



# Houghton Valley School

## Newsletter

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

*Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou*

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Week 1 of Term 2

### HVS Reminders

- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> May – Home & School AGM Meeting 7:30pm
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May – BOT Meeting
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> May – HVS Cross Country 1:30pm
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May – Pink Shirt DAY
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May – 3pm Bake Sale

### **Kia Ora Whānau,**

We hope you had a safe and enjoyable school holiday break. It was great that Wellington had such lovely, settled weather for the most part. Term two has kicked off well with most of our tamariki back at school to start the term.

This term, our focus continues to be on the valley, but we turn our attention to science. We have a busy term of inspiring and exploring learning ahead!

If you can assist us with the scientific skills, knowledge on plants and animals please let your child's teacher know.

We have also started training for our Cross Country/Colour Run on Tuesday 14 May at 1.30pm. It is important that all children have appropriate clothing and footwear to go out every day.

Lastly, can we remind whanau that the car park is for staff only and not for drop off and pick up. We have had a few close calls at the end of the term. We know in the wet weather parking can be an issue but ask that you park safely for everyone's sake.

### **Inquiry**

Our focus for Inquiry this term is about exploring our local environment as scientists - *What Calls the Valley Home?*

We will be exploring who lives in our valley and how we can support them to survive and thrive as kaitiaki.

#### **Our big ideas are:**

- Scientists ask questions and explore to find answers.
- Climate, location, and people affect what plants and animals inhabit an area.
- To survive and thrive plants and animals need certain things in their environment.

#### **Our deep understandings are:**

- Plants and animals have habitats in specific places for a reason. Things both natural and created by humans affect these habitats and whether animals and plants can survive and thrive.

### **Property Update**

During the holidays we were very fortunate to get our sewage system upgraded. This is all now resolved and will be great for when we get our junior block back in a few weeks. We are expecting to move in the next few weeks. We are down to the final details - painting, installing toilets, cabinets etc. We will let you know as soon as we have a date!

## Te Reo Maori

- Ka mau te wehi! - That's outstanding!
- Kei reira! - Right on! That's the one!
- Tapataphi ana! - Cool! Choice!
- Koina! - Yes, that's it!
- Karawhiau! - Give it heaps! Give it all you got!
- Ka pai hoki koe! - Good on you!

Nga manaakitanga

Luana Carroll

Tumuaki, Houghton Valley School

Key Dates Term 2, 2024					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> 29-3 May				Maori Whanau Hui 5.00pm	
<b>Week 2</b> 6- 10 May	NZSL Week	Home and School AGM 7.30pm			
<b>Week 3</b> 13-17 May	BOT Meeting 7pm ===== Support Staff Week	School Cross Country 1.30pm- 2.55pm	Vision and Hearing testing		Pink Shirt Day ===== 3pm Bake Sale Pohutukawa and Kowhai
<b>Week 4</b> 20-24 May		Southern Zone Cross Country - 12:30pm		Home and School Inside evening ===== Southern Zone Cross Country ppt	
<b>Week 5</b> 27-31 May					
<b>Week 6</b> 3-7 June	<i>King's Birthday - Public Hol</i>	Staff Only Day - Curriculum Day-No School			

<b>Week 7</b> 10-14 June					3pm Bake sale Harakeke and Rata
<b>Week 8</b> 17-21 June		Interzone Cross Country			
<b>Week 9</b> 24-28 June			School Matariki Evening 5.00pm		Matariki Holiday - Public Hol
<b>Week 10</b> 1-5 July			Mid Year Reports go Home		

## TERM 2 - CROSS COUNTRY



This year the HVS Cross Country will be on Tuesday 14th May 2024 from 1:30pm here at HVS. The Southern Zone Cross Country (qualifying Year 4-6 students) will be Tuesday 21st May at McAllister Park, Berhampore with the rain day of Thursday 23rd May 2024. So, get yourself running so you are ready to go.



## PINK SHIRT DAY – FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY



This year we are thrilled to be supporting Pink Shirt Day again at Te Kura o Haewai. Pink Shirt Day is a national anti-bullying event that focuses on being an upstander and helping to make Aotearoa a kinder place for all New Zealanders.

Students and whānau across the school are encouraged to wear pink on Friday the 17th of May as a way of celebrating together. We will be fundraising as part of this, so please bring a gold coin koha if you can!



