



Houghton Valley School Newsletter

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Thursday, 29th February 2024

Week 5 of Term 1

HVS Reminders

- Thurs - Swimming every week
- Fri 1st March – Movin' March Starts
- Mon 18th March – BOT Meeting 7pm
- Tues/Wed 26/27th March – Goal Setting
3 Way Conferences

Kia Ora Whānau,

Happy a Leap Day! The building work is progressing well. We are also in the process of painting the outside of Karaka and Nikau where our Year 1's are at the moment. It is all go here.

We are expecting to move back into the junior classes during the April holidays.

On Saturday (weather permitting) we will have roofers here finishing the guttering and roofing on the main block. They need to turn our power off due to the wires coming into the school in this space. If you can avoid this area on Saturday morning, I would appreciate it. This allows everyone to get the work done quickly and safely.



Strategic Plan 2024-2025

We have finalised our Strategic Plan for the next 2 years. You can see the full report on our website. Nga mihi to Vanessa Smith for being our wonderful designer.

We have kicked the year off with a bang to bring these goals to life. We have started Te Reo Maori PLD from all kaimahi/staff and te reo maori in every classroom. We have connected with the Houghton Valley community to develop a new playground and explore the outdoors. We have introduced Structured Literacy in years 3-6 to follow on from what we started in years 1 - 2 in 2022.

It has been a busy 5 weeks.

Movin' March - 1 March



**Māhe Manawa Ora
Movin' March**

1-31 March 2024 | movinmarch.com



Tomorrow see's the start of Movin' March for 2024. We have been gathering data from our tamariki to see how many already use active transport and how often. We are also going to look at the barriers. This is an area that the Board of Trustees are keen to work on too and understand what improvements could be made to make our streets safer.

Please help by filling out this quick community survey

<https://forms.gle/5AgGr37yvW39FYnX6>

If your child walks, scooters, or bikes to school they get a sticker on their Active Transport card. If your child is unable to walk the whole way to school, we encourage that you drop them off in the lower carpark or further up the road so that they are still able to walk some distance to school and this helps to reduce congestion at the gates.

There will be 2 stations set up every morning for children to get their card stamped. We look forward to seeing more active transport.



Te Reo Maori

At our Home and School hui on Monday night we had a request for us to share some of the kupu/words and instructions that we are using regularly in class, so we are going to add these to our fortnightly newsletters. This weeks:

- Kaiako/teacher says: whakaronga mai - akonga/students reply: titiro mai
- Haere mai ki te whariki - come to the mat
- kei te pehea koe? - how are you?
- kia tupato! - be careful
- whakamua to potae - put your hat on
- He patai? - Any question?
- Kua Marama? - Do you understand?

3 Way Conferences and Goal Setting



Next month, we will hold our term 1 Whanau, akonga (student) and Kaiako (Teacher) 3 way conferences. These are where we set goals for the term ahead and share work so you can see what your tamaiti (child) has been learning. Whanau need to go in and book a time that works for you. You can book through the Parent App. Here is the code: **n93k6**

Nga manaakitanga
Luana Carroll
Tumuaki, Houghton Valley School

School Interviews Code:
n93k6

A BIG WELCOME IN HARAKEKE CLASS TO:

☺ Ralph ☺ Lewis ☺ Floyd
and ☺ Ana in Kowhai Class

ROAD PATROL



We still need more helpers to get our road patrol successfully up and running as soon as we can. With Movin' March starting we hope to have more tamariki riding and walking to school.

If you could help with one or more please email

Nina: nina@houghton.school.nz Nina Hornell (Rata Teacher)

HVS EGGS FOR SALE - \$10 A DOZEN



HVS school EGGS for SALE by the end of next week. Yes, the chickens are returning from their holiday and we will have lots of fresh eggs soon. So, please contact our chicken farmer Claire Keys (Pohutukawa teacher) claire@houghton.school.nz if you would like to place your order for our school eggs.

Cost is \$10 for a dozen eggs. When your order is available you can collect them from the school 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**.



