



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, 6th October 2011

Week 10 of Term 3

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Tēnā koutou katoa. The school production was a great way to finish off another excellent term. While academic endeavours like reading, writing and maths are obviously very important, the experience of working together to put on a school show, that involves every child, is of huge value. I know that you all enjoyed the items and, like us here at school, were extremely proud of the children. Thanks again to everyone involved – without your support and encouragement we wouldn't be able to do the things we do. My thanks go to our staff team for their hard work and this term. I am fortunate to be leading such an able, cohesive group. To the children, thanks for your energy and humour – enjoy your well-earned break.

ROOM ONE and TWO

We continue to talk with the Ministry of Education in an effort to speed up repairs to rooms one and two. In response to questions about this situation, the Board of Trustees will be sending home a letter to room one and two parents in the near future.

TE REO CLASSES AND EXTENSION

Next term, Matua Emerson Nikora (Te Reo Maori specialist), will be working in our classes and with an extension group. Emerson has arrived from Manawatu to live in Te Whanganui-a-Tara with his whanau. He is a very experienced Maori language teacher and has offered to come to Houghton Valley School to work with all our classes every Tuesday, in term four, with Te Reo me ona Tikanga Maori. We look forward to working with Emerson.

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

Assembly is on tomorrow, Friday 7 October, 2pm, in the hall.

NETBALL THANKS

On behalf of the school I would like to express our appreciation for the work done by our netball teams' coaches and managers. Our HVS children were fortunate to be coached by such a dedicated group of parents – who made training fun and encouraged our teams to play competitively, and for enjoyment. We were proud of the way our players represented Houghton Valley School each Saturday. A huge thank you must go to Denise Forrester, our office manager, for taking on the co-ordinator's job, even though she has no child playing in the teams. Your work is much appreciated, Denise.



BURGER THANKS

We have the best burgers in Wellington for sale each Friday! I would like to thank Rebecca Simes and the team of parents who have cooked burgers every Friday, during the winter terms. We loved the burgers and we have appreciated the cooks turning up rain, hail or shine. Thanks!

KATIE GRINSTED ON LEAVE 2012

Katie has been granted leave for the 2012 school year. I am currently looking for a suitable replacement.

JUDO AWARD

Congratulations to Zephan Sinclair (year 5) for his recent gold medal in the Wellington judo tournament.

Have a great break. Thanks for your continued support this term.



Ka kite kua nei.

Barry Schon

Principal/Tumuaki

A BIG WELCOME in POHUTUKAWA TO:

☺ Oscar de Reus

2011 – SCHOOLS TERM DATES

Term 4 2011	Tuesday 25 October 2011	To	Friday 16 December 2011 <i>(Labour Day Monday 24 October during holidays)</i>
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2012 – SCHOOLS TERM DATES

Term 1	Thursday 7 February 2012	To	Thursday 5 April 2012 <i>(Good Friday 6 April, Easter Monday 9 April, Easter Tuesday 10 April 2012 all during school holidays)</i>
Term 2	Monday 23 April 2012	To	Friday 29 June 2012 <i>(Anzac Day Wednesday 25 April, Queen's Birthday, Monday 4 June, during term.)</i>
Term 3	Monday 16 July 2012	To	Friday 28 September 2012
Term 4	Tuesday 15 October 2012	To	Friday 20 December 2012 <i>(Labour Day Monday 22 October during holidays)</i>

**Together
We Can Do It!**



HV School Fair Saturday 12th November 2011

DONATIONS NEEDED - We urgently need donations of books, clothes and toys to sell at the school fair, which is only 5 weeks away. So if you are doing some clearing out over the holidays, please donate to the fair! If you can't wait until next term to get stuff out of your house, contact Sarah FQ (see below) and she will come and collect.

BROOCH MAKING EVENING - Come and make felt brooches for the craft stall while enjoying a glass of wine and a good gossip. Thursday 13 October 7.30pm at Sarah FQ's house – 73 Houghton Bay Rd.

Questions, suggestions, donations? Contact Sarah FQ on 387 2799 or 0274 399 090 or doddsfq@paradise.net.nz



Musicians Wanted!!!

