, hurdles, high jump, sprints, middle distance and throws. Our children's club day caters for all abilities. New members are welcome! You can register through <http://www.whac.org.nz> For more information please contact: Julie Richards [juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk) 0212959026

### The Capital Trout Centre Reopens 3rd September 2023

TAKE YOUR CHILD TROUT FISHING WHERE CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE (Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay) WHEN Sunday 3rd September 2023 A fishing experience for children aged 2 to 11 years. You must have a Capital Trout Center licence/registration form. Get your licence/registration from:- Capital Fishing, 49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba Mall) or Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing, 8 Te Puni Street, Petone The Centre is manned by volunteers from the Wellington Flyfishers Club and is funded by your donations Your donation is appreciated. For further information, contact Strato Cotsilinis 386 3740 or email [strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com](mailto:strato.cotsilinis@gmail.com)

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**  
 10 SEPT 10AM-4PM  
 KILBIRNIE TENNIS CLUB  
 14 CRAWFORD RD, KILBIRNIE

FREE EVENT

Come give tennis a go!  
 All equipment provided.  
 Prizes, giveaways, BBQ & more.

love tennis

**JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**

**Junior Wellington Floorball Open**

6 - 8 October 2023 (school holidays)  
 For junior players years 1-10

Get your team/school team registered:  
[wellingtonfloorball.org.nz/team-registration](http://wellingtonfloorball.org.nz/team-registration)

Individual registrations:  
[wellingtonfloorball.org.nz/register](http://wellingtonfloorball.org.nz/register)  
 (Go to 'Floorball Events - Junior')

Team fees:  
 year 1/2 - \$100  
 year 3/4 - \$240  
 year 5/6 - \$240  
 year 7/8 - \$350  
 year 9/10 - \$350  
 Individual player: \$15

Registrations close:  
 17 September 2023

Further info here:  
[wellingtonfloorball.org.nz/2023-junior-wellington-floorball-open](http://wellingtonfloorball.org.nz/2023-junior-wellington-floorball-open)  
 Any questions please get in touch:  
[admin@wellingtonfloorball.org.nz](mailto:admin@wellingtonfloorball.org.nz)





Find this event on Facebook



# 2023 ANNUAL SOUTH COAST CLEANUP

## SATURDAY 16TH OF SEPTEMBER

10:30 - 12:00 Beach cleanup

12:00 - 12:30 Make a trash mountain - Lyall Bay playground



### HELP OUT AT ANY OF THESE LOCATION ACROSS THE SOUTH COAST

- 1 Owhiro Bay with Project Jonah
- 2 Car park by Dive Wellington with Dive Wellington
- 3 Island Bay with Mountains to Sea
- 4 Island Bay Snorkel Trail with Friends of Taputeranga Marine Reserve
- 5 Houghton Bay with Houghton Valley School
- 6 Te Raekahau Point with Ghost Diving
- 7 Lyall Bay (near boat ramp and Woof Woof Ruff) with Wellington Underwater Club
- 8 Lyall Bay (by playground) with Lyall Bay Coast Care
- 9 Lyall Bay (airport end) with NIWA
- 10 Moa Point with Wellington Lions' Clubs
- 11 Tarakena Bay with Forest and Bird Places for Penguins
- 12 Breaker Bay with Breaker Bay Residents' Association | \* Taputeranga Island with Wellington Sea Kayak Network

\*If you would like to paddle with the sea kayak network you must bring your own boat and life jacket and meet at Island Bay beach at 10:00am.

**BRING:** Please bring gardening or rubber gloves and a reuseable bag to collect rubbish with.

**WHERE:** You can help at any of the numbered sites on this map between Owhiro Bay and Breaker Bay.

**WHEN:** Rain or shine we'll be out there! Check Facebook page for updates if there is severe weather.

**CONTACT:** Find our event on Facebook or contact [southcoastcare@gmail.com](mailto:southcoastcare@gmail.com)

**WHO:** Anyone can come, but we welcome groups of 6+ to contact us as some places need extra help

### Houghton Valley School Information

Houghton Valley School Ph: 939-3318

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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://Ezlunch.co.nz) • Thursdays • Sushi**

• Fridays • Pita Pit - go online to

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

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

Eden - Co-ordinator Email [houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz)

**HVS School Fair - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - 10-2pm Put this date in your DIARY**