The Term 2, Week 1 H&S news:

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- **HOME & SCHOOL AGM - TUESDAY, 7 MAY - YOU ARE INVITED**

The Home & School Annual General Meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 7th May.

All parents and caregivers are invited. We'll start at 7:30 sharp, move quickly through the official business, and leave plenty of time to discuss **your suggestions on future events and how to invest the funds raised.**

The AGM agenda can be read [HERE](#) and includes:

- Discussing your ideas and suggestions and the [2024 H&S CALENDAR/PLAN](#).
- Electing officers - Co-chairs, Treasurer, and Secretary. We are taking expressions of interest for these roles and would love to hear from you if you'd like to know more. For info on the roles - see [H&S RULES AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS](#). If you are interested in learning more about these roles, please contact Ian at [homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz).
- Discussing proposed Home & School rule changes - see [PROPOSED RULE CHANGES](#).

We know that getting to school in the evening can be difficult, so if you wish to join online (e.g. via Zoom), contact Ian at [homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz), and he'll provide you with a link. And if you need a babysitter, Home & School can cover their costs.

- **HVS FAIR - SATURDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2024**

An epic day bringing fun and happiness to our tamariki and connecting us to our South Coast community.

The first Fair planning meeting for 2024 is this Sunday 5th of May at 137 Houghton Bay Rd at 10.30am. All welcome, no-obligation. Pop along to find out more. Super relaxed and mainly we will just be drinking coffee and eating scones!

Keen to learn more about how you can support the fair? Drop Anna Barlow a line on [hvsfair@gmail.com](mailto:hvsfair@gmail.com) or 027 260 1926

- **MOVE-A-THON PRIZE WINNERS**

A huge thanks to everyone involved in the Move-A-Thon. You helped us raise....



**\$11,295**



And huge congrats to our prize winners below, who received their **CHEAPSKATES** and **BURKES CYCLES** goodies at the end of Term 1.

- **Jacob Pearman** won most laps with **81 LAPS!!!!!!**
- **Bella Clark, Atticus Palmer, Finlay Searles-Wright, Felix Gaskin, Jake Wagstaff, and Ari Ray-Podmore** won most laps in their year group
- **Amaia Prebble** won the Inspiring Award for running so well and encouraging others
- **Orla Barrington-Ward and Otto Uivel** won the Caring Award for checking in with children that fell
- **Jake Kennedy-Stolze** won most dollars raised with **\$444!!!!**
- **Olive Wynands and Charlie Laking** won best costume





Great to see **Carlie Uivel** in the photo above presenting the skateboard prize to Jacob “81 laps” Pearman. Carlie was the powerhouse behind the Move-A-Thon. So, if you see Carlie on your travels, be sure to give her a big thanks for such an amazing day and such a great result for the kids and the school community.



- **BAKE SALE AFTER SCHOOL FRIDAY, 17 MAY**

Come along to sample delicious baking at our first Term 2 bake sale. Host classes TBC.

- **THE BIG SHOUTOUT - VOLUNTEER SOCIAL AT PARROTD OG**  
Save the date - **Sunday 16th June**. We are inviting all HVS volunteers *and anyone interested in HVS volunteering* to ParrotDog Brewery for a social. More details to come. Put it in your diary today.
- **SAVE THE LINK - H&S 2024 CALENDAR/PLAN**  
The [2024 H&S CALENDAR/PLAN](#) holds all the Home & School events in one handy place. Save the link

### What is the Home & School Association?

Our Home & School Association is a collective of HVS parents and caregivers. Our purpose is to support the school by connecting the community and raising funds. Everyone in the HVS community is part of the Home & School Association. Yes, you are already a member :)

#### Save the date - Term 2

H&S AGM: 7:30pm Tuesday 7th May  
Bake Sales: 17th May & 14th June  
Big Shoutout @ ParrotDog: 16th June  
Matariki: 28th June

#### Later events

**Term 3**  
Bake Sales: 17 May & 14 June  
HVS Quiz - TBC  
**Term 4**  
HVS Fair: Saturday 16th November  
Disco TBC, & Bake Sale!

### There's ALWAYS a chance to join in. Here's how you can help...

Our school events rely on volunteers. Volunteering is easy - *no experience necessary*. Just an hour of your time can make a real difference to our community and help you meet other parents and caregivers. To learn more, contact [homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz](mailto:homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz).

