



Houghton Valley School

Newsletter

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Thursday, 2nd March 2023

Week 5 of Term 1 2023

HVS Reminders

- Thursdays – Swimming DAY every week
- Fri 3rd March – Bake Sale 3pm (bottom court)
- Sun 12th March – Working Bee 10am-12pm
- Mon 13th March – BOT Meeting 7pm
- Wed 15th March – Junior Parent Workshop Better Start Literacy 2-2:50pm
- Tues or Wed 21-22 March – Goal Setting 3pm

Hauora at Haewai

Over the past few years, we have added a number of new Hauora strategies and tools to our kete to support the needs and the ongoing demands that our tamariki have had to face over the past 3 years.

We have been a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) kura for the past 7 years. This means we work from a Corrective learning model and not a punitive one.

One of the ways we show that we are a PB4L school is by using the Restorative Conversation process to work through the issues and the harm that is caused. It is important that we can reach an agreement and a way forward for both parties. This makes our tamariki feel safe and supported, stops the issue from festering, or getting bigger.

Messaging we give to our tamariki:

- *ask an adult to help and if you need support ask a friend to come with you*
- *let an adult know at school as soon as possible - duty teacher, classroom teacher or the Principal*
- *tell your whānau what happen so that they can support you and they know what agreement has been made*
- *if you see things happening that are not okay be an Upstander and come and get help or give help by checking on the person involved*

Tools and Strategies we use at school	
Circle Time	to discuss issues and behaviours, not isolating the person, group problem-solving
Zones of Regulation	support learners to understand how to be in their best learning space and what their triggers are
Restorative conversations	to resolve problems between different groups/individuals
Individual Behaviour Plans (IBP)	To support learners who need additional support to self-regulate
Data collection	To identify common behaviours. We use this to plan circle time sessions or an IBP for an individual, or to do some staff professional development

- **Bystander:** *a person who sees or knows a bullying incident is occurring to someone else.*
- **Upstander:** *a person who uses words and actions that can help someone who is being bullied. There are a range of helpful actions you can take if you feel safe enough to do so.*

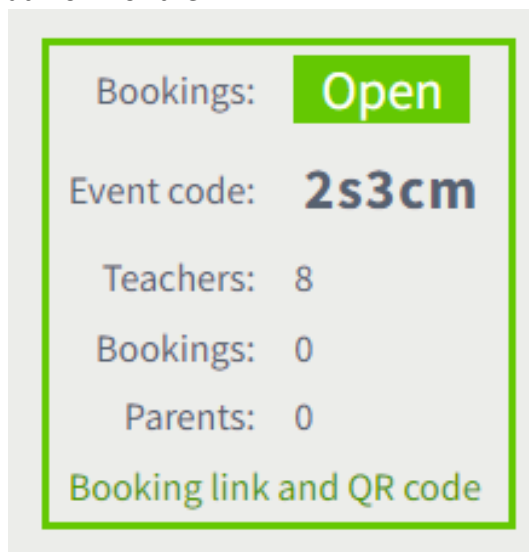


School Community Working Bee





Date	Project	Equipment
Sunday 12 March - 10.00-12.00pm	Weeding in the Tremendous area	Gloves, forks, shovels
Saturday 25 March - 9.30-1.30pm	Outdoor seating area	Hammers, saws, drills

Goal Setting - Tuesday 21 March and Wednesday 22 March

We have our term 1 goal setting in a few weeks. This year, as well as setting learning goals, we will also be setting 2 Hauora goals. This connects with the mahi we are doing in our learning programmes and supports our tamariki to find strategies that work for them.



You can book an a time through the Spotlight app - **Interviews** or through <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>

My Hauora Plan -			
Thinking about how I am feeling. What zone am I in? I need to ...			
Blue Zone	Green Zone	Yellow Zone	Red Zone
 Sad, tired, sick	 Happy, excited, content, focused	 Stressed, anxious, nervous, frustrated	 Confused, annoyed, angry, frightened
Feels like ...			
Looks like ...			
What can I do?			
My hauora goal for term 1 and 2 is ...			
1			
2			



Communication and Spotlight App

Here at HVS we use an app called Spotlight to keep you informed with information from school and about your tamariki. As the name suggests, Spotlight provides whānau with the opportunity to log into a portal via our school app to view their child's progress and evidence of their learning throughout the year.

