



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, 30th June 2011

Week 9 of Term 2

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Tēnā koutou katoa. Last Thursday's disco was a real hit! The costumes, music, lights and food all helped make it a very successful event. Our thanks go to our amazing Home and School Team and organiser Caitlin for their excellent work. Much appreciated!

On Wednesday our new entrant teacher, Jill Holmstead, lead an information hour for parents of new entrant children. Despite the stormy weather, we had a good turnout. We look forward to holding similar events in the future. Thanks Jill!

Only one week until our HVS art exhibition and can't wait! We are looking forward to seeing all of the art our children have been working on with their teachers and with specialist art teacher Caroline. Here are a few details:

ART EXHIBITION and ENTERPRISE



EXHIBITION also open on....

FRIDAY
SATURDAY

8 July 8.30am – 4.30pm
9 July 2pm – 4pm

When???
Thursday 7 July
4.30pm – 6.30pm



What?????

- Art exhibition of children's work in the school hall
- Sales of 'enterprise items' made by children sale in stalls set up in Rooms 1-4
- Auction of large class artworks in library, starting at 5pm – two from each class – available for viewing on website beforehand

How much?

- **Gold coin entry** to exhibition – funds raised will pay for art materials
- **Auction** of large class artworks – 'The sky's the limit!' - funds raised will be spent on items chosen by each class
- **'Enterprise items'** – funds raised will be spent on items chosen by each class



- R1 – money boxes (\$1), hokey pokey (\$1)
- R2 – pizza slices (\$2), flower button brooches (\$3)
- R3 – kiwiana placemats (\$6)
- R4 – recipe books (\$6)
- R5 – baked goods (50c - \$4)



- R6 – postcards (\$5 for 10), greeting cards (\$5 for 6), calendars (\$2-\$3)
- R7 – lolly bowls (\$2), vases (\$4)
- R8 – lip balm, Fimo creatures, bead creations, chutney & dried fruit, felt creations (from 50c to \$5)



PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY COMING UP

This term's performance assembly is in 2 weeks, on Friday 15 July. Children are invited to audition on Wednesday 13 July and can sing, dance, play an instrument, act or perform in some other way. We look forward to it!



ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY – 2.15pm – all welcome. Have a great week. Ka kite kua nei.

Barry Schon

Principal/Tumuaki

A BIG WELCOME IN POHUTUKAWA TO:

☺ Luke Hawthorne and ☺ Leah Kay



Parents Welcome in School Library

Update your reading to stay in touch! Discussing themes in books with your children is a great way to stay connected with them; but lots of our books have been published since you were children. The Library is now extending borrower rights to parents. You will be able to borrow 3 books for up to 2 weeks. The Library is open for borrowing 10am to 3pm Monday to Thursday. Returns can be made anytime school is open. Please see Joanna to enrol. Happy reading!-- Joanna Ludbrook Librarian

Request from Room 1

Pohutukawa have requested any coloured contact coverings for books, either off-cuts or end of rolls. Please send to the school office or Room 1. Thanks Jill H.

Home & School News

What was...

If you felt like you were caught in a time warp last Thursday night you were not alone!!!! Our tamariki (children) did themselves proud when they turned up in their FUTURISTIC FLUORO gears and boogied to Michael Jackson, Jason Bieber and many other artists! Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening the success it was - this was a great example of a community coming together to have fun and fundraise towards our school. Special thanks also goes to Caitlin Cherry for her superb organisation of this event. The amount raised will be communicated in due course and no doubt the funds will be put to great use for our tamariki.

What is....

A gentle reminder about the purpose of Home and School. 'Home' and 'school' are a community of parents who willingly give of their time, energy, and effort to help fundraise towards activities that will best benefit their children at the schools they attend. The Home and School group also play an integral part in the community by assisting the Board of Trustees and Barry and his team to achieve their goals. So it's really important to know that if you have any wonderful ideas or can offer any assistance in any way with events coming up, all with the aim of benefitting our children, then we'd love to hear from you. Simply email homeandschool@houghton.school.nz or talk to Jane Dunbier, Home and School Chair.

What's coming up....

Next Home and School Committee meeting is scheduled in the staff boardroom on **Tuesday 12 July 7:30pm** onwards.

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 the Home and School team

NO CRAFT TONIGHT



Sorry, no craft evening tonight - circumstances beyond everyone's control! At this stage, it looks as if we won't be able to do a craft evening until the holidays or next term. If you are champing at the bit, contact Sarah FQ (see contact details below) - there are lots of ideas you can make a start on. We are hoping to have a "knit and bitch" session at someone's house in the holidays to make squares for the Community- Knitted Blanket. Sarah will send out an email to the Home and School list. If you are not on the list, please email Sarah FQ on goddsfq@paradise.net.nz or phone 387 2799 or 0274 399 090. Thanks!

Sarah FQ



\$2.50

Healthy BBQ Burgers - this Friday

\$2.50



Community Notices

Celebrate the opening of the Hornsey Rd footpath – MONDAY 4th JULY

Wellington City Council has been extending the Hornsey Rd footpath all the way to Houghton Bay Rd, which will make it safer for HVS kids who walk to school along that route. It's due to be finished at the end of this week. A few parents are organising a "Walk Home from School Day" to celebrate. All kids and families who travel home along Hornsey Rd are welcome.

Meet in the playground next to the bus queue after school on Monday 4th July and we'll walk up the hill together. There will be cake when we get to Hornsey Rd ☺ If raining we'll reschedule. Any questions, call Emma (Eli M and Bessie's mum) on 973 9530 or 021 0787247.

ART OF THIS WORLD Art Education



Two day holiday workshop. Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd of July. We will cover:

- Colour mixing from two primary colours. Use your colours to create a 'Lounging Lizard'
- Understanding how a two dimensional image becomes three dimensional using the manipulation of design and paper. With reference to artist Frank Stella
- Using collage to look at foreground and background
- Creating sculptures which represent every day objects

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



Christchurch Dogs need Your Help!

Dogwatch Christchurch have been overwhelmed with calls from Christchurch residents needing to re-home their dogs. Unfortunately because all the shelters are full some people are choosing to put their animals to sleep. HUHA Animal Society is committed to getting as many of these dogs as possible to the North Island and into fantastic, safe new homes. If you are able to foster or adopt a dog or puppy please contact HUHA as soon as possible. HUHA is also setting up food banks, so if you are able to make a donation or set up a food bank your help would be greatly appreciated, contact@huha.org.nz ph: 526 3630 Carolyn 027 4416474 Cherie 021 032 0974.

Juniors Teddy Bears Picnic run by Student Librarians



School Disco last Thursday

