



Houghton Valley School

Newsletter

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Wednesday, 26th April 2023

Week 1 of Term 2

HVS Reminders

- Mon 8th May – H&S AGM Meeting 7:30pm
All Welcome
- Wed 10th May - HVS Colour Run and
Cross Country
- Mon 22nd May – 7pm BOT Meeting

Kia ora Whānau,

My name is John Wootton and it is my privilege to be the acting principal of Houghton Valley School for this term. I am married to Mary, I have two adult children, Daniel and Ashleigh and a granddaughter Ivy who turns one today.

My teaching career started at Naenae Intermediate in 1977, I became principal of Korokoro School (Petone) in 2003 and then Adventure School (Whitby) in 2013. The birth of Ivy induced retirement in August last year.

While retired I have fed on a diet of The Dom Post Quiz and crossword, Wordle, Worldle, Explordle, Heardle and Flagle, for mental health; regular gym sessions and walks for the body and visits to Auckland to see Ivy and catch ups with friends at various establishments in Welly for well-being. Notwithstanding these pleasures, I am excited to be back in a school.

I have a particular passion for music and singing so hope to do a bit of this during the term and I hope to connect with as many people in the wider community as I can in the 10 weeks ahead.

No reira, kia kaha ra,

Ngā Mihi Nui,

John Wootton

Acting Te Tumuaki, Houghton Valley School



HVS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY, CONNECTION, CONTRIBUTION

HVS Home & School Association Pānui

Our Home & School Association is a collective of parents and caregivers of our Houghton Valley School tamariki.

Everyone who is part of the HVS community is part of the Home & School Association.

Yes, you are already a member :)

Me te mahi tahi tātou mo te oranga o te katoa. Let's work together for the wellbeing of everyone.

The Term 2, Week 1 news:

- We hope you and your whānau had a wonderful time in the school holidays and are energised for a term 2 full of caring, exploring, and inspiring together.
- All parents and caregivers (*yes, all of you wonderful people!*) are invited to attend the **Home & School ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** to be held on **Monday 8th May, 7:30-9pm** in Nikau Room (Room 3). Come along to meet some of the school community, share some kai, and help us make the year ahead one to remember.

PINK SHIRT DAY



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 19th of May** as a way of celebrating together

HVS SPORTS



Basketball for Term 2 – Last Chance

Registrations have opened for the Term 2 season. Can you please let me know if your child is keen to play and I'll put the team(s) together, email charles@houghton.school.nz

If we get enough in either year group, we might have to make two teams, so please let me know if you would like your child placed with another student. I will do my best to accommodate.

Also, these teams are parent run, so a volunteer to help manage the team on the day would be great! Here is some more information with days and dates. ***Please let us know by Friday 28th April if you would like to join the team.*** Cheers, Charles

Term 1 FlippaBall Teams

HVS Whetu Team

The kids played really well this term for Flippaball, they played in the 3/4 playoff on Friday night in the A Grade. It was a tough game, but they came out on top 9 - 6, ending up third in the league.



HVS Mako Team

I'd just like to update our team played their best game on the last Friday. Every team member has made great progress over the last few weeks. Leonardo was a late addition to the team, who added his superior ball throwing skills. The warmup that Emily implemented helped a lot and made such a difference. Thanks Emily!



KELLY SPORTS AND KELLY CLUB



KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 2 - ACTIVE AUTUMN SPORTS!!

Sessions start on Thursday 4 May 2023 from 3.05pm-4.05pm

The Kelly Sports sessions are a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop and enhance balls skills, catching, kicking, and throwing, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness. We teach new skills and improve ability by using games, drills and exercises. It's a great way to try new sports and maintain fitness – all while having fun!!