Sharing of learning and evidence for all whānau through Spotlight will happen throughout the year in a range of different areas. These will appear as an alert on your app. The learning and evidence shared will help to create a picture of your child's learning journey throughout the year. Please let us know if you need instructions or a new password. Denise can help you with this - admin@houghton.school.nz

Better Start Literacy Workshop for Parents

On Wednesday 15th March, we will be hosting an afternoon workshop for whānau with tamariki in the Kākano Syndicate (Year 0-2) about supporting your child's early literacy skills. The session will cover the Better Start Literacy Approach we use at school, supporting your child with reading and writing at home, and helping your child grow their vocabulary. The session will run in Nikau from 2pm-2:50pm. We hope to see you there!

Until next time, be your best.

No reira, kia kaha ra,

Ngā Mihi Nui,

Luana Carroll

Te Tumuaki, Houghton Valley School

A BIG WELCOME IN HARAKEKE CLASS TO:

😊 Millie van Baarle and 😊 Nova Gezentsvey

Sweatshirts - From Days Gone By

In our tidying up we discovered some sweatshirts from the 90's. We are asking for a koha (cash only) and thought it would be first in first served! They are in the office - there are 17 tops ranging from size 8-12.



Reminder Swimming every Thursday including 30th March 2023



Reminder Next Working Bee
is Sunday 12th March 2023 10-12pm



BOARD OF TRUSTEES - FEBRUARY UPDATE

Kia ora koutou

With the 2023 school year already at full steam ahead, we wanted to introduce ourselves and let you know some of the key areas of work coming up for the Board of Trustees (BOT) this year.

Who are we?

The BOT is responsible for the governance and strategic direction of the school. Our BOT consists of parent representatives - Seb Bishop (Presiding Member), Bret McKenzie, Mike Brough and Ana Tovey; a staff-elected representative - Stephanie Bosch; and the HVS Principal Luana Carroll. We are lucky to have Emily Faith supporting us as Secretary. You can find out more about us - and how to spot us around the school - in our bios below.

Georgie Ferrari has resigned from the BOT. We thank her for the time and expertise that she contributed over the two years that she was a member.

What's the Board up to in 2023?

2023 is a busy year for our kura and the BOT. You will likely already be aware of one of the main pieces of work taking place - the water tightening and update of the library and the block of classrooms from Harakeke to Ngaio, which the BOT is overseeing.

Another major focus for the BOT this year is developing the HVS three-year strategic plan, which will replace our annually-reviewed school charter from 2024 onwards (this is part of new legislation to improve how schools plan and report). Strategic planning shapes our objectives and actions for the year, and ensures the BOT can monitor and report on progress.

We will invite the school community to feed into this process, to share your aspirations and needs for the vision and future of HVS. The information gathered in community consultation makes a meaningful impact in shaping the direction of the school e.g in the last strategic review you told us to stick with single cell classroom spaces, and so in our upcoming classroom refresh we'll be keeping the single cell spaces.

We're awaiting further information from the Ministry, and will then share a timeline for the review and consultation.

The BOT is also working to improve and consolidate how we communicate with our school community and how we let prospective whānau know what makes our kura so special. We're starting with a refresh of the school website.

Parents are welcome to attend board meetings. Our next meeting is *Monday, 13 March, 7-9pm*. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about your Board of Trustees you can contact us via our presiding member Seb Bishop at botsebastian@houghton.school.nz or 027 391 8026

Ngā mihi nui

Houghton Valley School Board of Trustees

BIOS

Parent Representative - Presiding Member of the Board – Sebastian Bishop –

botsebastian@houghton.school.nz



Seb and partner Jo have two kids at HVS and have lived in the valley for almost 10 years. Seb's background is in central and local government with a focus on Treaty of Waitangi issues, building partnerships with mana whenua, community engagement, and sustainable transport.

Seb loves the ocean and feels very lucky to live on Wellington's beautiful south coast. You may see Seb dropping off his kids on a big cargo bike (wearing a bright yellow helmet), catching the local cricket team at the Basin Reserve or very occasionally playing music at some of the more obscure venues around Te Whanganui-a-Tara.

Parent Representative – Treasurer - Mike Brough – botmike@houghton.school.nz



Mike and his wife Cilla, have four kids who have all gone through HVS. The oldest three are now at Wellington High, Rongotai and SWIS, and Poppy is in year 4. Many of you will know Cilla who has been relieving at HVS for the last couple of years.

Mike has a business background and is a Director of two businesses; DOT Loves Data and Octave. When time permits, Mike likes to keep active and loves playing football, surfing and mountain biking.

Parent Representative – Property - Bret McKenzie – botbret@houghton.school.nz



Bret and his wife Hannah have three children who have all attended HVS. The two eldest are now at SWIS and Wellington East Girls College and their youngest is currently in year four at HVS. This is Bret's second term on the Board of Trustees and he is leading the property team through the 2023 building renovations.

