



Houghton Valley School

110 Houghton Bay Road, Houghton Bay, Wellington.

NEWSLETTER

Houghton Valley School Mission Statement

INSPIRATION, CHALLENGE, ACHIEVEMENT

TE HIRINGA, TE WEROHIA, TE WHAKATUTUKITANGA

Thursday, 28th August 2008

Week 6 of Term 3

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Tēnā koutou katoa. Congratulations to the two hundred senior children from our school that performed as part of the Artsplash Choir last Thursday night. Being part of such a large choir and performing in a venue like the Michael Fowler Centre made it a very special event for both the singers and those of us in the audience. Thanks also to teachers Peter, Monica, Brendan and Katie for the many hours spent teaching the songs and preparing our students for the performance.

At lunchtime last Friday the teachers played soccer against the year 6 children. It was a game of two halves, played in good spirit. All credit to the opposition. The children stepped up, the teachers had a lot of 'go forward' and everyone played with passion. While there was a bit of debate about the score after the game, the referee (a teacher) informs me that it was in fact 2-2. Soccer was the winner on the day.

Last Friday afternoon we also combined age groups for an 'Indoor Olympics'. While the events were slightly different to those in Beijing and they lasted an hour instead of two weeks, they featured a similar level of competitiveness and this was good to see. Thanks to the children for their humour and energy!



Indoor Olympics



Conservation Club and flax seedlings



Year 6 vs Staff - Soccer

FUTURE ENROLMENTS

I am currently in the early stages of planning for next year. An important part of this is the accurate prediction of 2009 enrolments. It is essential that I have a clear picture of the number of children likely to be attending our school, as it affects the make up of classes, the enrolment scheme and the level of funding we receive from the Ministry of Education. If you intend to enrol any children at Houghton Valley School next year, please inform us immediately if you haven't already done so. If you know of another family that may be considering our school as an option, please encourage them to contact us. Thank you.

Please feel free to contact me on 9393318 or principal@houghton.school.nz if you would like to discuss any school-related issues. Ka kite ano.

BARRY SCHON

Principal/Tumuaki

Southern Zone Swimming Results

	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Relays Boys		2 nd Thomas Gibson Jaxson Crouch Jesse Park Bailey Gibson-Redden	2 nd Andrew Bennett Oliver Dunidam Louis Kay Hal Sellers
Relays Girls			Δ 1 st Bella Cleary Lucy Burns Nikita Govind Olivia Kiel
50m Freestyle Boys		3 rd Jaxson Crouch	Δ 2 nd Andrew Bennett
50m Freestyle Girls			3 rd Lucy Burns
25m Freestyle Boys		3 rd Jaxson Crouch	
25m Freestyle Girls			Δ 2 nd Lucy Burns
25m Backstroke Boys		3 rd Jaxson Crouch	Δ 2 nd Andrew Bennett
25m Backstroke Girls			3 rd Lucy Burns
50m Backstroke Boys		3 rd Jaxson Crouch	Δ 1 st Andrew Bennett
50m Backstroke Girls	Δ 2 nd Amy Bridges		Δ 2 nd Lucy Burns

Note: Δ Will go to Interzone Swimming on Tuesday, 16th September

Yummy Apple Stickers



Yes, we are collecting yummy stickers again this year. The credits earned by the collection of yummy stickers are used to buy sports equipment. The whanau yummy sheets are in the foyer for the children to put there stickers on if they wish! You can print off more sheets from the website www.yummyfruit.co.nz Deadline Monday 15th September.

HOME & SCHOOL

Fair If you're the type of person who loves organising and taking the lead then the Houghton Valley School Fair is just the thing for you. We need volunteers of all types. Please contact Helen Hoffman at 387 4548 or helen.hoffman@ccdhb.org.nz. The next meeting of the Home and School is Tuesday 2nd September. This is a Fair meeting. Please come along.

Movie Night - Thursday 18th September at 6pm - Movie: W.A.L.L.-E See attached flyer!



\$2 Healthy BBQ Burgers - this Friday \$2



Next H & S Meeting - Tuesday, 2nd September 2008 7:30pm - Fair Focused

Calendar for Term 3 - 2008	
Home & School Meet – Tuesday 2 nd September	Year 6 to SWIS for Morning – Friday 29 th August
SWIS Open Evening – Monday 1 st Sept 7pm	Interzone Swimming – Tuesday 16 th September
Movie Night - <u>W.A.L.L.-E</u> – Thursday - 18 th September 6pm	
Last Day of Term 3 – Friday 26 th September	First Day of Term 4 – Monday 13 th October
Teacher Only Day – Tuesday 28 th October 2008	

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