



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, 1st September 2011

Week 5 of Term 3

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Tēnā koutou katoa.

WHANAU HUI NEXT THURSDAY

Parents of Maori children are invited to our next whanau hui at 6pm, Thursday 8 September. This time we will meet in the staffroom. The aim of this hui is for us to korero about suggestions raised at the last hui and make a plan. Any suggestions for things that should be included in next week's hui should be sent to monica@houghton.school.nz

EARTHQUAKE PRONE BUILDINGS UPDATE

Yesterday I received a 70 page seismic assessment report on our main block (office, rooms 5-8). A few months ago the Wellington City Council identified it as being 'possibly earthquake prone' but the seismic assessment has found that this is not the case, which is great news! I expect to receive a report on Rooms 1 and 2 by the end of next week.

ICAS SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT

Recently, 20 HVS children chose to enter the ICAS Science Competition. I was very proud of all of their efforts. Special congratulations go to:

High Distinction – Henry Williams, Tristan Harris

Distinction – Hannah Clarke, Daniel Sellen, Emma Bridges, Imogen Kilioni, Sampson Mollan, Chenoa Vorster

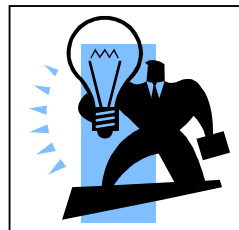
Credit – Flynn Cuming, Caroline Birse, Samantha Graham, Kate Pickard, Rachel Gibson

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

TERM DATES 2012

Term 1	Tues 7 Feb – Thu 5 April 2012
Term 2	Mon 23 April – Fri 29 June 2012
Term 3	Mon 16 July – Friday 28 September 2012
Term 4	Mon 15 Oct – Thu 20 December 2012



NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

There will be no assembly tomorrow. The next assembly will be on Friday 9 September.

NO BURGERS TOMORROW

There will be no burgers for sale tomorrow. Sales will resume next Friday.

Have a great week. Ka kite kua nei.

BARRY SCHON

Tumuaki (Principal)

A BIG WELCOME IN POHUTUKAWA TO:

☺ Izzy Penfold

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!

Home & School News

Next Home & School Meeting – Tuesday 6th September 7:30pm in Staffroom

No burgers this Friday

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 the Home and School team.

Community Notices

TENNIS OPEN DAY – Island Bay Tennis Club
Sunday 4 September 10am – 1pm

*All welcome – from beginners to seasoned players.
Coaching for children available, with a focus on fun!*

More info at www.islandbaytsc.org.nz

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