Term 2 we will be focusing on the following sports: **Basketball, Netball, Football and Rippa Rugby**

To enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz and in the school box put "Houghton Valley"

KELLY CLUB		TERM 2 2023 24 April - 30 June	Weekly Theme Planner Kelly Club Houghton Valley
Wk 1 24 April	Arts and Crafts Masterclass		It's time to let your artistic side shine! What will you create?
Wk 2 1 May	Welcome to the Jungle		Home to over half of the world's animal and plant species, let's take a visit to the jungle!
Wk 3 8 May	Whānau Fun		Our KC families come in all shapes and sizes and we want to celebrate them all!
Wk 4 15 May	Cartoon Central		Who loves cartoons? This week's activities are dedicated to all of our favourites!
Wk 5 22 May	Super Silly Sports		Throw the rule books out the window for KC silly sports!
Wk 6 29 May	KC Escape Rooms		Can you escape the Kelly Club Challenge Rooms?
Wk 7 5 June	Royal Rampage!		You are a royal for the week! What is your first decree?
Wk 8 12 June	Underwater Explorers		Let's take a journey into the deep blue sea. Time to dive in!
Wk 9 19 June	Kid's Choice		You have a chance to take over the planner. What will you decide..?
Wk 10 26 June	Reward Week!		It's the week we've been waiting for, come and join us as we celebrate our amazing selves!

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KELLY CLUB		THEME: Welcome to the Jungle!				Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Houghton Valley
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:55 – 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In and Introduction	Sign In and Introduction	Sign In and Introduction	Sign In and Introduction	Sign In and Introduction
3:10 – 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Garlic Bread & Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Sammies & Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Veges, Bread and Dip	Afternoon Tea: Pasta and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Nachos & Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Nachos & Fruit
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice
3:45 – 4:35 pm	DISCOVERY Jungle Quiz 	SPORT Cheetah Sprints 	COOKING Lion Dip Platter and Snake Bread 	CRAFT Paper Chain Snakes 	DISCOVERY Jungle Terrariums 	
4:35 – 4:45 pm	Pack up and Snack Time	Pack up and Snack Time	Pack up and Snack Time	Pack up and Snack Time	Pack up and Snack Time	Pack up and Snack Time
4:45 – 5:15 pm	Second Activity: Jungle Landscapes	Second Activity: Jungle Landscapes	Second Activity: Which Animal Am I?	Second Activity: Sleeping Lions	Second Activity: Monkey See, Monkey Do	
5:15 – 6:00 pm	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	

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Events for Term 2 2023

Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 24-28 April					
Week 2 1-5 May					
Week 3 8-12 May	Home & School AGM 7:30pm-9pm		HVS Colour Run and Cross Country		
Week 4 15-19 May					Pink Shirt Day
Week 5 22-26 May	BOT Meeting 7pm				
Week 6 29 May-2 June					
Week 7 5-9 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday				

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marrzipan Drama Term 2 -Sign up

Our revolutionary drama-based self-confidence classes are at your school! Come see why all our Marrzipaners are full of excitement to be doing Marrzipan Drama.

-9 lessons

-A hilarious play

-Loads of fun games!

Spaces are strictly limited. If your little human wants to give Marrzipan a go before signing up for the entire term, try a non-obligatory trial lesson!

WHERE? Houghton Valley Community Hall

WHEN? 8am Thursday

How to sign up: Contact Joshuwawa on 022 436 5608 OR email wellington@marrzipandrama.co.nz

Houghton Valley Playcentre: Houghton Valley Playcentre is inviting whānau with tamariki aged 0-6 years to come along for a visit. We run sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 9.15am - 12.30pm. Thursday is our bilingual session where children and parents learn te reo Māori together. Your tamariki can play and experience some new toys, messy play, outdoor play equipment and make new friends. Bring spare clothes (we love exploring through messy play) and a lunch box/snacks for your tamariki. Tea and coffee is provided for adults. We look forward to seeing you but feel free to send us an email at hvplaycentre@gmail.com if you have any questions or call us on 027 880 5363 during session hours.



Houghton Valley School Information

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HVS Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/houghton.school.nz/>

School Office Email: admin@houghton.school.nz

Healthline 0800 611 116 OR COVID-19 Info 0800 358 5453

Bee Healthy Dental Clinic

• 0800 825 583

Ezlunch.co.nz • Thursdays • Sushi

• Fridays • Pita Pit - go online to

www.ezlunch.co.nz please order before 8:30am

Kelly Club After School Care - www.kellyclub.co.nz Cell 022 010 9981

Eden - Co-ordinator Email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz

HVS School Fair - Saturday 28th October 2023 - Put this date in your DIARY