Bret works in music, film and television, and has lived in Melrose for twelve years. You may see him riding his bike around the hills, walking Rosie the dog or running late to drop off/pick up his kids from school.

Parent Representative – Communications - Ana Tovey – Botana@houghton.school.nz



Ana, partner Paul and HVS kids Iris and Clementine moved home to Aotearoa five years ago, after living in London and outback Australia. Ana is a visual and digital journalist/producer currently working at 1News, with a background in documentary production and community media. She has public sector arts funding management, partnership and policy experience.

Principal – Luana Carroll – principal@houghton.school.nz



Luana has been the Tumuaki at Houghton Valley School since 2018. This is her first principalship. She is a descendant of Ngāti kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Te Atiawa.

Luana has worked in education for over 25 years and is now working with the children of children she taught when she first started teaching. When Luana was 10 she wanted to be a school teacher and a silver fern. At least one came true!

Staff Representative – Stephanie Bosch – stephanie@houghton.school.nz



Stephanie has been teaching at Houghton Valley School since 2016 and teaches year 1-2 in Ti Kouka (room 6).

LET'S GET MOVIN' IN MARCH!



Movin' March is here!

We're proud to be a Movin' March school and this month we're looking forward to seeing whānau and students walking or wheeling to or from school. Walking, biking and scooting is a great way to improve well-being, kick start learning for the day and it's also great for the planet! We're leaving our WOW Passports in classes so we can stamp your trip and keep an eye out for our low plastic spot prizes!

WOW Passport Challenge

Let's get stamping! [Walk or Wheel Passport Challenge](#) goes all through March. We'll stamp your walk or wheel trips in classes and all entries will go in the draw to win one of 12 x \$400 MYRIDE vouchers (you don't have to complete your whole card to go in the draw!). If your family lives too far away, why not park a short distance away from the school gate and walk or wheel the rest of the way? For more information see our [Park & Stride](#) tips or try parking near the Kids Play area south of Houghton Valley School or walk down from Buckley Road on the Southern walkway we call the 'Gut Buster'.

Whānau Photo Competition

Whānau can enter a photo of their journey to or from school and be in to **WIN 1 of 5 x adult or child**

Micro Scooters and helmets! We're also giving away family passes to [Staglands Wildlife Reserve](#) or [Zealandia](#). WOW... that's 15 prizes to be won! **Post a photo and comment on our Facebook page responding to the weekly theme OR Post a photo and comment on your own Facebook or Instagram page and tag us @movinmarch** (excludes posting "Stories"). Winners announced by 12th April.



HVS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY, CONNECTION, CONTRIBUTION

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

Mā te kotahitanga e whai kaha ai tātau. In unity, we have strength.



- **Bake Sale** - Friday 3rd March at the school bottom court from 2.55pm- our tamariki in Pōhutukawa and Tī Kōuka have been busy making posters and preparing for the bake sale this week. All our profits this time will go to Omaha School in Hastings, one of the schools that has been badly affected by recent weather events in the Hawke's Bay. So come along and grab some yummy baking. We will also have a koha box available for extra donations.

For parents of Pōhutukawa and Tī Kōuka, please drop off baking to the Nikau Rm 3 on Friday morning. Please talk to your whānau rep if you can help on the day.

- **Save the date:** Our second bake sale for this term will be on 24th March with Karaka and Ngaio classes.
- We had our first Home and School Association meeting of 2023 recently. Ngā mihi to everyone who came down to the school. You can now read the Minutes from Term 1 meeting here: <https://houghtonvalleyschool.files.wordpress.com/2023/03/hvshs-february-2023-minutes.pdf>.
- Our next meeting will be our association's **Annual Meeting on Monday, 8th May, 7.30pm**. We'd love to see as many of you as possible, so save the date in your calendars.

The amazing HVS Fair doesn't happen by accident! If you're interested to see how such a welcoming community event is formed, come along to the Fair Coordinators pre-planning meeting, online on Thursday 2nd March 7:30-8pm.

We will discuss the fair date, reflections from 2022's Fair, and opportunities available for others to join the lead roles. All are welcome!

