



# 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, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Week 11 of Term 2

**Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children**

Tēnā koutou katoa. Wasn't our art and enterprise event amazing! Both the inspiring artworks and the innovative enterprise items once again demonstrated the talents and abilities of our HVS children. I would like to acknowledge this and thank every single child for his/her contribution towards this extremely successful event. I would also like to thank the staff, especially art teacher Caroline, for the many hours and the huge amount of energy that they put into organising, making, displaying and hosting 'Art and Enterprise 2011.' Tino pai! We were fortunate to have 'all hands on deck' during the latter part of the preparation and we appreciated the many parents and caregivers who came in to help out. The art auction was a bit of an 'unknown' for us, but due to your generosity and Rob Snow's skill as an auctioneer, we raised an impressive amount for our classes. The art and enterprise event was definitely a clear example of our school's mission statement – 'To inspire, challenge and achieve'.

### **ROOM ONE and TWO UPDATE**

I am currently talking to the Ministry of Education about the best way to speed things up regarding the strengthening of rooms one and two, so that we can get our classes back in there. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Board of Trustees and understanding shown by our staff – particularly Jill (Room 1 teacher), Lara (Room 2 teacher), our teacher aids and Joanna our librarian. They have all been more than willing to accommodate this challenging situation and I appreciate it. The board is also discussing next steps regarding a structural inspection of our main block. We'll keep you informed.

### **GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to Lukas Schoeler and Nathan Simes for representing Wellington Zone Schools in the recent Wellington Regional Cross Country Championships. We are all very proud of you.

'Tu meke' to our children who represented us in the 'BP Technology Challenge' – our year 5/6 team was Kaya Thorn, Tristan Harris, Chenoa Vorster and Imogen Kilioni. Our year 4 team was Nga Raiti Ngaia, Flynn Cuming, Hannah Clark and Lukas Schoeler. Awesome work team!



### **PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK**

Despite our hall being a classroom we are determined to still have our performance assembly tomorrow, at 2pm. Our Kowhai class, currently working in the hall, have said they are more than willing to help us set up tomorrow. I very much appreciate their assistance with this. A list of performers went out today. If you auditioned but didn't make it this time please give it another try next term.

The end of the term is nearly upon us. Thanks for another highly successful 11 weeks and have a well deserved rest! Ka kite kua nei.

*Barry Schon*

**Principal/Tumuaki**

**A BIG WELCOME in POHUTUKAWA TO:**

☺ Leah Sumner

### **HVS Swim Trial and Southern Zone Swimming**

HVS swim trials for Year 4, 5 and 6 will be 10-11am on Wednesday the 3rd August. Southern Zone swimming is on the Tuesday 23rd of August from 9-2pm and we will be looking for the cream of HVS to represent us at these.

Matt

## Student Librarians

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the Year 5 & 6 Student Librarians who have been involved in the Library for Terms 1 & 2. They shelve books, make displays and run activities. Thanks to Emma, Riya, Florence, Rachel, Kaya, Lily, Kate, Ella B, Caroline, Samantha, Piper and Tristan for their enthusiastic help. In Week 1 of Term 3 I will call for a new team, and some existing Librarians who would like to continue will be welcome to stay on. Certificates will be awarded at the end of the year.  
Joanna



## Wellington Regional Primary Cross Country

Nathan Simes and Lukas Schoeler both represented Houghton Valley with distinction at the Wellington Regional Primary Cross Country Championships in Kaitoke on Tuesday 3rd July. Nathan 14th and Lukas 22nd in the year 4 boys, relished the flat fast course at the foot of the Tararua. Nathan was heard to say "I could give up soccer to focus on running and become the next Nick Willis".  
Awesome job boys.  
Matt

## Home & School News



### FRIDAY BURGERS

Lunchtime Friday Burgers have been a great success! Thanks to the parents who have helped out this term. For Term 3 we need more parent volunteers to help prepare and cook the burger so please put your name up on this list in the school foyer. Thanks

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



**\$2.50**

**Healthy BBQ Burgers - this Friday**

**\$2.50**



## Community Notices

### **Follow-up local Civil Defence planning meeting**

**Houghton Bay School Hall 7 p.m. Wednesday July 20, 2011**

This meeting follows up and builds on a meeting attended by 50 or so people in March who expressed strong interest in preparing for "the big one". The meeting will be run by two locals, Mark and Jo who are professionally employed in Civil Defence, and who have been working in Christchurch.

#### **Agenda**

- Introductions
- What is a community response plan? (*and what it's not!*)
- Context of a community response plan?
- What Government, council and other authorities are doing
- Hazards and risks we may face in Wellington/Houghton Bay
- Some issues faced in Christchurch
- What do we want from a community response plan?
- Response to register of local resources
- Next actions

The meeting will finish at 8.45pm followed by supper and the opportunity to talk to other locals about things that are going on in the neighbourhood. If you can bring something for supper that would be appreciated but it's not essential. Further information contact: Norman ph: 3872303.

### **ART OF THIS WORLD ..... Art Education**



Two day holiday workshop. Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd of July. All materials provided. Spaces are limited, so booking is best. \$35 per day, bring your lunch and creativity. Venue: Houghton Valley School. Phone: Brenda (06) 364 3565 or 021 1789 153. [brosenberg@ihug.co.nz](mailto:brosenberg@ihug.co.nz)