



# Houghton Valley School

## Newsletter

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

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

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Week 9 of Term 4

### HVS Reminders

- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Fun Day
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
5:30pm
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of the Term  
12:30pm pickup

**Kia Ora Whānau,**

### Classes 2024

Today, we have had the first of our two transition sessions across the school. This gives all of our tamariki time with their kaiako and class members for 2024.

We know change can be challenging and this has been the focus of our Inquiry topic this term so that we can provide every learner with strategies to embrace the opportunities of change with a positive mindset.

We spent a lot of time getting the balance right when creating each class. Every child has input into a buddy/friend they want in with them and we ensure that this happens. We don't offer more than 1 as we have to split some year groups across 2 or 3 spaces.

The children are aware that not all of their friends will be with them but they will have plenty of opportunities to work with them during the year.

We will not be making changes to our classes due the delicate balance and if we move one that has implications and flow on effects to others so if your child needs additional support with making their transition successful please contact their classroom teacher or Luana - [principal@houghton.school.nz](mailto:principal@houghton.school.nz)

**Pop in today at 2.55pm to meet your child's teacher.**

### Nga mihi - Thank you!

As this is the last newsletter of the year, it is very important that I acknowledge a number of people and groups.

Firstly, our fabulous staff. It has been another great year. I thank you for all that you have done for our wonderful kura. Our tamariki have been able to participate and learn in a caring, exploring and inspiring way by doing this together.

Next is our board of trustees who have done an outstanding job governing our kura. This year they have led the Strategic Planning consultation, the redevelopment of the Library and Ngaio, policies, finances and ensured that we are providing the best learning opportunities to our tamariki. Nga mihi nui!

Then we have Home and School who we partner with to deepen our community connections and fundraising. A highlight this year was our fabulous Fair. Not only does it raise money but it showcases our school community at its best. We are truly grateful for the fundraising you do as this money allows us to provide the extras and additional programmes.

Finally to our tamariki and whanau. We have enjoyed working with you to make this year successful for all of our learners. We can't wait to continue this journey with you next year.

To the 20 whanau who have their final child leaving HVS we thank you for your many contributions over the years and we wish you all the best with your schooling journey.

### Leavers Assemblies

We will have the leavers assembly for staff and students in Years 1-5 on Tuesday 12 at 2.00pm in the Hall and we have the Year 6 Leavers Assembly on Wednesday 13 at 5.30pm.

We need as many Year 3-5 to come along to perform in farewell our Year 6's. All whanau are invited to attend as well.

We ask everyone to wait outside so that we can bring the Year 6's first and then the whanau as part of our Poroaki.

Home and School will be doing a sausage sizzle.



### **Fun Day, Colour Run and Waterslide**

On Wednesday 13 December is our annual Fun Day. We have Kelly Sport running games in the morning and then in the afternoon we will have a Colour run obstacle course which will include the waterslide. We ask that children bring clothes that can get the colour powder on and that they can get wet. We will be going out for this from 2pm until we finish for the day so feel free to come along to help or join in.

### **Moving Day - Can you help?**

Thursday 14 from 11.30am we start our big move. We have to move Harakeke and Ti kouka out of their classrooms as they are being renovated as part of the redevelopment for this block. We also have to move a number of other classes so if you can help lift and carry furniture we would appreciate your muscles!

### **Spare Rug - Do you have one?**

We were wondering if anyone had any large rugs they no longer need as we are looking for 2 for Rooms 4 and 8 as they are in the Hall for the first term. Large rugs would be great as we could use these as our mat areas. If you do please let us know - [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz) or [principal@houghton.school.nz](mailto:principal@houghton.school.nz)

### **Dates for 2024:**

*Term 1: Thursday 1 February - 12 April (Waitangi Day Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – no school)*

*Term 2: Monday 29 April - 5 July*

*Term 3: Monday 22 July - 27 September*

*Term 4: Monday 14 October - 19 December*

### **Teacher Only Days:**

1. 4 June
2. 29 October

### **School events:**

- *Lyll Bay beach trip - Monday 5 February Leaving school at 10.00am*
- *Meet the teachers - Wednesday 7 February 5.00-6.30pm*
- *Swimming starts - 8 February Thursday*
- *School picnic - 9 February 5pm*

Kei te pirangi matou ki a koutou katoa he wa hararei tino haumaruru me te harikoa

We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season.