## YUMMY APPLE STICKERS



Every year we collect yummy apple stickers and labels for HVS. We will be able to get free sports gear for our school. So, let's start to collect the stickers and we have till the end of Term 3 2024 to get as many as we can. You can download the sticker forms off the website or pickup one from the school office. Checkout the website:

<https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>



# KELLY CLUB



## THEME: KC Masterchef

Term 2 Week 2, 6th May

Weekly Activities Plan  
Kelly Club Houghton Valley

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2:55 – 3:10 pm</b>	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
<b>3:10 – 3:30 pm</b>	Intro & Afternoon Tea Crackers, Cheese & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Noodles & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Thins & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cooking Creations & Fruit
<b>3:30 – 3:45 pm</b>	Structured Freetime Outside	Structured Freetime Outside	Structured Freetime Outside	Structured Freetime Outside	Structured Freetime Outside
<b>3:45 – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>GAME</b> Biscuit Decorating Competition 	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Ice Cream in a Bag Experiment 	<b>CRAFT</b> Make your Own Chef Hat 	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Chocolate Slime 	<b>COOKING</b> Pizza Creations! 
<b>4:30 – 4:35 pm</b>	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
<b>4:35 – 4:50 pm</b>	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Fruit Bars	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Fruit Bars	Snack Time Veggie Crisps
<b>4:50 – 5:10 pm</b>	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
<b>5:15 – 6:00 pm</b>	Project: Board Game Decorating!	Project: Board Game Decorating!	Project: Board Game Decorating!	Project: Board Game Decorating!	Project: Board Game Decorating!

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		<b>TERM 2 2024</b> 29 April - 5 July	Weekly Theme Planner Kelly Club Houghton Valley
<b>Wk 1</b> 29 April	<b>Mystical Madness</b>		Join us for a week of <i>Mystical Madness</i> as we explore all things magical!
<b>Wk 2</b> 6 May	<b>KC MasterChef</b>		Get your chef hats on as we battle it out in KC MasterChef!
<b>Wk 3</b> 13 May	<b>Artistic Animals</b>		What's your favorite animal? Join us for drawing dingos and painting penguins!
<b>Wk 4</b> 20 May	<b>STEM Challenge Week</b>		Have you got what it takes to compete in different STEM challenges? Come along and find out.
<b>Wk 5</b> 27 May	<b>Staff Choice</b>		The staff have got you covered with a week filled with their favourite activities.
<b>Wk 6</b> 3 June	<b>Craft Wars</b>		The centres are battling again! Do you have what it takes to show off your craft skills and win?
<b>Wk 7</b> 10 June	<b>Spectacular Sports</b>		Put your sneakers on this week as we celebrate all things 'sport' this week.
<b>Wk 8</b> 17 June	<b>Kids Choice</b>		It's up to you what we do at Kelly Club this week.
<b>Wk 9</b> 24 June	<b>Matariki</b>		Let's celebrate Matariki with the Maori New Year celebrations.
<b>Wk 10</b> 1 July	<b>Red Nose Week</b>		Join us in supporting healthier children, with brighter futures, this Red Nose Day!

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Olive Oil Fundraiser to support Manawa's Greek Exchange**

Manawa Mitcalfe Matthews (year 13 at Rongotai College and ex HVS student) is going on an AFS exchange to Greece in the second half of this year. While he is there, he will live with a Greek family and go to a Greek school. He will be the first New Zealander to go to Greece on AFS. Manawa is selling olive oil gift packs as part of his fundraising efforts. Please support him if you can. Please order by 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Here is more information and an order form: <https://forms.gle/iJZLa1bvbCqNKY6cA>.

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<b>Healthline 0800 611 116 OR COVID-19 Info 0800 358 5453</b>	
<b><u>Bee Healthy Dental Clinic</u></b> • 0800 825 583	<b><u>Ezlunch.co.nz</u> • Thursdays • Sushi</b> • Fridays • Pita Pit - go online to <a href="http://www.ezlunch.co.nz">www.ezlunch.co.nz</a> please order before <b>8:30am</b>
<b><u>Kelly Club After School Care</u> - <a href="http://www.kellyclub.co.nz">www.kellyclub.co.nz</a> Cell 022 010 9981</b> Phoebe – Co-ordinator Book before 4pm the day before or Email <a href="mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz">houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</a>	
<b>HVS FAIR Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – please put a note in your diary!</b>	