



Houghton Valley School

Newsletter

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Thursday, 30th March 2023

Week 9 of Term 1 2023

HVS Reminders

- Fri 31st March—9:15am Hui Karaka & Pohutukawa
- Mon 3rd April – 7pm BOT Meeting
- Wed 5th April – 8am Whakatuwhera/Opening of the Fence
- Wed 5th April – Last Day T2 of School 2:55pm

Reminder Teacher Only Days - No School

Thursday 6th April 23 and Monday 24th April 23
and the Tuesday 25th April 23 is Anzac Day Public Holiday

so

Term 2 Starts on Wednesday 26th April 23

Kia ora Whānau,

This is my final newsletter for a while as I go on sabbatical for term 2. I'm really proud of the mahi we (tamariki, staff and community) have done this term. I'm looking forward to traveling and to catch up with friends and whānau but I am also excited by what I am coming back to!

John Wootton will be filling in for me while I am away. John has recently retired from fulltime principalship. He is looking forward to working with our tamariki, kaiako and community. He has also taught some of our whānau! Feel free to pop in and say hi. You can email him on - principal@houghton.school.nz

He Korero Haewai - Our Story of Houghton Valley

You are invited to our Whakatuwhera (Opening) on Wednesday 5 April at 7.45am

7.45am - Assemble in the car park

8.00am - Whakatuwhera

8.15am - Speeches

8.40am - Kai in the Hall

As staff will be in the Hall area and involved in this event, we ask that you don't bring your children to school until after 8.30am if they are not attending the Opening as the classrooms will be closed.

He Korero Haewai
Whakatuwhera
(Opening)
for our Waharoa, Pou and Fence.
Nau mai, Haere Mai
whānau and community of
Te Kura o Haewai/Houghton Valley School
to acknowledge and celebrate
the story of our place.
Wednesday 5 April, At 8.00am

(We ask that you Assemble in the main car park by 7.45am
so we can start on time)

Term 2 - Key Dates

- Teacher Only Day - Monday 24 April
- ANZAC Day - Tuesday 25 April
- Colour Run/Cross Country 10 May
- King's Birthday - 6 June
- Matariki evening- 29 June
- Term ends Friday 30 June

Goal Setting Conferences

Ngā mihi nui koutou for attending our Goal Setting Conferences. Teachers really enjoy the opportunity to connect with you and to discuss how we work together to support your child. These goals will come home in the next few days or you may have them already.

Reminders

Just a reminder that children need to come prepared for the ever changing weather with plenty of clothing (a change of clothing), that they arrive at school from 8.30am (not before) and that they bring enough kai for morning tea and lunch. We have a lot of growing tamariki who are eating everything at morning tea time.

No reira, kia kaha ra,
Ngā Mihi Nui,

Luana Carroll
Te Tumuaki, Houghton Valley School

HVS BOARD OF TRUSTEE MARCH UPDATE

Kia ora koutou Houghton Valley School whanau,

As we get into 2023 we want to firstly acknowledge the awesome mahi that the HVS teachers and staff are putting into care, inspire and explore with our tamariki each day. Last week in particular was a busy one with goal setting hui, swimming, school hui and a bake sale. We are very lucky to have such a fabulous HVS school community!

One of the key areas of focus for the Board this year is to ensure that we are meeting our obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi. We know that over recent years a lot of effort has gone into making New Zealand classrooms better reflect our Te Tiriti partnership. The Board wants to make sure we are also doing this at a governance level. The Houghton Valley Board of Trustees is a Crown entity, and as such has legal and Treaty obligations that we need to be aware of and fulfil appropriately. To help, the Board will be attending Te Tiriti o Waitangi training run by the New Zealand Schools Board of Trustees Association (NZSTA) in May. We also expect that Te Tiriti o Waitangi will be a feature of the HVS school strategic plan refresh later this year (watch this space!). If whānau have any thoughts or ideas about how at a governance level HVS could better meet its Te Tiriti of Waitangi obligations we'd love to hear them - please email Seb (our presiding member) at botsebastian@houghton.school.nz

In other news the team is in the final stages of refreshing our website. Please keep an eye out for a brand new website which should go live in the next month or so!

And finally, a quick reminder that whānau are welcome to attend our monthly board meetings (our next hui is on 3 April, 7pm) and you can view the minutes of our previous meetings on our website.