See you on Thursday 1 February!

Ngā manaakitanga

Luana Carroll



Term 4, Week 9 H&S news:

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tahi ai tātou**

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- **REFLECTING ON 2023**

Home & School's purpose is to support the school by connecting the community and raising funds.

In 2023, we've organised or helped run the school picnic, Matariki celebrations, the disco, the quiz, the fair, all those yummy bakesales, sausage sizzles, and more. In doing so, the community has had fun together, and we've raised thousands of dollars for the school. This has helped fund equipment and experiences for our tamariki. Including, most recently, chess sets for the chess club, subsidised t-shirts, bus transport for the Year 5/6 Marae trip, leavers' books, and the proposal for the new chicken hutch.

♥ **THANKS TO YOU ALL** ♥ for joining in all our community events and fundraising actions - whether you were a volunteer, a baker, a participant, or all of the above. Have a wonderful school holiday. We'll see you for more community events in 2024.

- **DISCOUNTED HVS T-SHIRTS**

As above, H&S have agreed to subsidise the HVS school t-shirts by \$10. This means that if you purchase a school t-shirt, it will be just \$33 instead of \$43!

## HVS JUNIOR NETBALL TERM 1 2024

### **HVS Junior Netball - Summer League Year 1-4 –Register by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**

The summer season is upon us and we are preparing for junior netball. Motu Kairangi Netball is now accepting registrations for the ANZ futureFERNs Netball Programme for children (boys and girls) in Year 1 to Year 4, in term 1, 2024. The summer season begins on Saturday, 17 February for both year groups and runs for 9 weeks at Evans Bay Intermediate School Kilbirnie (EBIS).

To find out more information go to <https://www.mknetball.co.nz/Junior-Netball-Y14/game-rules-and-information#> then Junior Netball (Year 1-4) tab "Junior Netball (Y1-Y4)"

**Year 1 & 2 team/s** Coaches/Star Helpers for, whānau are needed as Star Helpers to assist with the skills sessions and games. This group have 4 players on court at a time, so 4vs4 (minimum players 5 in a team).

**Year 3 & 4 team/s** need a coach who will also control the game on Saturdays (there is no umpire as such). This group have 5 players on court, so 5vs5 (minimum players 6 in a team).

If not enough for teams we can register you as an individual players.

Cost per player is \$40 per player for Term 1 2024. ***The registration deadline for "school teams" and "individual players" and is Monday, 12th February 2024. This deadline must be kept as we need to know at HVS how many teams to register in the league.***

Please register your child with **Denise** in the school office [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz) Thanks Denise

## HVS Kiwis from Term 4 2023 with Flossie



### Term 4 2023 Events

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Home and School Social Hui - Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 4pm					
<b>Week 9</b> 4 Dec- 8 Dec	Dental Clinic			Class Transition 1 Session 9:15am-11am  <b>School Reports</b> Available thru School App	
<b>Week 10</b> 11 Dec – 15 Dec		Class Transition 2 Session 9:30am-11am	Fun Day ===== Year 6 Leavers Assembly 5:30pm	Moving Classes Day	Final Day for 2023 finish School at 12.30pm
Term 1 2024 – First Day of School - Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024					

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<b>Kelly Club After School Care</b> - <a href="http://www.kellyclub.co.nz">www.kellyclub.co.nz</a> Cell 022 010 9981 Eden – Co-ordinator Book before 6pm the day before or Email <a href="mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz">houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</a>	

## KELLY CLUB AND HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Join us on the last day of the term for a special half day holiday programme! With lots of fun outdoor water activities planned, it should be a blast!