Callout: If you have any empty egg cartons (dozen) please bring them to the school office.

Thanks Claire Keys

HVS WINTER NETBALL YEAR 5/6

HVS Winter Netball Registration – Year 5 and 6 netball is played at EBIS on Saturdays in Term 2 and 3 as part of the Motu Kairangi Netball league. The year 5 & 6 play a 6v6 game which is fast and provides players with lots of touches on the ball to enhance skill development and enjoyment.



If your child would like to play in the HVS year 5/6 team(s) then please email **Denise** admin@houghton.school.nz to register your interest so we can start to organise team(s), new players welcome. We will also be looking for coaches, managers, and umpires to assist the team. **Team(s) will need to be registered by Monday 8th April 2024.**

First grading game will be in Term 2 on Saturday, 4th May 2024. Thanks Denise



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Te Kura o Haewai

HVS Home & School Association pānui

The Term 1, Week 5 H&S news:

Rima
Five

- **MOVE-A-THON COMMUNITY EVENT - SUNDAY 7TH APRIL**
See the separate poster in this newsletter for details!
- **BAKE SALES - NEXT ONE ON FRIDAY 22ND MARCH**
Thanks so much to **Rimu, Ngaio**, and **all our volunteer helpers** for last week's yummy bake sale. Our next bake sale is on Friday 22nd March - hosted by **Karaka** and **Ti Kouka**.

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 in the HVS community is part of the Home & School Association. Yes, you are already a member :)

Save the date - Term 2

Bake Sales: 17th May & 14th June
Matariki: 28th June

Later events

Term 3
Bake Sales: 9th Aug & 13th Sept

Term 4
Disco, Quiz, Fair, & Bake Sale!

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

Our school events rely on volunteers. Volunteering is easy - *no experience necessary*. Just an hour of your time can make a real difference to our community and help you meet other parents and caregivers. To learn more, contact homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz.

Houghton Valley School Information

Houghton Valley School Ph: 939-3318

Website: www.houghton.school.nz

PrincipalEmail: principal@houghton.school.nz

HVS Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/houghton.school.nz/>

School Office Email: 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 • 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

Phoebe – Co-ordinator Book before 4pm the day before or Email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz

Help us raise money to rebuild our much missed sandpit!



MOVE-A-THON

Sunday 7 April 10am-12pm

★ **BACK FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2018!** ★

Join us for this fun community event!

Tamariki are sponsored to do laps of the bike track
by running, biking, scootering, skipping, etc...

There will be music, coffee, sausage sizzle, prizes, and more!

BOOK THIS INTO YOUR WHĀNAU DIARY NOW!

If you can help on the day
(e.g. on the sausage sizzle), please email
homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz



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Seeds to Feeds is here! HV Community Hall Saturday, 2 March 5.30 - 8.30 pm



We hope you are planning to come to another great Seeds to Feeds local food celebration at our community hall. It will again feature yummy vegetarian and vegan food, including:

- Foraged salad, bread, preserves, dips; Panzanella, vegetable tarts, roast vegetables;
- Fruit and vegetable-based cakes and desserts; Drinks from the wild South Coast.

You need to book a koha based ticket for the event, these are now available online, please book soon! [Ticketing link](#)

As this meal is about local food, we welcome any vegetable contributions you might have ready in the next week. Produce we are looking for includes:

- Yellow or black tomatoes, Capsicums, Purple potatoes, Courgettes, Vegetables that can be roasted, Rhubarb, Salad items (on the day)

If you have something please contact admin@houghtonvalley.org.nz and we will put you in touch with the cooking team. If you would like to help with setting up and decorating the hall on the Saturday afternoon, please also contact us.

PLAYCENTRE OPEN WEEK AT HAEWAI / HOUGHTON VALLEY PLAYCENTRE

Houghton Valley Playcentre, 84 Houghton Bay Road, Wellington invites all families with 0-6 year olds to come along for a play and a cuppa during our Open Week (or any week). We'd love to meet you.

Mon 4 Mar 2024, 9:15am–12:30pm

Tue 5 Mar 2024, 9:15am–12:30pm (reo rua / bilingual session. All levels of Te Reo welcome)

Thu 7 Mar 2024, 9:15am–12:30pm (reo rua / bilingual session. All levels of Te Reo welcome)

Fri 8 Mar 2024, 9:15am–12:30pm

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2024/houghton-valley-playcentre-open-week/wellington>

Friendly, supportive, community of families. Birth to school-age. Parent-led. Play-based, mixed age. <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2024/houghton-valley-playcentre-open-week/wellington>

4 - 8 March is open week for all Playcentres, so if there is another Playcentre closer to your house, you're most welcome to visit them too!

Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon? Kilbirnie Park Sunday 17th March 2024

The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is designed for Kiwi kids aged 6-15 years to help them stay active and healthy through a programme of participation. The series has been running since 1992 and is a rite of passage for Kiwi kids. To date, over 475,000 Kiwi kids have given it a TRY. Open to Kiwi kids of all sporting abilities the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is a fun day out for kids, parents and families. Participants get to swim, cycle, and run their way around age-appropriate courses. You can enter either as an individual or as part of a team of two also we have created a **school group for HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL.**

Check out the Location page for your closest event and for more details. Go on "Give it a TRY!"

<https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/wellington/>

GIVE RUGBY A TRY!

SEASON STARTS
3 MAY

All welcome at our pre-season events at the Marist St Pats Gym!

CANES IN CLUB
Tue 5 March, 4:30-6pm

REGISTRATION EVENTS
Sun 10 March / 12-1:30pm
Sat 16 March / 10-11:30am
Mon 8 April / 5-6pm

Find out more about
Marist St Pats junior rugby
msprugby.co.nz/juniors
mspjuniorrugby@gmail.com

Term 1 Events for 2024

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 26- 1 March	Home & School Meeting 7:30pm in the staffroom			Swimming <hr/> Newsletter	Movin March Starts
Week 6 4-8 March				Swimming <i>FYI: No Seniors Swimming today</i>	
Week 7 11-15 March				Swimming <hr/> Newsletter	
Week 8 18-22 March	BOT Meeting 7-9pm			Swimming	Bake Sale - Karaka & Ti Kouka 2:55pm
Week 9 25-29 March		3 Way Goal Setting Conferences	3 Way Goal Setting Conferences	Swimming <hr/> Newsletter	Easter Holidays – Public Holiday
Week 10 1-5 April	Easter Holidays – Public Holiday	Easter Holidays – Public Holiday		Swimming	
Home & School Move-A-Thon – Sunday 7th April 10am-12pm <i>Please put a note in your diary – sponsorship forms will come home soon!</i>					
Week 11 8-12 April				Swimming <hr/> Newsletter	Last Day of School 2:55pm

KELLY CLUB

KELLY CLUB		THEME: Lost World Explorers <small>Term 1 Week 5, 4 March 2024</small>			<small>Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Houghton Valley</small>	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
2:55 – 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	
3:10 – 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheese Toasties & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Crackers, Cheese & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Noodles & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Thins & Fruit	
3:30 – 3:45 pm	<i>Game: Medusa's Gaze</i>	<i>Game: Still as Roman Statues</i>	<i>Game: Apollo's Lip Sync Competition</i>	DISCOVERY	COOKING BAKING CLUB!	
3:45 – 4:25 pm	DISCOVERY Clay Fossil Making 	CRAFT Atlantis Fishbowls 	GAME Mummy Wrap Races & Fashion Show Contest 	DISCOVERY Ancient Egypt Architecture Challenge 	COOKING BAKING CLUB! Clam Cookie Art 	
4:25 – 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	
4:35 – 4:50 pm	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Fruit Bars	Snack Time Veggie Crisps	Snack Time Fruit Salad	
4:50 – 5:10 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	
5:10 – 6:00 pm	Project - Board Game Decorating	Project - Board Game Decorating	Project - Board Game Decorating	Project - Board Game Decorating	Project - Board Game Decorating	