



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, 8th September 2011

Week 6 of Term 3

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Tēnā koutou katoa. Our school production preparations are gaining momentum with classes composing their items and practising singing and dancing. The next few weeks will be very busy as we count down to our performances, and teachers may call on you to help with props, costumes etc. Like last term's art exhibition, our school production will no doubt be one of the year's highlights – and hopefully something our children will remember fondly. We are all looking forward to it.

WHANAU HUI TONIGHT 6pm Staffroom

Nau mai. Haere mai. Parents of Maori children are invited to tonight's whanau hui at 6pm, in the staffroom. We will be chatting about ways to enhance the teaching of Te Reo Maori in our kura and are keen to discuss any suggestions you may have.

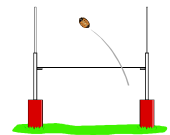


IDEAS RE NEW CLASSROOM

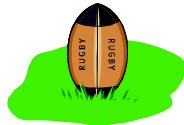
The property subcommittee of the Board of Trustees is in the process of identifying possible sites for our ninth classroom. Currently we feel that it would be unwise to use up any flat playground space, so that cuts down our options. If you have any bright ideas about possible sites, please let us know. Email Sarah FQ doddsfq@paradise.net.nz or me principal@houghton.school.nz

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

Assembly tomorrow, Friday 9 September, at 2pm, in the hall. All welcome.



We are all looking forward to the Rugby World Cup starting tomorrow. Here at school we plan to have a 'Black Out Day' on Friday 23 September to celebrate the fact that the All Blacks will definitely be the winners of the cup (no pressure Graham H!). More details later. Go the All Blacks!



Ka kite kua nei.

Barry Schon

Principal/Tumuaki

A BIG WELCOME IN POHUTUKAWA TO:

☺ Joe Wood



\$2.50

Healthy BBQ Burgers – this Friday

\$2.50



Home & School News

School Fair

Preparation for our school fair are going really really well but there are still some areas that require assistance from any parents who are able to lend a helping hand. To find out more about what areas are still vacant and what is required, please contact Sarah FQ on 387 2799 – cell 0274 399 090 or email doddsfq@paradise.net.nz

Next Home & School Meeting - Tuesday 4th October at 7:30pm in Staffroom

For any comments, ideas, or contributions to the Home and School section of the newsletter, email homeandschool@houghton.school.nz. Nga mihi ki a koutou na Home and School team.



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A Whanau Forest Project

The HVS Rainforest is a special part of Houghton Valley. Recently, we received a donation of trees from the council to encourage the growth of our forest. To make sure these trees find their way into the soil and are looked after properly for future generations we are setting up the Whanau Forest Project.



At HVS each student is part of a whanau or family of children from all levels of the school. Whanau meet during the year so that all the different ages in the school can engage with and support each other. Each teacher is in charge of a different whanau which is recognised by a different colour.

The Whanau Forest Project assigns an area of the rainforest to a particular whanau. It will be the whanau's responsibility to look after that area during their time at HVS.

Throughout the next four weeks we would like to invite parents to come and help the different whanau plant and weed their area of the rainforest. We also invite parents to come during their available time to help clear certain areas of blackberry and other pest plants.

The timetable for whanau planting is below. If your child is unsure which whanau they are in there is a list in the hallway outside the office. Next to this list will be a sign up sheet for parents who can come and help out. We will also require spades, rakes and other gardening tools.

Dates	Time	Whanau Groups	
Friday 9 th September	9:15am -10:30am	Ma – Miss Grinsted	Tawa – Mr Titcombe
Friday 16 th September	9:15am- 10:30am	Kahurangi – Mr Holmstead	Kakariki – Lizzie and Jill
Friday 23 rd September	9:15am- 10:30am	Kiwikiwi – Gillian	Pango – Mrs McLean
Friday 30 th September	9:15am- 10:30am	Paraone – Mrs Mercury	Whero – Miss Nemet

Any questions, please see Miss Grinsted. This is a community event and the success of this project depends on everyone getting involved. See you there!

Community Notices

Kelly Sports October Holiday Fun! – Kelly Sports is running workshops in both weeks of the October holidays. We run fun, active and challenging programmes for ages 5-12. These holidays we've got **Football** and **Netball** workshops aimed at developing sporting skills and improving game play, spatial awareness and teamwork. For a fulltime option, **Kelly Club**, our new action packed activity programme, will be running 8am-5pm both weeks. Plus! Kelly Sports will be back next term, enrol now to qualify for the earlybird discount! Check out www.ksports.co.nz for more details or call the office on 049727201. **Enrolments for the October Holidays and Term 4's programmes are now open**, spaces are limited – don't miss out!