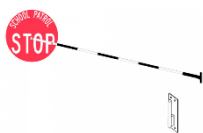
Join Zoom Meeting for the HVS Fair-ies

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7037584125?pwd=c1JYWVW3NFE0d00xb0lkVUx0NWNRdz09>

Meeting ID: 703 758 4125

Passcode: 7RDme6

ROAD PATROL – HELP PLEASE



We have started our road patrol this week. The current Year 6s were trained last year by Constable Aaron Dann and we will need some whānau support. Students will be out at 8:30am and 2:45pm, so we need support for Thursday mornings and every afternoon. It is a great way to get to know the community and support children getting to school safely. If you are able to support, please let Charles know via email: charles@houghton.school.nz Many thanks! Charles

HVS SPORTS

Junior Tough Person Challenge

This was a really successful and fun event for our tamariki last year. It is back this year and is taking place on two days, 24 May and 25 of May. The entry fee is \$30 per athlete if you register beforehand and \$35 on the day. Children will need parent support as we will not be able to send a staff member. If you would like more information the link to the website is below:

<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/#wj>

To help with carpooling, we might it could be good to decide on a day and have the HVS students work together on that day.

Please let me know if you have any questions and if you plan on having your child attend. We can then put all the whanua in touch with each other to help with transportation. Cheers, Charles

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - ONLINE



We have sent home the latest Issue 1 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 app.

ONLINE Orders CLOSE by FRIDAY 3rd March 2023

HVS EGGS FOR SALE - \$8 A DOZEN



HVS school EGGS for SALE. Yes, we have new chickens and lots of fresh eggs. Please contact our chicken farmer Jill Holmstead jill@houghton.school.nz if you would like to order our school eggs. **Cost is \$8 for a dozen eggs**. When your order is available your child will bring the eggs home or you can collect them. 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**. Thanks Jill Holmstead



COMMUNITY NEWS

Seeds-to-Feeds - Come and join our Seeds-to-Feeds local food celebration in our Community Hall on Sunday 12 March from 5.30 - 8.30pm. The yummy plant based meal will include locally grown and foraged ingredients as well as some from not far away. Bookings are koha based, \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. For more details and to book your place go to: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/seedstofeeds/856054>



Pippins
5 - 6 years

Join in the fun at Island Bay Pippins. Being a Pippin with GirlGuiding NZ is a very popular choice for 5 and 6 year old girls. We welcome all girls interested to join our Unit in Island Bay at St Hilda's Church from 6-7pm on a Tuesday night during the school term. If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter would like to have fun then contact Dianna on phone: 04 3837518 or email meates21@gmail.com or Denise in the HVS office.

Events for Term 1 2023

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
Week 5 27-3 March			Paid Union Meetings for Teacher 1:30pm-3.00pm	Swimming <u>Scholastic Book Club Closes today</u>	Bake Sale 3pm Bottom Court	
Week 6 6-10 March		<i>Life Education van at school</i>		Swimming	9:15am Hui - Kowhai & Ngaio	Working Bee 10am-12pm
Week 7 13-17 March	BOT Meeting 7pm		<i>Kākano Syndicate</i> Better Start Literacy Parent Workshop 2pm-2:50pm	Swimming		
Week 8 20-24 March		Goal Setting 3pm onwards	Goal Setting 3pm onwards	Swimming	9:15am Hui - Rimu & Harakeke ===== Bake Sale 3pm Bottom Court	<u>SATURDAY</u> Working Bee 9:30am-1:30pm
Week 9 27-31 March				Swimming	9:15am Hui – Karaka & Pohutukawa	
Week 10 3-6 April	BOT Meeting 7pm		Last Day of Term 1 pickup 2:55pm	Teacher Only Day - School is closed	Easter & School Holidays	Easter Holiday

HVS SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2023

	Start	End	Exceptions
Term 1 (10 weeks)	Tuesday 31 January	Thursday 6 April 23	<i>Waitangi Day</i> Mon 6 Feb 23 <i>Teacher Only Day</i> Thursday 6 th April <i>Easter</i> in the School Holidays
Term 2 (10 weeks)	Monday 24 April	Friday 30 June 23	<i>Teacher Only Day</i> Monday 24 th April <i>Anzac Day</i> Tues 25 April 23 <i>Queen's Birthday</i> Mon 5 June 23 <i>Matariki Day</i> Fri 14 July 23
Term 3 (10 weeks)	Monday 17 July	Friday 22 September 23	
Term 4 (10 weeks)	Monday 9 October	Friday 15 December 23	<i>Labour Day</i> Mon 23 Oct 23

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Healthline 0800 611 116 OR COVID-19 Info 0800 358 5453	
<u>Bee Healthy Dental Clinic</u> • 0800 825 583	<u>Ezlunch.co.nz</u> • Thursdays • Sushi • Fridays • Pita Pit - go online to www.ezlunch.co.nz please order before 8:30am
<u>Kelly Club After School Care</u> - www.kellyclub.co.nz Cell 022 010 9981 Eden – Co-ordinator Email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz	