



Houghton Valley School

Newsletter

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Thursday, 25th May 2023

Week 5 of Term 2

HVS Reminders

- Tues 30th May – Scholastic Book CLOSE
- Fri 2nd June – Hui/Assembly Rm4 & Rm1
- Mon 5th June – King’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Tue 6th June - LGBTQIA+ Hui 6:30-7:30pm
- Mon 12th June – BOT Meeting 7pm

Kia Ora koutou e te whānau,

Start with a bad joke and the newsletter can only get better.

A Burger and a Hot Dog Walk into a bar..... barman says “Oi we don’t serve food in here.”

Seriously Though

During the dark years of National Standards, The Arts tended to take a back seat as schools felt pressured to lift standards in reading, writing and maths through a ministry driven over emphasis on data gathering and analysis. Interestingly – notwithstanding societal change – our international standing in these areas has plummeted since the inception Nat Standards - just saying. Apologies for waxing political.

Schools have recovered their love of The Arts and I’m delighted to be at H.V.S. during a term where this school’s inquiry focus is on The Arts.

With the Inquiry focus this term on “The Arts,” it puts the spotlight on what is referred to as “The Hidden Curriculum.” The Hidden Curriculum refers to the unwritten, unofficial and often by – product lessons, values and perspectives that students derive from their daily interactions with teachers. The academic, social, moral and behavioural expectations established by schools, that communicate messages to students.

A teachers regard for respecting and sometimes challenging authority is exposed, as is regard for diverse societal conventions. For respecting the personality, ideals and opinions of Tamariki. For engendering a positive attitude and empathy towards others, aspiring to achieve and having a work ethic. For engendering a love of literature, music, art and dance. These are examples of how relationships through The Hidden Curriculum or just casual day to day interaction can have a huge impact on Tamariki.

Teaching Dreams (A Poem by C.W. Morris)

Some nights, students return to me
Like Salmon to their spawning bed
They shake my hand and sit across from me
And tell me what they have done
And what they will soon be doing
I remember their names and just where each one sat
In my classroom
Still, when they tell me what they learned
It’s not what I remember teaching.

Pithy Quote

“Many of the things you can count, don’t count. Many of the things you can’t count, really count”

Albert Einstein

Prophetic Quote

I can’t change the fact that my paintings don’t sell but the time will come when people will recognise that they are worth more than the value of the paints in the picture.

Vincent Van Gough

Van Gough died penniless in 1890. Today “The Starry Night,” alone, is valued at over \$100,000,000

This is in the Tate Modern Art Gallery in London. Open for discussion; you decide.



Southern Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all our athletes who competed in the southern zone cross country last week. Everyone gave it their best shot and exhibited guts and determination. Further congratulations to those who qualified for regionals. Our tamariki were exceptionally well behaved. When not competing they were allowed to move around the course and cheer on our runners and friends from other schools. They did this enthusiastically and respectfully.

Well done to Charles for leading us through the cross country cycle with some great results. The year 5/6 boys Max D, Kiaan, Lachie and Matiu deserve special mention with a number of runners in the top ten and a first and third placing. See results for names and places.

R.I.P. Tina Turner

Sadly, with each newsletter we seem to mourn the passing of a superstar. Tina Turner was a stellar performer with the Ike and Tina Turner duo in the 60's and went on to even greater individual success in the 70's and 80's.

Student Safety in the Carpark

We need to be vigilant around the carpark and road at 3pm when our tamariki are leaving the school grounds. After school yesterday a car did a three-point turn backing into our park as children were leaving school. I don't think this was a member of our school community but it highlights the need for care.

I also respectfully ask that the park designated for wheelchair parking be reserved for purpose it was designed.

No reira, kia kaha ra,

Ngā Mihi Nui,

John Wootton (Acting Principal)

A BIG WELCOME IN HARAKEKE CLASS TO:

😊 Iona Gardiner

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MAY UPDATE

Kia ora koutou Houghton Valley School whānau

It's hard to believe we are halfway through Term 2!

The Board has two important welcomes to make.

Firstly, we would like to say a warm welcome to the HVS Acting Principal, John Wootton, who is doing an excellent job steering the HVS waka in Luana's absence. Ukelele lessons for the tamariki are an unexpected bonus!

