



Houghton Valley School

110 Houghton Bay Road, Houghton Bay, Wellington.

NEWSLETTER

Houghton Valley School Mission Statement

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Thursday, 8 December 2011

Week 7 of Term 4

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Tēnā koutou katoa. Yesterday evening we had our last Board of Trustees meeting for the year. I would like to thank chairman Ross Pickard and the board for the excellent work they do in their governance role. We are all fortunate to have a board that is dedicated to the wellbeing of the children at HVS. I would like to especially acknowledge our two board members who are retiring. Juliet Mollan (parent rep and past chair) and Adele Murray (staff rep) have been amazing to work with, and I thank them for their energy and commitment.

WAINUI POOL Thanks!

We had a great day at Wainui Pool last Friday. A big thank you must go to our Home and School parent helpers, who cooked and distributed over 300 sausages. I also appreciated the teamwork of the HVS teachers and teacher aides. We were pleased to have so many whanau joining us at the pool too and it was great to see our HVS kids having so much fun.

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

There will be assembly tomorrow, 2pm, outside – weather permitting.

ROOM 1 and 2 UPDATE

The Board of Trustees has approved a tender for the repair and earthquake strengthening of rooms 1 and 2. We expect work to start very soon. I have hired a shipping container to use for storage while rooms 1 and 2 are being worked on. We may request assistance with removing items from the current storage area under the classrooms and from inside the rooms. I will let you know about this soon. This term our goal has been to get the necessary building work done, before the start of the 2012 school year, so that we can have our children back in their classrooms (and our library and hall back). While it looks as if we may achieve this goal, I won't believe it till I see it! I have appreciated the patience shown by staff, children and parents.

YEAR 6 POROPOROAKI and SINGING

On Thursday 15 December at 6pm, we will be saying goodbye to our year 6 students. Our whole school has been practising singing for this event and we request that as many children as possible (from all classes) attend to give the year 6's a good send off. The poroporoaki will be held in the hall, followed by supper in the library. This year's Y6 children have been an outstanding group and on behalf of the staff I would like to say a big 'thank you' to them, for their energy, enthusiasm, hard work and leadership.

REPORTS HOME TOMORROW

Reports, addressed to parents, will be brought home by children, tomorrow. These reports also have classes for next year. Thank you to those of you who contacted me with suggestions about class placements. Taking these into account, we put a lot of thought into the make-up of next year's classes and are unlikely to make any changes. Next week children will spend time with their 2012 teacher and classmates as an introduction to their new class group. If you need clarification about report comments, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you.

TOMORROW IS WHEELS DAY

On Friday 9 December children are permitted to bring scooters, skates, bikes and skateboards to school for a wheels day. Helmets are compulsory.

WELCOME CLAIRE ROWAT

I am pleased to announce that we have employed Claire Rowat to replace Katie Grinsted, while she takes a year's leave. Claire will be working in Room 4 with a year 3 class. She actually worked here as a student teacher some years ago, so she is familiar with our school. Yesterday she joined our junior teachers for a planning day. Welcome Claire!

Ka kite kua nei.

Barry Schon

Principal/Tumuaki

Basketball Skills and Games in First Term 2012.

We're working out how much HVS interest there will be in an inter school Term 1 league next year. No experience necessary - just enthusiasm!

Please contact Giselle on 389-1195 or giselle@bahr.net.nz if your (2012) Year 6 child is keen.

Home & School News

MISSING ANYTHING?

There are a lot of plates, pots and other things that haven't been collected after the Fair. Please could you check if any of the stuff on the bench in the Hall kitchen is yours. Anything that hasn't been collected by the end of term will be donated to the Salvation Army!

WANT TO BE IN THE LOOP?

Do you want to get the Home and School emails? Send an email to homeandschool@houghton.school.nz to get on the email list.

H&S Staff Morning Tea and Call for Fair Feedback

There was a great turnout for the end of year / Christmas Home and School meeting. Amongst other things, we decided to provide morning tea for the school staff on Thursday 15 December to say thanks for all their hard work over the year. If you can help by providing a plate of yummy food, please let Sarah FQ know (doddsfq@paradise.net.nz)

We had a debrief about the Fair - it would be great to hear from you if you have any comments (positive or negative) about this year's Fair, or any ideas for new things we could do next year. Please send comments to Sarah FQ (doddsfq@paradise.net.nz) or via homeandschool@houghton.school.nz

NO SUSHI NEXT WEEK

Community Notices

ART OF THIS WORLD Art Education

Two day holiday workshop. Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th of January 2012.

Having 2 full days to indulge in art.

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

"The Music Learning Centre is now accepting enrolments for 2012. Please email info@musiclearning.co.nz or call 232-1231 to organise lesson times or to arrange an audition for the choir or string orchestra".

"**Harbour City GymSports**, situated in Haitatai Park, is having a holiday programme in week upcoming to Christmas (Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd December). Each session runs from 9am – 1pm, and costs \$25.00. Please check out our website www.hcg.org.nz to view our flyer and download a registration form, alternatively email us on office@hcg.org.nz or phone 386 4443 for more information."

Instep Dance Studio, (your local dance school) is having their annual concert Saturday 17th December at the Opera House Theatre.

The show involves a lot of HVS kids and all students are from Houghton Valley and Island Bay. The show is a variety of ballet, jazz, hip hop and contemporary dance with students ranging from 3 years to 16 years of age. It is going to be a very exciting show and will be a great family night out, with something to entertain all dance tastes.

If you are thinking of getting your child involved in dance or just wish to have a good night out and support all the local kids, then this show is a must see!

"IGNITE": Tickets available through Ticketek.

Show commences at 5pm, and door sales are also available from the box office located in the foyer of the Opera House Theatre.

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