Have a great rest of Term 1 and enjoy the Easter break.

Ngā mihi
HVS Board of Trustees

HVS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION UPDATE

COMMUNITY, CONNECTION, CONTRIBUTION

HVS Home & School Association Pānui.

Our Home & School Association is a collective of parents and 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 :)

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive.

- **Another Brilliant Bake Sale**

"I liked the music. It was good for waiting in line." Amaia, Year 4.

Ka mihi nui, big thank yous to:

☀️ Ngaio and Karaka classes for providing all that delicious baking (and this time we even had pizzas that went down a treat!).

☀️ The parents from those classes for their service with a smile.

☀️ The teachers for helping organise the tamariki so smoothly.

☀️ **AND you**, the school community, for buying the food, hanging out, chatting and connecting in the south-coast sun. The Home & School Association is here to help build the school community, so it was great to see so many people coming together.

☀️ PLUS we made **\$730.80** that will go straight to supporting the fun things at HVS like the flying fox and the bike track. Woohoo!

- **Whakatuwhera - Wednesday 5th April, 8am**

We'll see you at the opening of the waharoa, pou and fence Wednesday 5th April.

After the opening it is customary to eat together to lift the tapu (sacred) and return to noa (neutral). Let's have a hākari/feast together!



Please bring some breakfast-type food to share after the ceremony for a pot-luck breakfast (e.g. think foods like breads, hot cross buns, croissants, fruit, quiche, waffles, and more). These can be dropped off at the hall before 8am.



We need some help from the HVS community to serve!

Set up team: 7.30 - 8am

Serve and clean up: 8.20 - 9am.

Please contact Flic 027 329 1020 or homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz to be involved.

- All parents and caregivers are invited to attend the **Home & School ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** to be held on Monday 8th May, 7.30-9pm.

The **purpose** of Home and School is to support Houghton Valley School to advance the education of its students by:

1. building the School community, including enhancing communication between parents, staff and wider community;
2. raising funds to enhance:
 - a. the quality of educational opportunities provided by the School; and
 - b. the School's environment.

Holding an **AGM** is part of our obligation as a registered charity. But it's not all process and minutes, we guarantee **fun, kai, kōrero, and community connection**.

We'd love to see as many of you as possible to help us celebrate the hard work of our kura and help us look ahead for the next year.

Please find our notice, agenda and minutes from the last meeting in this link

<https://houghtonvalleyschool.files.wordpress.com/2023/03/home-and-sOpenchool-notice-of-annual-general-meeting-info-2023.pdf>

- **HVS FAIR - Are you our Fair Comms Lead?**

The HVS Fair will be on Saturday 28th October, so save the date.

We are still looking for a **Comms Lead** to join our merry team of volunteer fair organisers. 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 hvsfair@gmail.com if you'd like to know more. Or come along to the AGM and have a chat with some of the fair organisers.

- and finally, only a few more days until the end of Term 1. We wish you all enjoyable and safe school holidays - bring on those public holidays in between.

HVS SPORTS

HVS Winter Netball Registration – URGENT - 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 4th April 2023, next week.* First grading game will be Saturday, 6th May 2023. Thanks Denise



Basketball for Term 2
Registrations have opened for the Term 2 season. Can you please let me know if your child is keen to play and I'll put the team(s) together, email charles@houghton.school.nz
If we get enough in either year group, we might have to make two teams, so please let me know if you would like your child placed with another student. I will do my best to accommodate.

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

Here is some more information with days and dates. Cheers, Charles

Term 2 (5-ON-5)

MONDAY

Grade: Year 5/6

Date: 24 Apr - 26 Jun

Time: 4pm - 6pm

Season: 9 Weeks

Cost: \$500 Per Team

TUESDAY

Grade: Year 3/4

Date: 2 May - 27 Jun

Time: 4pm - 6pm

Season: 9 Weeks

Cost: \$500 Per Team

LET'S GET MOVIN' MARCH



Movin' March – Final Week!

Passports

We're doing our final stamping for the [WOW passport competition](#) and will collect the cards from each class teacher next week and send them to enter the prize draw. The passports don't need to be 'full' to be returned as they will all be entered into the prize draw. We send these off to Greater Wellington for counting.... And you'll be in to win 12 x \$400 [MYRIDE](#) vouchers!

