



# Houghton Valley School

## Newsletter

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

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

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Week 9 of Term 1

### HVS Reminders

- Thurs - Swimming every week
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Yr5/6 BUSKING POSTPONED - Camp Fundraiser**
- Sunday - 7<sup>th</sup> April 10am till 12pm  
Move-A-Thon Sunday
- Monday - 8<sup>th</sup> April - BOT Meeting 7pm
- Friday - 12<sup>th</sup> April - Term 1 Ends 2:55pm

### **Kia Ora Whānau,**

Last year, Principals were given funding to use for their professional development and wellbeing in our Collective Agreement, so I am off to Banff in Canada to a Leadership Conference. I will be leaving on Wednesday 10 April and returning during the holidays.

There is a delegation of Principals from Wellington and all over New Zealand going. We are also going to visit the Calgary Department of Education to meet with the Director at the Indigenous Centre and some kura. I look forward to sharing what I learn while I am away.

As I will miss the last couple of days of this term, I wanted to wish everyone a safe April holiday.

### **Active Transport Team**

During Movin' March we had a group of ākongā working on an active transport project. They have been researching where all of our whānau live, which routes they use to get to and from school, and where our tamariki feel unsafe when travelling to and from school. The board has also been looking into this and carried out a survey with our whānau too. We used all of this information when we met with Councillor Tim Brown and Councillor Sarah Free on Tuesday afternoon to discuss ways to make it safer to use active transport when coming to and from school and ways to make it safer around our kural.

Our ākongā did a fantastic presentation of their findings. Both councillors were impressed with this, as were all of our staff and whānau who attended. We update you as this progresses.

***We still need 1 person to supervise Road Patrol on a Thursday morning.***



## Property Update

It is looking very unlikely that we will be able to move back into the Junior block during the holidays due to all of the additional work we have had to do. The project has become much bigger than planned or initially designed. Our team on site is working as hard as they can to get us in as soon as possible. It also means we have had to try and secure additional funding from the Ministry of Education. We haven't yet got a finalised date yet. I understand that it has been difficult for some of our tamariki in the Hall so if you have any questions please come and see me or drop me an email - [principal@houghton.school.nz](mailto:principal@houghton.school.nz)

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; this means most of the concrete areas of the school will be out of use so please avoid these spaces. The field, bike track and playground will be open for you to use.

## 3 Way Conferences and Goal Setting

We always value the opportunity to connect with our whanau. It was awesome to see so many of you attend over the past 2 days. We are keen to hear your feedback on how you found your child's conference.

As you may know we have a Strategic goal for strengthen how we connect and communication with whanau.: ***Nurture the connection and communication among ākonga, kaimahi, and whānau to support learning and celebrate success.***

We have a quick [feedback form](#) for you to complete to ensure we are connecting in a meaningful and relevant way for you and your child.

## Reminder Easter Holidays - School Closed

School will be closed from Friday 29 March until Wednesday 3 April.

**School is officially closed on Tuesday 2 April.**



## Cleaner Wanted

We are looking for someone who is reliable to work with Dave after school to clean our kura. We ideally want someone who can work Monday to Friday from 3.30-5.30pm. If you are interested, please contact me - [principal@houghton.school.nz](mailto:principal@houghton.school.nz)

## Out-of-Zone Enrolments - Terms 3 and 4, 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 Terms 3 and 4, 2024 year is open and will close Tuesday 30 April 2024 (12 noon) and will be drawn Tuesday 7 May, 2024 for 5 new entrants. <https://houghton.school.nz/whanau-a-z>

Nga manaakitanga

Luana Carroll

Tumuaki, Houghton Valley School

## BOT UPDATE

Kia ora koutou e Te Kura o Haewai whānau,

Year 2024 keeps rocking on and as we head towards the end of our Term 1 we have a few important updates to share.

We have formally **updated our Cell Phone and Curriculum and Student Achievement Policies** to adhere to the new government's directive in these areas – namely to ban cell phones in the classroom and to ensure we are teaching an average of one hour a day of maths, reading and writing, or pānui, tuhituhi, and pāngarau. Our kura was largely adhering to these policies already, so the updates are very minor in effect. All whānau can view these policies (and all school policies) on our website <https://houghton.school.nz/policies-and-procedures>

We also wanted to **update you on the playground** which has been partially closed off for health and safety reasons. We have now received a report outlining the work needed to get the playground up to standard so it can be re-opened. The good news is that the work is not as significant as we had first thought. We would like to now open up **expressions of interests for any builders in our community** who may be interested in completing this work for us. Please email Luana at [principal@houghton.school.nz](mailto:principal@houghton.school.nz) for more information.