Bookings are open for our pre-Christmas holiday programme at Island Bay! We will be getting in the Christmas spirit with different fun themes. We can't wait to see you there!

Kind Regards,

Eden Penfold

Programme Coordinator  
Kelly Club Houghton Valley

**KELLY CLUB**

A FUN PROGRAMME  
THAT KIDS LOVE!

Friday 15th December  
**HALF DAY HOLIDAY  
PROGRAMME**

**OSCAR  
PROGRAMME  
SUBSIDIES  
AVAILABLE!**  
\*Conditions apply

**HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL**

We've got an amazing programme planned including baking, crafts, games and more! Book online now for our fun-filled half day where we celebrate our Water Week. See you there!

<b>Full Day:</b> \$47 12:00pm - 6:00pm	<b>School Day:</b> \$24 12:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>Half Day:</b> \$41 12:00pm - 4:30pm
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# DECEMBER 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ISLAND BAY SCHOOL

**General information:** We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school. Our holiday programme is focused around sports, games, and outings to local attractions. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

**Who can attend:** Children aged 5-13 yrs

**What do you need to bring:** Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food.

**Food:** Please bring plenty 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 adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent 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 WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz).

**Please note:** Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst at a programme, if your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

	Mon 11 December	Tues 12 December	Wed 13 December	Thurs 14 December	Fri 15 December
WEEK 1	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>
	No Holiday Programme Today.	No Holiday Programme Today.	No Holiday Programme Today.	No Holiday Programme Today.	No Holiday Programme Today.
	Mon 18 December	Tues 19 December	Wed 20 December	Thurs 21 December	Fri 22 December
WEEK 2	 <b>KIWI CHRISTMAS</b>	 <b>SANTA'S WORKSHOP</b>	 <b>KC GRINCH CHRISTMAS</b>	 <b>TRIP DAY: ZOO</b>	 <b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>
	We're celebrating the most wonderful time of the year the classic Kiwi way. Sun, surf and sand with a sprinkling of Santa.	It's time to help Santa and the Elves of the North Pole get ready for Christmas! Let's make lots of presents and parcels and get ready for Santa and his Elves to deliver them on Christmas Day!	Let's come together to save Christmas from the Grinch! Overnight he took away all our decorations, let's work together to restore Whoville to it's Christmas glory!	Join us for an awesome trip day to Wellington Zoo. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.	Ho Ho Ho! There'll be lots of festive games, crafts and treats at this Christmas party so come along with plenty of holiday cheer to end the year with!
	<b>FULL WEEK:</b> \$280 8am-6pm	<b>FULL DAY:</b> \$59 8am-6pm	<b>SCHOOL DAY:</b> \$47 8.45am-3.15pm	<b>HALF DAY:</b> \$39 8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm	<b>EVENT DAY:</b> Extra \$20 (Included in Full Week)



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## Houghton Valley School Dates for 2024

	Start	End	Exceptions
<b>Term 1</b> (11 weeks)	Thursday 1 February	Friday 12 April 24	<b>Waitangi Day</b> Tues 6 Feb 24 <b>Easter Good Friday</b> 29 March, <b>Easter Monday</b> 1 April <b>and Easter Tuesday</b> 2 April 2024
<b>Term 2</b> (10 weeks)	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July 24	<b>King's Birthday</b> Mon 3 June 24 <b>Teacher Only Day</b> Tues 4 June 24 <b>Matariki Day</b> Fri 28 June 24
<b>Term 3</b> (10 weeks)	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September 24	
<b>Term 4</b> (10 weeks)	Monday 14 October	Thursday 19 December 24	<b>Labour Day</b> Mon 28 Oct 24 <b>Teacher Only Day</b> Tues 29 Oct 24 (TBC)