



Houghton Valley School

110 Houghton Bay Road, Houghton Bay, Wellington.

NEWSLETTER

Houghton Valley School Mission Statement

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TE HIRINGA, TE WEROHIA, TE WHAKATUTUKITANGA

Thursday, 22nd April 2010

Week 1 of Term 2

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Tēnā koutou katoa. Welcome back to term two. I hope you all had a chance to enjoy the summery weather over the holiday break. A special welcome is extended to children and families that are newly enrolled. We look forward to an enjoyable term together.

WELCOME JILL HOLMSTEAD

We warmly welcome Jill Holmstead to our teaching team. Jill will be working in Pohutukawa (R1) with our great bunch of five year olds, until the end of this year.

SWELL TEACHER LEARNING CARNIVAL

On the last Friday of the holiday break our teachers attended the SWELL Learning Carnival. The 'SWELL' group is made up of eleven local schools, working together to improve teaching and learning. In addition to guest speakers, teachers from the various schools presented results of research projects they'd undertaken. We all learnt a great deal. I would like to acknowledge the efforts Adele Murray and Jos Abernethy for their presentations. Tino pai.

BURGERS

Burgers will be on sale tomorrow. Please note that there has been an increase in price to **\$2.50**. My thanks go to the parents who have volunteered to crank up the barbecue each week so that we can all enjoy the burgers.



COMMONSENSE ORGANICS



We have joined the Commonsense Organics gardening scheme to provide support for our organic garden. This means that 5% of parent purchases at any Commonsense Organics store will be donated to our school to be spent on things we need for our organic garden.

So, every time you shop at Commonsense Organics be sure to let them know that you want your purchase to be registered in the scheme on behalf of our school. We have been advised that shoppers should tell the shop assistant this before he/she processes their goods.

BOT ELECTIONS

Nominations close tomorrow, Friday 23 April, at 12 Noon.

SCHOOL OPENS 8.30am

Just a friendly reminder that school isn't open until 8.30am.



Ka kite kua nei.

BARRY SCHON

Principal/Tumuaki

A BIG WELCOME in POHUTUKAWA TO:

☺ Riana Ngaia

Beer Bottle Tops for Ngaio Tautahi (Room 6)

For Ngaio Tuatahi's (Room 6) South African gumboot dance this term, all students need 20 beer bottle tops. 20 x 32 students = 640 beer bottle tops. If you can collect your tops or visit an establishment that could provide tops, please bring them to the box in Mrs Mercury's room. With thanks, Jenny Cossey. No questions asked about personal alcohol consumed!!



Home and School Notices

Welcome back everyone!

Burgers start this Friday lunchtime! **\$2.50 each**. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to help out! For our newer families, we offer burgers in the 2 winter terms so children have the option of having something fresh & warm at lunchtime. We need 2 parent volunteers every week to marshal the year 6 helpers....it's not difficult, lots of fun & the kids like to see you there so please sign up so it's not just the same old people. The list is hanging on the notice board by the office.

CAR BOOT SALE In a couple of weeks time we've got our first ever CAR BOOT SALE at HVS. It's on Sunday 2nd May from 9am -12pm. People pay \$15 for their spot & keep whatever they make. You need to bring your own float. We've had enough registrations to say we're definitely going ahead with it. The school will be doing drinks, cakes/sweets & a sausage sizzle, so if you want to help out with the food side, please talk to me or Kirsty (Nina & Jordie's Mum). We'll put out the call for baking on the Thursday before. Kids can sell their treasures for free under adult supervision but we ask that they keep their area to roughly the size of a towel...great for money skills, negotiation & getting them to let go of stuff they're way too old for. Tell your friends & neighbours to come on down to bag a bargain! Postponement date is Sun 9th May if the weather is truly yuk.



**The next Home & School Meeting is on Tuesday 4th May
in the staff room at 7.30pm.**

Sunglasses found at the school picnic. A distinctive brand, left on top of a rubbish bin. Give me a call. Any questions or suggestions you can find me most days at pick up time or phone is: 021 911 307 email: vanya.schoeler@paradise.net.nz

Community Notices

International Dance Day
Sunday 2nd May - 12pm – 4:30pm

Celebrating the diversity of Dance in Wellington. Te Papa Marae Level 4 and Level 2 foyer. Free public participation dance workshops and performances. Check out website www.tepapa.govt.nz "Whats On" for more details.

Kelly Sports

Kelly Sports is starting in week 2 on **April 30th**. **Autumn Antics** is a multisport programme, 2 sessions of 4 different sports; **Hockey, Football, Basketball and Ball Sports** - for children interested in sports (or just having fun) it allows them to try a wide variety of sports in a fun & challenging environment. As always, all Kelly Sports Programmes are aimed at having fun and encouraging all children to reach their full potential and develop a love of sport. The fliers are available through our website www.ksports.co.nz or contact the office for more information at rachel@kellysports.co.nz or on 04 972 7201.

Harbour City GymSports

Term 2 Gymnastic classes at "Harbour City GymSports" commence Monday 26th April. For enrolment and registration information please contact our office ph: 386 4443 or email: office@hcg.org.nz or visit our website www.hcg.org.nz



\$2.50

Healthy BBQ Burgers - this Friday

\$2.50



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