



# Houghton Valley School

## Newsletter

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

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

Wednesday, 15th March 2023

Week 7 of Term 1

### HVS Reminders

- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March TODAY – Junior Parent Workshop Better Start Literacy 2-2:50pm
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March – **STRIKE DAY – NO SCHOOL**
- Tues or Wed 21-22 March – Goal Setting 3pm
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Swimming Lessons
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March – 9:15am Hui- Rimu & Harakeke
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March – 3pm Bake Sale (Rm4 & Rm 8)

**Kia ora Whānau,**

### SCHOOL CLOSED ON THURSDAY

#### **Industrial Action -NZEI Teachers' Strike on Thursday 16 March 2023**

The NZEI has advised the Houghton Valley School Board that its member teachers at our school will be taking strike action on **Thursday 16 March 2023**.

The Board has considered the availability of non-union teaching staff and unfortunately decided that we can't provide normal instruction during the strike so the school will officially be closed for instruction during the above date.

If making alternative arrangements for care is difficult, we can still supervise a small number of students if required. Please contact the school office at [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz) if your child(ren) will need this BY **WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH, 3pm**

### He Korero Haewai - Our Story of Houghton Valley

We are now well into creating the series of murals on the fence panels. These panels will tell stories of our rohe from the beginning of time and towards our dreams of the future. We will be holding a dawn blessing for the new fence on Wednesday 5 April. We will have more details very soon as we would like to have as many whānau and community there as possible.

**Next week, we need help to demolish the old fence to make way for the panels (we are keeping the posts). If you are able to help can you please email Luana - [principal@houghton.school.nz](mailto:principal@houghton.school.nz)**

### 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/>

Bookings:	<b>Open</b>
Event code:	<b>2s3cm</b>
Teachers:	8
Bookings:	0
Parents:	0
<a href="#">Booking link and QR code</a>	

### Better Start Literacy Workshop for Parents

On **Wednesday 15th March**, we will be hosting an afternoon workshop for whānau with tamariki in the Kākanō 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!



### Working Bee

Ngā mihi nui ki a whānau to mahi! We had a great turn out on Sunday to our working bee in the tremendous area. The amount of work that was done was amazing - mahi tahi!

Thanks to Jill Holmstead who organised another successful school community event!

FYI The next working Bee has been cancelled.

No reira, kia kaha ra,  
Ngā Mihi Nui,

Luana Carroll  
Te Tumuaki,  
Houghton Valley School



## PB4L Restorative Process

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.

# RESTORATIVE PROCESS

- 1 Tell the Story**
  - What zone are you in?
  - What can you do to move your emotions into the 'green zone'? Are you ready to talk?
  - Thank you for calming, tell me what happened and who was there?
- 2 Explore the harm**
  - Who do you think has been affected by your actions and how?
  - How do you think they are feeling and what zone do you think they are?
  - Did you show our HVS values?
- 3 Repair the harm**
  - How can you solve this problem so that everyone is in the 'green zone' and feeling safe?
  - What do you think \_\_\_ needs to see/hear from you now?
  - What will sorry/fixing the problem look like?
- 4 Reach an agreement**
  - If this happens/you feel like this again what will you do?
  - What values will you show/what things will you do differently if this happens again?
- 5 Plan follow up**
  - I will check in with you on \_\_\_
  - What will happen if you don't do the agreed action?



Last TWO Swimming Lessons 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March for the year.



Next Working Bee has been CANCELLED



# HVS HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PĀNUI.

Our Home & School Association is a collective of caregivers of our Houghton Valley School tamariki. Everyone who is part of the HVS community is part of the Home & School Association. Yes, you are already a member :)

## BAKE SALES

Pohutukawa and Ti Kōuka and everyone that supported - what an amazing effort! We raised over \$800 for Omaha School in Hastings to support them through their flood response efforts. Ngā mihi nunui ki a koutou! And a high-five to our kura for providing the tunes and the cones for happy Friday bake sale vibes. Check out the pics.

