



Houghton Valley School

Newsletter

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together
Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Thursday, 14th March 2024

Week 7 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,



**Māhe Manawa Ora
Movin' March**

1-31 March 2024 | movinmarch.com



It is amazing to see so many tamariki on their bikes, scooters and walking to kura. On Friday board members, Home and School, Staff and Students will meet with Councillor Tim Brown to discuss making our streets safer. Nga mihi to those who completed the survey in the last newsletter. We have been asking for any whanau to help out with road patrol so that we can get this up and running to make crossing at View Road safe. If you can be part of making our streets safe then please email Nina on nina@houghton.school.nz. Keep up the good work to using active transport to get to school!



Property Update

We are pushing really hard to get all of the property work completed on time (24 April) so we can move back into our junior classes to start term 2. For this to happen, we need all the stars and weather to align.

You may notice additional workers and trucks onsite to make this become a reality. This will all be done safely but just reminding whanau that tamariki are not at school before 8.30am. This really helps!

We are also going to be getting our sewage drains replaced during the April holidays so that they can connect to all the new drains that have been installed during the refurbishment of the junior block.

Paid Union Meeting (PUM) Thursday 21 March

Thursday 21 March most of our teachers will be attending a Paid Union Meeting at 1.30pm. School will be open and there will be a number of teachers (including myself) and support staff here at school to take an alternative programme for that afternoon. We hope it is fine so we can all be outside.

If you want to pick your child up early from school then you can. If this is the case, can you please let the classroom teacher know by Wednesday that you will be picking them up at 12.30pm on the 21 March.

3 Way Conferences and Goal Setting – Tues/Wed 26-27th March 2024



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**

School Interviews Code:
n93k6

Easter Holidays

When the Easter holiday falls outside the April school holidays, we also get Tuesday off. This is an old grandfather clause that dates back too long ago. School will be closed from Friday 29 March until Wednesday 3 April.

Te Reo Maori

Here are 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:

- Taihoa! - wait
- Haere mai ki te tepu/whariki - come to the table/mat
- Your wero today is ...- your challenge today is ...
- Te Whetu o te Ra - Star of the Day
- Ka rawe koutou - Well done everyone

Nga manaakitanga

Luana Carroll

Tumuaki, Houghton Valley School

A BIG WELCOME IN HARAKEKE CLASS TO:

😊 Emile 😊 Charlie A 😊 Mila

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS ORDERS – ONLINE ONLY

We have sent home the latest Issue 2 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 Wednesday 27th March 2024

GARDENING CLUB

The gardening club have been very busy over the last few weeks clearing out and revitalising the māra kai by the playground. We are now ready to get planting and would be grateful to accept any koha of seedlings or seeds that would be good for planting for an autumn or winter harvest. Any donations can be dropped off to Nikau (room 3, where Harakeke currently resides). Abby Lummis



HVS YEAR FUNDRAISER (YEAR 5 & 6)

Jessie's Roti and Sauce

Kia ora! The camp is scheduled for December and the fundraising is already underway, with the opportunity for all families to purchase Jessie's Roti and Butter Chicken Sauce! It is absolutely delicious kai! Your whānau, neighbours and workmates can order too.

The options are:

- **Roti (\$18)** - Jessie's original roti - pack of 10 - delivered chilled, it also freezes well.
- **Sauce (\$7)** - Butter Chicken Sauce - 450g - no preservatives, vegetarian
(please note the sauce is delivered frozen)
- **Roti and Sauce Combo (\$24)** - stock up for your freezer!

How to Order:

Fill out the order form sent home with your tamariki and hand it into the office once completed. Please pay online to the HVS BOT bank account:

Houghton Valley School Board of Trustees
ASB 12-3481-0045763-00
Reference: ROTI & Child's Name

Order form and payment are due by **Friday, April 12th**. Extra order forms available at the office if you need one. Orders will be ready in Week 3, Term 2.





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Te Kura o Haewai

HVS Home & School Association pānui

The Term 1, Week 7 H&S news:

kori

move / movement

- **MOVE-A-THON SUNDAY COMMUNITY EVENT - 7TH APRIL**

Choose your method

Grab your form

Find your sponsors

And make sure it's on the family calendar!

See the separate poster in this newsletter for details.

- **KARAKA & TI KOUKA BAKE SALE - FRIDAY 22ND MARCH**

Our next bake sale is after school on Friday 22nd March - hosted by **Karaka** and **Ti Kouka**.

- **HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

We met on 26th February to discuss the teacher's update, community events for the year, and potential things to fund in 2024. See full minutes [H&S Minutes February 2024](#)

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

H&S AGM: 7:30pm Tuesday 7th May

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.

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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Te Kura o Haewai

Term 1 Events for 2024

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 11-15 March				Swimming Newsletter	
Week 8 18-22 March	BOT Meeting 7-9pm			Swimming Paid Union Meeting for Teachers	Bake Sale - Karaka & Ti Kouka 2:55pm
Week 9 25-29 March		3 Way Goal Setting Conferences	3 Way Goal Setting Conferences ===== Scholastic Book Orders Close	Swimming 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	Roti Orders Close ===== Last Day of School pickup 2:55pm

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 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

KELLY CLUB

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	THEME: Ooey Gooley! Term 1 Week 6, 18 March 2024 Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Houghton Valley				
2:55 – 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time				
3:10 – 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheesy Bread				
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Structured Freetime Outside				
3:45 – 4:30 pm	DISCOVERY Slime Bubbles 	GAME Guess the Goo 	DISCOVERY Ooey Gooley Squirty Chalk 	CRAFT Foam Slime Monsters 	COOKING Baking Club! Gooley Spaghetti Pies
4:30 – 4:35 pm	Tidy Up				
4:35 – 4:50 pm	Snack Time Fruit Bars				
4:50 – 5:10 pm	Homework & Quiet Freetime				
5:10 – 6:00 pm	Project: Board Game Decorating!				
E: houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz kellyclub.co.nz/houghton-valley P: 022 010 9981					

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wellington Harriers Children's Cross Country

Our Open day is Saturday 6th April at 1.45pm.

We meet at that the Wellington Harrier Club rooms on Alexander Road

Mount Victoria. The season will start with a relay (Donaldson Memorial) near our club rooms on Mt Victoria. This relay race is a fun introduction with mixed teams of adults and kids, laps are about 1.5k, and new members are very welcome to come along and give it a go! We offer two midweek after school cross country trainings, run by Athletics New Zealand Accredited Coaches. Close to our clubrooms we are lucky to have 8 different training locations, providing lots of variety to keep trainings interesting and fun! Our clubrooms couldn't be in a better spot.

We also assist with training for primary/intermediate age children competing in the school's cross country competition and help with fitness for other sports. Our races are held on Saturday afternoons except for Wellington Cross Country Champs. They are held on a Sunday. There are 5 club races and 7 interclub races. throughout the season and entry to these races is free. (Note interclub races are only open to club members). The membership period lasts for 12 months so if you join in the winter it also covers the summer athletics program which is held at Newtown Park. Register at - <http://www.whac.org.nz> For more information please contact: Julie Richards Children's Manager juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk 0212959026



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