



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 27th November 2008

Week 7 of Term 4

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Tēnā koutou katoa. I really enjoyed staying at our year 6 camp last Thursday. We spent most of the day at the Mt Bruce Wildlife Centre, which included a guided tour of the forest, along with feeding eels and kākā. In the evening the hardier souls swam in the river before feasting on sausages, salad and potatoes cooked in the embers of the fire. Following that we were entertained by the camp concert contestants before heading off to our sleeping bags. It didn't matter that I was woken at 5:50am as I had to drive back to HVS anyway! A huge 'thank you' goes to Peter Holmstead and Adele Murray for leading the camp. Tino pai rawa atu! Excellent! We also very much appreciated the parent 'workers' who were such great company and of course the students, whose enthusiasm ensured the camp was a raging success.

There has been a change to the list of teaching staff published last week. I am pleased to inform you that Lara Nemet has agreed to stay for the whole year and Hayden Ray has delayed his trip overseas until the end of term one. So the revised list is...

Full Time TEACHING STAFF 2009 (revised)

BARRY SCHON – Principal

R1 (FIONA BROWN) – year one/new entrants

R8 (ADELE MURRAY) – year 1

R2 (LARA NEMET) – year 2

R3 (HAYDEN RAY/LIZ McLEAN) – year 2/3

R4 (BRENDAN COLLINS) – year 3/4

R5 (KATIE GRINSTED/PHYLLIS LAURENSEN) – year 4/5

R7 (MONICA MERCURY) – year 5

R6 (PETER HOLMSTEAD) – year 6

Please contact me by tomorrow, Friday 28 November if you would like to discuss your child's placement for next year – principal@houghton.school.nz or ph 9393318. Thank you.

PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY

This is tomorrow at 2:10pm – we know that HVS has got talent and we're looking forward to seeing it! All welcome.



LEARNING CONTEXTS 2009

With this newsletter you will receive a page asking for suggested learning contexts for 2009. This is intended to give families an opportunity to suggest topics that our classes could investigate next year, along with people, places and resources that could add value to our learning – teachers will take these suggestions into account when they meet to plan 2009. While returning this is obviously voluntary, I would be grateful if you and your child(ren) could spend a few minutes chatting about it over the weekend. It is due back at school on Monday. Much appreciated.

NO WORD STORMER DICTIONARIES

Since our writing evening I have been trying to locate a source to purchase the 'Wordstormer' dictionaries that I shared. So far I have had no luck as it seems the publisher is no longer in business. Will keep trying however.

LUNCH ORDERS NOT POPULAR

These days there are very few children ordering our Monday bought lunches. We will keep them going till the end of the year and then decide if they are worthwhile for 2009. My thanks go to the parents who give up their mornings to drop off and pick up the orders.



SCHOOL STARTS 8:30am

Just a friendly reminder – school opens at 8:30am – before then we can't guarantee supervision and safety. Thanks.

PARKING

Please do not park opposite the school bus stop on Houghton Bay Rd. It has lead to a couple of near misses lately – we want to keep our children safe.

INTERZONE ATHLETICS REPS

The following children represented the Southern Zone at the Interzone Athletics championships yesterday. They qualified for this after winning events at the recent Southern Zone School Athletics. Ko koe nga whetu! You are stars!

Olivia Kiel	Andrew Bennett	Amy Bridges
Peppa Rewiti	Lily Rawiri	Els Abernethy
Pearl Baird	Bailey Gibson-Redden	Thomas Gibson
Lawrence Webster	Mason Kay	Edward Derby-Hoffman
Romy Tennent	Elliot Fisher	



TRIP TO WAINUIOMATA POOL - Friday 5 December

To celebrate the conclusion of a great year at HVS, our whole school will be going by bus to Wainui Pool. The pool complex is made up of 3 outdoor pools of varying depths and a hydroslide that winds down through the bush. Whanau (families) are more than welcome to join us for all or part of the day. Last year some children were sunburnt – so it is essential that you apply sunscreen before leaving home and ensure that your child has a hat. We will take plenty of sunscreen to the pool with us too. We look forward to it!

COMING UP

Happening soon:

- Home and School – Wednesday 3 December
- Whole school trip to Wainui Pool – Friday 5 December
- Guitar Extravaganza – Wednesday 10 December
- 'Thank you parents' afternoon tea – Friday 12 December
- Piano Concert – Friday 12 Dec
- Leavers' farewell and singalong – Wednesday 17 December
- Beach Education Day (seniors) – Thursday 18 December

BARRY SCHON

Principal/Tumuaki

A BIG WELCOME IN POHUTUKAWA TO:
☺ Stazia Goodfellow

Piano Concert
Friday 12th December 3pm in Ti Kouka

Home & School

School Disco ~ Thursday 11th Dec 6pm-7.30

The theme is 'Creatures of the night'. There will be prizes for best dressed etc charge will be \$5 a kid includes drink and iceblock and sparkly,flashing thing \$10 for a family.

Its all about having a good timeBar for the parents in the library...dancing in the hall BUT

We do need help:-

- + helpers to organise bar
- + people to sell and source flashing things [who did this last year?]
- + parents to pass out drinks etc to the kids
- + people to help maintain sensible behaviour in the corridors [Bouncers]
- + door staff to take entry money
- + judges for best dressed
- + people to help set up and clean up
- + genius ideas for having a good time



Its all easy, parents will all be there anyhow so might as well help out for a bit!

Contact Julia need your number 3877380 or 0273113218 bromleyjulia@gmail.com or Pippa 971-7299 piptim@clear.net.nz.

HVS would also like to thank you for your generous donation at the fair.... **Pak n Save – Kilbirnie**

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd December 7:30pm in Staffroom

HVS Athletics Today



Pack the Bus

Be apart of the Wellington City Mission
'Pack the Bus' Annual appeal.



The Wellington City Mission touches over 500 people everyday.
*Over 5,000 people will be helped this year and on
Christmas Eve hampers full of goodies and gifts for over
500 children will go to the families who need it the most.*

You can help!!!

On Thursday 4th December, a decorated Stagecoach bus will
visit HVS at 11.30 am.

*** Please bring in appropriate, non-perishable foodstuffs that families
can enjoy at Christmas. ***

Goods can be dropped in Mahoe, Room 8