Our second bake sale for this term will be next **Friday 24th March with Karaka and Ngaio classes** at the bottom court from 2.55pm (junior classes will come out from 2.45pm so you might want to pop some coins into their wallets or arrive early) - whānau in those classes, you'll hear from your class reps soon.

## AGM - MONDAY 8TH MAY, 7 - 9PM

Put that into your calendars now for the **Home & School Annual General Meeting**. It's an opportunity for us to celebrate the hard work of our kura and community. Holding an AGM is also part of our obligation as a registered charity. But it's not all process and minutes, we guarantee fun, kai and kōrero. We'd love to see as many of you as possible. Watch out for the official notice with more details.

## SAVE THE DATE: HVS FAIR - SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023

A group of parents (just like you) had the first HVS 2023 Fair meeting to start the planning process. Thanks to all those who came - whether you've been helping with the fair for years or are new. The fair is for the community and run by the community.

We would love to hear from you if you can help us this year - either ahead of the fair or on the day. There'll be another "All Welcome" Fair Planning meeting in Term 2.

Could you be the "Comms Lead"? If you have a penchant for playful puns and a flair for fancy phrasing and like a good social media post or two, we need you! Contact [hvsfaire@gmail.com](mailto:hvsfaire@gmail.com) if you'd like to know more.



Me te mahi tahi tātou mo te orange o te katoa.  
Let's work together for the wellbeing of everyone.



At the **BAKE SALE** on the **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** we will have the **Ranfurly Shield** and **NPC Cup** onsite!

## LET'S GET MOVIN' IN MARCH



### Movin'March

As part of Movin'March we are lucky to have free bike checks for our students' bikes, helmets and tyres from My Ride Wellington on

**Tuesday 21 March from 8.15-9am.**

***So be at Houghton Valley School early if you'd like to have a safety check.***



## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Houghton Valley Playcentre

Houghton Valley Playcentre is inviting whānau with tamariki aged 0-6 years to come along for a visit. We run sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 9.15am - 12.30pm. Thursday is our bilingual session where children and parents learn te reo Māori together.

Your tamariki can play and experience some new toys, messy play, outdoor play equipment and make new friends. Bring spare clothes (we love exploring through messy play) and a lunch box/snacks for your tamariki. Tea and coffee is provided for adults.

We look forward to seeing you but feel free to send us an email at [hvplaycentre@gmail.com](mailto:hvplaycentre@gmail.com) if you have any questions or call us on 027 880 5363 during session hours.



**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](mailto:meates21@gmail.com) or Denise in the HVS office.

### Events for Term 1 2023

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 13-17 March	BOT Meeting 7pm		<i>Kākano Syndicate</i> Better Start Literacy Parent Workshop 2pm-2:50pm	<b>Strike DAY</b>  NO SCHOOL TODAY	
Week 8 20-24 March	Golf Sessions at School	Bike Safety Check 8:15am-9am =====	Goal Setting 3pm onwards	Swimming	9:15am Hui - Rimu & Harakeke =====
		Sth Zone Football Festival Year 4/5/6 =====			Bake Sale 3pm Bottom Court
		Goal Setting 3pm onwards		Swimming	
Week 9 27-31 March					9:15am Hui – Karaka & Pohutukawa
Week 10 3-6 April	BOT Meeting 7pm		Dawn Blessing of the Fence =====	<b>Teacher Only Day - School is closed</b>	<b>Easter &amp; School Holidays</b>
			Last Day of Term 1 pickup 2:55pm		
<b>Reminder: Home and School AGM 7pm-9pm – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 23</b>					

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<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></b> • Thursdays • Sushi • Fridays • Pita Pit - go online to <a href="http://www.ezlunch.co.nz">www.ezlunch.co.nz</a> please order before <b>8:30am</b>
<b><u>Kelly Club After School Care</u></b> - <a href="http://www.kellyclub.co.nz">www.kellyclub.co.nz</a> Cell 022 010 9981 Eden – Co-ordinator Email <a href="mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz">houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</a>	
<b>HVS School Fair – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Put this date in your DIARY</b>	