



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, 23rd September 2010

Week 10 of Term 3

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Tēnā koutou katoa. It's the end of the term already! I know our children are looking forward to having a break from school and a chance to recharge their batteries. I would like to thank everyone for another excellent term here at HVS. Our children have been outstanding to work with and we have appreciated the ongoing support from our whanau. To my staff; thanks for all you've done this term – I appreciate your energy and commitment.

WEARABLE ARTS

The junior wearable arts show last Thursday was truly inspiring! The costume designs, teamwork and children's love of performing all helped to make it a very memorable occasion. Well done teachers, children and parents! Tu meke! The senior wearable arts show will be tomorrow at 9.30am in the school hall. This takes the place of assembly.

WELL DONE IMOGEN

Imogen Kilioni travelled to Hamner Springs to take part in the Inter Regional Cross Country Championships. I've just heard that she achieved 9th place in the year 5 girls' race – a huge achievement!

Thanks for a great term.

Barry Schon

Principal/Tumuaki

BOT Spot

What does $10 \times 2 =$ and why does this matter so much to Houghton Valley School? Well, apart from helping our children to understand multiplication, this matters to HVS because the Board of Trustees meets 10 times every year for a 2-hour meeting. And why does the Board matter? Well, according to the Education Act:

“... a school's board has complete discretion to control the management of the school as it sees fit.”

This doesn't mean running the day-to-day life of the school (that's the principal's job), but it does include setting the strategic direction of our school (i.e. the 'big picture' of what the school needs to focus on over the coming months and years) and ensuring that we are on track to meet the goals that we set.

Over the next few months, we'll be using the BOT Spot to talk to you about the governance of HVS. We'll also be using this space to explain more about what the BOT does and to answer any questions that you may have. For example:

- What's the difference between the BOT and the Home and School?
- Can I attend a Board meeting if I'm not a member (and would I want to)?
- Who is Barry's boss and how does the school monitor the performance of our principal?
- What are the main goals for HVS in the coming months and how will we know we've achieved them?

The new Board was elected in May this year. One of our aims is to connect further with the school community. If you've got a question you'd like to ask about the BOT, please let one of your BOT members know (Juliet Mollan, Susan Langston, Sarah FQ, Ross Pickard, Oliver Valins, Barry Schon and Adele Murray) or e-mail mollan@paradise.net.nz and we'll answer it in the next BOT spot.

BOT team

A BIG WELCOME in Pohutukawa TO:

☺ Zarin Mir

Home and School

Bring out yer raaags.....bring out yer raaaaaags!

Actually we don't need the rags, but we would really appreciate your preloved clothing for the school fair. There are boxes outside room 4 for toys, books & clothes. Please bag shoes separately to clothing.

The School Kitchen is looking pretty well stocked now & there are just a couple of tweaks to still happen- like additional shelving. Many thanks to everyone who contributed items towards making this another great learning space for our children.

Mairanga White put her persuasive hat on & Paul Wright of the Bayside Family Trust has donated a brand new microwavemany thanks Paul!

The next Home & School meeting is on Tuesday 19th October (just before the Fair) in the staffroom at 7.30pm. Check out the minutes of the last meeting on the notice board to get an idea of the sort of things we discuss.

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

HVS Fair 2010 Notices

Are you spring cleaning over the holidays?

The fair needs your unwanted books, toys and clothes! NO white elephant this year, but good quality retro stuff can be sold through the Craft Stall or Silent Auction. Please leave donations on the Karaka Room 4 deck.

People Needed

Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered but we still need about 80 people to make our fair happen. So please put your name on the orange sheet in your child's classroom or on Denise's noticeboard. Thanks! The Fair Team

Flyers in Letterbox

Volunteers to do letterbox drop of flyers early next term advertising the Fair. The letterbox drop of flyers will be done over the weekend of 16th and 17th October - if you can help contact Andrew Downes 027 501 0397 or 387 7345 or andrewdownes9@gmail.com.

Flyers for car windows- Enclosed in this week's newsletter is an advertising flyer (gold) for you to put in your car window. Please also feel free to photocopy it to put on your work noticeboard etc!

Contact Sarah FQ if you have questions, offers of help etc - doddsfq@paradise.net.nz or 387 2799 or 0274 399 090

Sunday 26th September -Muscle wanted

There is new carpet going into the staffroom and Barry's and Denise's offices next week. We need help moving all the furniture into the library. Please come at 11am on Sunday 26th Sept if you can help.

\$2.50 Healthy BBQ Burgers - this Friday \$2.50

Last day for Yummy stickers tomorrow

Community Notices

Children's Athletic Clubs

The start of the season is actually during the term holidays, but we'd appreciate it if you could offer our invitation in any end-of-term bulletins.

All children are invited to the Newtown Park Athletic Track from 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 2 October. The Club and the Athletics Centre also offer a programme for children with disabilities. This starts an hour earlier (at 10.00) and any children with any sort of disability are invited to come and try the sport out.

Parents could contact me, or Louise McDonald: 027 270 3555, email levans@retail.org.nz

Netball September/October 2010 Holiday Programme

Are you missing netball now that the season has come to an end?

Never fear... the Netball Wellington Centre always has time for more netball fun and games!

Come along and take part in our September/October Holiday Programme where we shall continue to develop your awesome netball skills acquired throughout this season but with more of a focus on having FUN now it has wound down into the off-season!

Enquiries to: Phone: 04 386 0940 or email: info@netballwellington.co.nz

The programme's format will change slightly and be held over three days from Wednesday to Friday running from 9.00am - 3.00pm in both weeks of the holidays.

WEEK ONE - Wednesday 29th September - Friday 1st October, 9.00am - 3.00pm each day

WEEK TWO - Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th October, 9.00am - 3.00pm each day

All Sessions held at Netball Wellington Centre, Hataitai Netball Courts, Ruahine Street, Hataitai (come rain or shine!)

Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6, Year 7 & 8

Session fee per week per child **\$80.00** 2nd child/subsequent children in family **\$60.00**

ART OF THIS WORLD Art Education



Two day holiday workshop. Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th of September. We will cover: - Creating your own kowhaiwhai pattern. Looking at symbols and using the stylized methods of Reuben Paterson - Layered art. Understanding transparency, and planning to create your own masterpiece by building up and layering - Do you have a special book to use for your creative thoughts? We will look at the art of book binding, and create our own book - Revisit the fundamental skills of observational drawing. This time we will look at the eye. 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 1789153. brosenberg@ihug.co.nz

YOUR HELP NEEDED FOR CONSERVATION! - Blue cod tagging study

From September 2010 I will be conducting a tagging study to determine the movement pattern of blue cod at several sites along the Wellington south coast. I will be using standard T-bar anchor tags which will be inserted in the base of the dorsal fin. In order to recover the tags and also the recovery information (site where the fish was captured) I would really appreciate if you would contact me if you catch a tagged fish. Each tag has been marked with a unique number (between 0001-1200) and also with my name and contact details. If you catch a tagged fish please call the number on the tag. If there is no answer please leave a message and I will get back to you.



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Junior WOW last week