Special Thanks to Fraser from Myride who came to school early last Tuesday to meet students as they arrived at school and checked their bikes and helmets. Fraser gave advice on good fitting helmets, tested the brakes and even pumped up tyres for some happy tamariki.



Whānau Photo Competition

You have until 31st March to post your pic and comment on the Movin' March [Facebook](#) page under Week 5's theme, or post and tag us (@movinmarch) on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#). You'll be in to WIN **1 of 5 x adult or child Micro Scooters**. There's also **TEN** Family Passes to [Staglands Wildlife Reserve](#) or [Zealandia](#) being given away. More details on Movin' March [Facebook](#) or [Competitions](#) page on our website. Winners announced by 11th April.

Movin' March would love to hear from parents – and you could win!

The team at Greater Wellington would love to hear what parents and whānau thought about Movin' March. Please complete the short [whānau survey here](#). You'll also get the chance to **win a \$100 Prezzy card!** Students can also take part by completing the [student survey](#) and be in to win a \$50 Prezzy card.

KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AND KELLY SPORTS



Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment. The April Holiday Programme is full of exciting activities and trips that will guarantee your children have a great time including:

Superhero Fun Day, Enchanted Forest Day, Seriously Silly Science Day, Colour me Crazy, The Wizards Cup, Building Masters Day plus, trips to: Swimming at Te Rauparaha Arena, The Police Museum, Avalon Park

Click on the link to see the Activity Planner: Island Bay
to Enrol go to www.kellyclub.co.nz



KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 2 - ACTIVE AUTUMN SPORTS!!

The Kelly Sports sessions are a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop and enhance balls skills, catching, kicking, and throwing, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness. We teach new skills and improve ability by using games, drills and exercises. It's a great way to try new sports and maintain fitness – all while having fun!!

In Term 2 we will be focusing on the following sports:

Basketball, Netball, Football and Rippa Rugby

Classes start in week 2 of term 2 for 8 weeks, Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm.

To Enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz and put "Houghton Valley" in the school box!

KELLY CLUB FUN PROGRAMMES THAT KIDS LOVE!

YOUR KIDS' HOME AWAY FROM HOME!

OUR PROGRAMMES ARE PACKED WITH EXCITING ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO NURTURE, EDUCATE AND INSPIRE YOUR KIDS.

SPORTS COOKING ART SCIENCE + MORE!

At Kelly Club, we offer quality before- and after-school care in safe and supportive surroundings, with programmes that are tailored to your kids' ages and skill levels. Our dedicated and passionate staff are fully trained in all aspects of looking after your children.

Check out our wide range of activities, easy online booking system, flexible payment options and childcare subsidy information at:

www.kellyclub.co.nz

We welcome:
Year 0 to 6 at Houghton Valley School

After-school options:

2:55pm – 4:30pm \$17.00
2:55pm – 6:00pm \$23.00

WHY CHOOSE KELLY CLUB?

- Supporting your school**
We share our revenues with your school to benefit your learning community.
- Quality care you can trust**
Our programmes are approved by the Ministry of Social Development and our nutritious, yummy food complies with the safety requirements of the Food Act 2014.
- Childcare subsidies**
Eligible parents or caregivers can access WINZ subsidies to help cover the cost of our programmes.
- Flexible payment plans**
Enjoy same-day booking and cancellation without penalty. We charge in arrears, so you only pay for the childcare you use.

Contact: Eden Penfold
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BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

COMMUNITY NEWS



We also assist with training for primary/intermediate age children competing in the school's cross country competition. Our coaches are qualified and Athletics NZ Accredited. For more information please contact: Julie Richards Children's Manager
juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk 0212959026



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 if you have any questions or call us on 027 880 5363 during session hours.

Events for Term 1 2023

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 27-31 March				Last Swimming Lesson	9:15am Hui – Karaka & Pohutukawa
Week 10 3-6 April	BOT Meeting 7pm		8am Whakatuwhera/Opening of the new Fence ===== <i>Last Day of Term 1 pickup 2:55pm</i>	Teacher Only Day - School is closed	Easter & School Holidays
Term 2 starts Wednesday 26th April 2023 (due to Teacher Only Day & Public Holiday)					
Reminder: Home and School AGM 7pm-9pm – Monday 8th May 23					

Houghton Valley School Information

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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	
HVS School Fair – Saturday 28th October 2023 - Put this date in your DIARY	