The upcoming HVS Fair (Nov 12) needs you! If you would like to perform a set during the fair, please contact Peter Holmstead on 027 4493699. Solo performers through to small bands. Thanks.

SCHOOL BUS

Reminder that if you are keen to start up a school walking bus for children who live along Buckley Road and other nearby streets Stephen Day and family are keen to hear from you. Again here are some links on extra information on walking school buses -<http://www.walkingschoolbus.org/> and <http://www.feetfirst.govt.nz/walking-school-bus>. If you are interested in getting this started, contact Stephen on 383 7330 or 021 290 0734.

Last chance for a burger this Term!



\$2.50

Healthy BBQ Burgers - this Friday

\$2.50



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.

Community Notices

HVS Rogaine – Tuesday 8th November - HVS annual rogaine, stretching from the South Coast to Point Jerringham. This family fun amazing race style adventure has two options both starting at 5:30pm with maps being distributed. 6.00pm start for 2 hour (daylight only) and 3 hour (day & night option). The aim of the game is to collect as many controls and return to HVS before the ending time. Bring torches, a water bottle and good running shoes. \$5 entry fee per person for maps and pizza, to the office by Friday 4th November, Week 2 of Term 4. More info on school noticeboard checkout www.mapsort.co.nz Have fun getting lost and found, discovering new places and have a wild urban adventure.



ART OF THIS WORLD Art Education

Two day holiday workshop. Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th of October. Having 2 full days to indulge in art, we will design sculpt and create our own working clocks - using the skills of construction, sculpture, design, paper mache and painting. All materials provided. Spaces are limited, so booking is best. \$35 per day, bring your lunch and creativity.

Venue: Houghton Valley School - 10am to 3pm

Phone: Brenda (06) 364 3565 or 021 1789153. brosenberg@ihug.co.nz

PONEKE DOJO HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday (13th/14th/15th Oct). Book by emailing info@thedojo.org.nz for three full days of fun and karate training mixed with art work and bush walks (weather permitting). Includes lunch 9 - 3pm \$50 per day 10 % discount for siblings. Call Chris on 027 4444 194 for info.

Wellington Harrier Athletic Club Children's Athletics section offers track & field coaching and events for athletes aged between 5yrs and 14yrs. As a membership period with the club is for 12 months, those athletes who joined harriers in the winter season just completed may wish to consider making the most of their membership by also competing in the summer. Those who join for this summer can also do cross-country next winter. We commence our season on Saturday 15 October at Newtown Park from 11.30am to 1pm. The first two Saturday's (15th and 22nd October) are "Open & Registration Days" to allow prospective members to come along and experience a club day environment, and/or for registrations to be taken. Further details can be found at www.whac.org.nz – click on Children's Athletics. If you have any queries, please contact our children's section manager Louise McDonald louise@retail.org.nz or 027 270 3555. Also, our Athletes With Disabilities Programme (AWD) runs from Saturday 15th October from 10am to 11am and this is open to all ages. For further information please contact ghenry@actrix.co.nz.

Artrageous kids - Art and Creativity Sessions Art and Creativity Sessions Term 4 for 7 weeks starting **Thursday 27th October (wk 1) till 8th December (wk7)** Thursday afternoons 3.30-5pm Venue: Houghton Valley School, RM: 3 Our aim at 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. We will be exploring many media including paint, clay, print making, construction, deconstruction and casting. The sessions will allow your child the freedom and time to explore what excites them. Developing their creative ideas, having fun and building self esteem. All materials provided. We have 4 spaces left so get in quick. Contact: Caroline on 04 389 3534 or 02374986393 or email artrageouskids@gmail.com We are more than happy to supervise your child from 3pm to 3.30 while they have afternoon tea and a play before the session starts.

Netball Holiday Programmes Check out the Wellington Netball Centre website – "Junior Netball" for Term 3 Holiday program and the new Term 4 - 8 weeks Kids Competition at the new ASB Stadium (Indoor venue) in Kilbirnie.