And finally, the **Educational Review Office (ERO)** has informed us that they will be undertaking an evaluation of Houghton Valley School starting from next term. ERO last reviewed our kura in 2019 and you can view their report on our website <https://houghton.school.nz/strategic-planning-reporting>

Have a great Easter Break, and don't forget about Easter Tuesday (no school)!

Ngā mihi nui  
Houghton Valley School Board of Trustees

## HVS BASKETBALL – TERM 2



### **Basketball for Term 2**

Registrations have opened for the Term 2 season. Fiona will be sending home a basketball notice to those children interested in playing Basketball (5v5) in term 2. Please return the forms as soon as possible. Year 5/6 starts on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April and Year 3/4 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Also, these teams are parent run, so a volunteer to help manage the team on the day would be great! Thanks Fiona

## TERM 2 - CROSS COUNTRY



This year the HVS Cross Country will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 1:30pm here at HVS. The Southern Zone Cross Country (qualifying Year 4-6 students) will be Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at McAllister Park, Berhampore with the rain day of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.

So, get yourself running over the Easter and school holidays so to get you ready.

## HVS CAMP 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. [Roti form Here](#)

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.



## YUMMY APPLE STICKERS



Every year we collect yummy apple stickers and labels for HVS.

We will be able to get free sports gear for our school. So, let's start to collect the stickers and we have till the end of Term 3 2024 to get as many as we can.

You can download the sticker forms off the website or pickup one from the school office. Checkout the website: <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>





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## HVS Home & School Association pānui

The Term 1, Week 9 H&S news:

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*move / movement*

- SEE YOU AT THE   **MOVE-A-THON**  

See you on **Sunday 7th April 10am-12pm** for our tamariki's sponsored laps around the bike track. There will be...

music, glitter tattoos, sausage sizzle, candy floss, **COFFEE!!!**, and more

The kids should be seeking sponsorship from well, anyone! On Sunday they'll come along and do as many laps as they can, and then their sponsors pay them based on the amount they pledged per lap.

Tell your kids; there will be **PRIZES** for the most laps, best costume, and more!

We are fundraising so we can get the sandpit rebuilt, let's do our best to work towards our goal of **\$10,000!** [Move-a-thon Form Here](#)

Please note that **after the event**, we need you to:

1. **Transfer your child's hard-earned sponsorship money** into the Houghton Valley Home & School bank account (see sponsor forms for the account number and payment reference).
  2. **Please hand in your sponsor form** to the office. *If we all hand in our sponsor forms, our Home & School Treasurer, Luke Cartmell-Gollan, will experience incredible joy.*
- **HVS FAIR DATE ANNOUNCED - SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER**  
This is the biggest HVS event of the year - with fun, live music, food, games, crafts, books, clothes, toys, and more! **Enter it in your whānau calendar now!**  
Keen to get involved? Fair Coordinators meeting early Term 2 tbc. Contact [hvsfair@gmail.com](mailto:hvsfair@gmail.com)
  - **THANKS TO KARAKA & TĪ KOUKA**  
Thanks to **Karaka** and **Ti Kouka** for all the yummy treats on Friday 22nd March. Great bakes and an excellent chance for the school community to connect.

## 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

Fair: Saturday 16th November  
Disco, Quiz & 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](mailto: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](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz)



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## Term 1 Events for 2024

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 25-29 March		3 Way Goal Setting Conferences	3 Way Goal Setting Conferences =====	Swimming ----- Newsletter	<b>Easter Holidays – Public Holiday</b>
Week 10 1-5 April	<b>Easter Holidays – Public Holiday</b>	<b>Easter Holidays – Public Holiday</b>		Swimming	
<b>Home &amp; School Move-A-Thon – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10am-12pm</b> <i>Please put a note in your diary – sponsorship forms will come home soon!</i>					
Week 11 8-12 April	BOT Meeting 7pm			Last Swimming ----- Day	Roti Orders Close =====
					<b>Last Day of School pickup 2:55pm</b>

## KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM



**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.

**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:** @KellyClubIslandBay  
**Address:** 6 Thames Street, Island Bay

## APRIL 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ISLAND BAY SCHOOL

WEEK 1	Mon 15 April	Tues 16 April	Wed 17 April	Thurs 18 April	Fri 19 April
WEEK 1	 <b>KELLY CLUB NINJAS</b> Hi-yah! It's time to train and chop through the fun at Kelly Club. Together let's find your ninja name!	 <b>RAINFOREST ADVENTURE</b> Silently creep into the evergreen forest for an adventure. Will you be as fast as a jaguar or as slow as a sloth?	 <b>EVENT DAY</b> Join us for an awesome trip day to Laserforce, Wellington. \$20 extra for the day. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.	 <b>KIDS VS STAFF</b> Join for a day full of fun! We can't wait to battle as we enjoy Kids vs Staff together! Will the staff hail victorious, or will the kids take over and show them who's best!	 <b>ROCK 'N' ROLL</b> Get ready to rumble and rock on your air guitar. Today we dance the day away.
WEEK 2	Mon 22 April	Tues 23 April	Wed 24 April	Thurs 25 April	Fri 26 April
WEEK 2	 <b>MAD SCIENTISTS</b> BOOM! We're turning into mad scientists today as we enjoy a day full of experiments! Will our tests lead to success? Only one way to find out!	 <b>SERGEANTS &amp; SOLDIERS</b> Being in the special forces is an honor and takes real bravery. Today we will acknowledge those brave men and women that represent us!	 <b>EVENT DAY</b> Join us for an awesome trip day to Ice Skating. \$20 extra for the day. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.	 <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>ANZAC DAY</b> No programme today, see you on Friday!	 <b>LET'S GET DACEY</b> Bring the games you love playing with your family to life. Do you think you've nailed all the classic board games? Try it in the human edition.

**FULL WEEK: \$280**   **FULL DAY: \$60**   **SCHOOL DAY: \$48**   **HALF DAY: \$40**   **EVENT DAY: Extra \$20**  
8am-6pm   8am-6pm   8:45am-3:15pm   7am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-6pm   (Included in Full Week)

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

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Junior Have A Go Day at Wellington Hockey.

As we gear up for the open grade opening weekend, we're thrilled to host a special session aimed at introducing new junior players to the joys of hockey. Our goal is to foster enthusiasm for the sport while providing a fun and welcoming environment for young participants.

Here are the details of the event:

Saturday 6th of April 2024 - 10:00am -11:00am - National Hockey Stadium - Ages 5-12 / Years 1-8

This session is designed for those who are curious about hockey and would like to give it a try. We believe it's a fantastic opportunity for kids to explore the sport, learn new skills, and make friends in the process.

We genuinely appreciate your support in promoting youth participation in hockey and look forward to potentially welcoming new players from your school community. Should you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your attention, and we hope to see some of your students at our Junior Have A Go Day!

<b>Houghton Valley School Information</b>	
<b>Houghton Valley School Ph: 939-3318</b> <b>Website: <a href="http://www.houghton.school.nz">www.houghton.school.nz</a></b> <b>PrincipalEmail: <a href="mailto:principal@houghton.school.nz">principal@houghton.school.nz</a></b>	<b>HVS Facebook page</b> <b><a href="https://www.facebook.com/houghton.school.nz/">https://www.facebook.com/houghton.school.nz/</a></b> <b>School Office Email: <a href="mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz">admin@houghton.school.nz</a></b>
<b>Healthline 0800 611 116 OR COVID-19 Info 0800 358 5453</b>	
<b><u>Bee Healthy Dental Clinic</u></b> • 0800 825 583	<b><u>Ezlunch.co.nz</u> • Thursdays • Sushi</b> • Fridays • Pita Pit - go online to <b><a href="http://www.ezlunch.co.nz">www.ezlunch.co.nz</a></b> please order before <b>8:30am</b>
<b><u>Kelly Club After School Care</u> - <a href="http://www.kellyclub.co.nz">www.kellyclub.co.nz</a> Cell 022 010 9981</b> Phoebe – Co-ordinator Book before 4pm the day before or Email <b><a href="mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz">houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</a></b>	