



Houghton Valley School

110 Houghton Bay Road, Houghton Bay, Wellington.

NEWSLETTER

Houghton Valley School Mission Statement

To INSPIRE, CHALLENGE, ACHIEVE

TE HIRINGA, TE WEROHIA, TE WHAKATUTUKITANGA

Thursday, 16th February 2012

Week 2 of Term 1

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Tēnā koutou katoa. Our first week back at school has been very enjoyable. Teachers tell me that their classes have started well and that they are enjoying being back at school with the children. While we are very fortunate to have a stable staff here at HVS, it is also healthy to have new staff join us as they bring additional skills and 'a fresh pair of eyes'. I can confirm that we have a replacement for Gillian Menaker, when she leaves us at the end of this term to head overseas. We will really miss Gillian and we wish her well. The new teacher (for R5) will be Liz Chalmers, who is currently teaching in Whangarei. Liz is an experienced classroom teacher who has had literacy leadership, Reading Recovery and school management experience. We look forward to having her join us at the beginning of term two.



ANNUAL LYALL BAY PICNIC NEXT THURSDAY

Our whole school picnic at Lyall Bay is next week, Thursday 23 February (postponement day Fri 24 Feb). Please read the attached notice, complete the attached permission slip and return it to school ASAP. As part of our supervision requirements, we rely on parents walking with us to the beach and/or getting into the tropical Lyall Bay water with us, so bring your wetsuit! We're looking forward to it!

EMERGENCY MEDICATION and EMERGENCY CONTACTS

We have quite a few children who have emergency medication stored here at school. If your child needs such medication, please ensure that it is up-to-date and that we have clear instructions about its use. Thanks.

ADDRESSES and CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved house, changed jobs or changed your landline or mobile numbers, please let Denise in our office know. It is important that we have up-to-date contact details.



EMAILED NEWSLETTERS

Please email Denise admin@houghton.school.nz if you would prefer to start receiving an emailed newsletter each week (and save a few trees!). Those on the emailing list from last year will continue to receive the newsletter by email.

ASSEMBLY tomorrow, 2.15pm

Our first school assembly of the year will on tomorrow, Friday 17 February, in the school hall, at 2.15pm. Family members and friends most welcome.

2012 TERM ONE DATES (7 Feb – 5 April)

Friday 17 Feb	- Room 8 snorkelling, Island Bay
Wednesday 22 Feb	- Board of Trustees meets - staffroom
Thursday 23 Feb	- Whole school picnic at Lyall Bay (postpone Fri 24 Feb)
Tuesday 6 March	- HVS Cross Country
Tuesday 6 March	- Whanau hui
Monday 12 March	- Parent/teacher conferences
Tuesday 13 March	- Parent/teacher conferences
Wednesday 21 March	- Board of Trustees meets – staffroom
Tuesday 27 March	- Southern Zone Cross Country
Thursday 29 March	- Year 5/6 stay at Tapu Te Ranga Marae
Friday 30 March	- Whole school day at Tapu Te Ranga Marae
Tuesday 3 April	- Soccer tournament
Thursday 5 April	- Performance assembly 1.45pm hall
Term ends on Thursday 5 April	



Barry Schon

Principal/Tumuaki

TO PAY HVS ONLINE – STATIONERY – ACTIVITY FEE – SCHOOL DONATION

The Houghton Valley School bank account is.. 06 0577 0059859 00

Clearly state what the payment is for e.g. 'HVS donation' and your child's name in the reference box. Thank you.



Community Notices

Artrageous Kids. Art and Creativity Sessions - Our aim for Artrageous Kids is to allow your child to explore what excites them! To encourage the process of exploration rather than a desired outcome and most of all to have fun and follow their creativity. Rm 3 Thursday Afternoons from 3.30 till 5pm Starting Thursday 16th Feb till Thursday 29th March. We are planning to do some and exciting things this term including, Kite making, Tye dying, Marionette puppets and making 3d board games. We will be sure to have plenty of glue gun excitement to keep everyone happy. Call us now to book a space for your child. Or email us at artrageouskids@gmail.com Caroline 3893534 and Aleksandra 971 5179 We are happy to watch your children from 3-3.30 start time if you are unable to be there. This term we have 2 casual spaces available if your child would like to only come to one or two sessions. The cost is \$15 per session.

Join the Fun – Brownies - All girls 7-10 years old are invited to join our Brownie Unit in Newtown. We meet on Tuesday nights in the school term 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm at St Anne's Parish Hall, Emmett Street. Brownies is lots of adventurous fun and we do a whole range of activities and work towards badges. For an idea of what we do see www.girlguidingnz.org.nz Come along any Tuesday, or contact Kathryn Marsh; Brownie leader for more details on 04 8025049 newtownbrownies@gmail.com

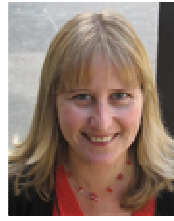
Houghton Valley - Our community to dig into its past on Saturday 25th February

On Saturday February 25 an archaeological dig "by the community – for the community" will be held on the site of a former farm house of an original 44 acre dairy farm, just below the children's playground on the corner of Houghton Bay and Hungerford Rds. For further information, or to get involved, please contact Grant 9342787 or email grantcorbishley@gmail.com

HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL TEAM Term 1 2012



MONICA MERCURY
Y5 Teacher
Senior Leader



LARA NEMET
Y2 Teacher
Junior Leader



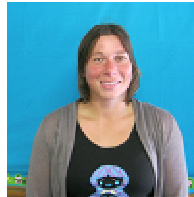
JILL HOLMSTEAD
Y1 Teacher
Enviro Leader



LIZZY LUMAN
Y1 Teacher



GILLIAN MENAKER
Y2/3 Teacher



CLAIRE ROWAT
Y3 Teacher



MATT TITCOMBE
Y4 Teacher
Sports Leader



PETER HOLMSTEAD
Y6 TEACHER
E-Learning Leader



JENNY COSSEY
Release Teacher



LIZ McLEAN
Release Teacher



JOS ABERNETHY
Release Teacher



MARY SMITH
Reading Recovery



EMERSON NIKORA
Te Reo Teacher



ROSS ALEXANDER
E-Learning Teacher



JOANNA LUDBROOK
Librarian



JASMINE PRITCHARD
Teacher Aide Leader



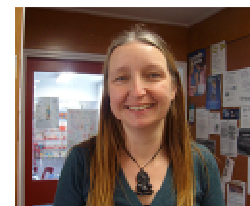
Jo GRAHAM
Teacher Aide



JULIA BROMLEY
Teacher Aide



ALEKSANDRA
Teacher Aide



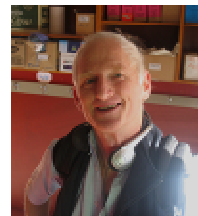
TANYA TAYLOR
Teacher Aide



GEORGE MOUTZOURIS
Teacher Aide
After School Care



KATE FITZROY
After School Care



DAVE McARTHUR
Caretaker



DENISE FORRESTER
Office Manager



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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are planning a whole school trip to Lyall Bay Beach on Thursday 23 February (Fri 24 Feb if wet). We would be very happy for families to join us.

Outline of the day:

- *Leave school at 9.45am and walk to Lyall Bay, having morning tea upon arrival.*
- *Prior to going to the beach, our children will be divided into 3 groups and each group will be timetabled to swim for 40 minutes (to avoid having 185 children in the water at the same time).*
- *When not swimming, children can play on the beach or take part in a sand sculpture competition.*
- *Have lunch together at 12.40pm.*
- *Leave beach around 1.40pm to walk back to school – we are asking parents of children in Pohutukawa(R1) and Mahoe(R7) to help transport their children back from the beach as the walk up the hill may be a bit much for them.*
- *We expect to be back at school by 2.30pm.*

To ensure the safety of our children we intend to do the following:

- have teachers and parents in the water with the children to ensure they stay in shallow water
- make sure children are wearing sunblock
- request that parents who accompany us to the beach help by supervising children both in and out of the water

You can help us by explaining that, due to the large number of children we are taking, it is important that everyone sticks to the rules and the timetable for swimming. Children will also need good footwear for walking, a hat, a nourishing lunch/drink and warm clothes to wear after swimming.

As with other trips, we rely on parents helping, so that we have appropriate adult:child ratios. If you can help, please indicate this on the permission slip. Feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

BARRY SCHON (Principal)

HOUGHTON VALLEY SCHOOL

I give permission for my child _____ Room _____ to go on the trip to Lyall Bay Beach on Thursday 23 February (or Fri 24 Feb if wet).

my name: _____ signed: _____

phone: _____

I can / cannot come on the trip as a parent helper.

I can / cannot get in the water to help supervise.

I can / cannot transport children back to school.

*Return to school
ASAP*