We are also delighted to announce that Jesse Pirini has agreed to join the Board of Trustees as a co-opted member. Jesse has a background in Māori development and innovation. With the Board wanting to strengthen our focus on Te Ao Māori and Te Tiriti, we are very fortunate to have Jesse join us. Thanks for coming on board the Board Jesse!

Our May Board hui was held earlier this week, and we were lucky to have Stephanie Bosch, the Inquiry Learning Leader, deliver a presentation about the Inquiry approach to learning undertaken at HVS, and what HVS kaiako are doing to develop their practice. You might be aware that this term the Inquiry topic is "What does it mean to be an artist?"

As part of the presentation Steph emphasised the importance of tamariki having the opportunity to talk about their learning with whānau. Each class is working on displaying the students' learning journey on the wall - we encourage you to come into your child's classroom before or after school to have a look at their work and talk to them about their learning.

As mentioned in our March update, one of the key areas of focus for the Board this year is ensuring we are meeting our obligations under Te Tiriti of Waitangi at a governance level. Several members of the Board recently attended a workshop run by the New Zealand Schools Board of Trustees Association (NZSTA) - Giving Effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi; it was a very productive workshop and members of the Board will be attending the second part of the workshop in August to for further training.

The next Board hui is 7pm Monday 12 June, whānau are welcome to attend.

Ngā mihi

HVS Board of Trustees

SCHOOL HUI – LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

Dear whānau,

This term we will be hosting a whānau hui for members of our school community who have students or whānau members who are in the LGBTQIA+ community.

The focus of this meeting will surround the following:

- Forward thinking in relation to the diversity and inclusion aspect of the school strategic plan and what this looks like for our learners at HVS
- Ways in which we can ensure everyone feels good about who they are and safe in our school
- Reflecting on the Sexuality and Relationships curriculum and how this is taught within our school
- Highlighting any spaces for further development

The hui will be held in Term 2, on Tuesday the 6th of June from 6:30-7:30pm. Please RSVP to miriam@houghton.school.nz if you are able to attend or have any further questions.

TEACHER JOB VACANCY - TERM 3 2023

We have a have a fixed term teaching position in Ti Kouka, room 6, a year 1/2 composite class, for term three 2023. The job has been advertised in the NZ Education Gazette but it is quite possible that a community member who is a New Zealand trained and registered teacher, may be interested. If so, please contact the school office by Thursday 8th June 2023.

SUSTAINABILITY

Green Geckos have been gardening and harvesting pumpkins that we began growing last year from the Little Garden seeds. As they are interesting colours, shapes and sizes, we have been using them to create realistic still life drawings and paintings.

We also had a terrific harvest from our potato crop this week, so we will have some school grown vegetables for our Matariki vegetable soup later this term. We can't wait! Jill Holmstead



REMINDER BAKE SALE TOMORROW – 3PM
BOTTOM COURT – BRING YOUR COINS

SOUTHERN ZONE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Top 10 placings to go through to Interzone Cross Country
Tues 14 June, ppmt Thurs 16 June @ McCalister and Liardert Street Parks,

| Year 4 | | Year 5 | | Year 6 | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 11 th Eden McKenzie | 11 th Poppy Brough | 6 th Freddy Young-Leathers | 12 th Lyra Scott | 1 st Max Doig | 8 th Agnes Williams |
| | 12 th Amaia Prebble | 7 th Kit Childerhouse | | 3 rd Kiaan Tyagi | |
| | | | | 8 th Lachie Moore | |
| | | | | 9 th Matiu Gaudie | |



HVS EGGS FOR SALE - \$10 A DOZEN



HVS school EGGS for SALE. Yes, we have new chickens and lots of fresh eggs.

Please contact our chicken farmer Jill Holmstead jill@houghton.school.nz if you would like to order our school eggs.



Due to the increased cost of chicken feed, the cost of eggs will increase to \$10 a dozen.

When your order is available your child will bring the eggs home or you can collect them from the office.

Then please pay online HVS BOT account:

Houghton Valley School Board of Trustees ASB 12-3481-0045763-00 with your child's name and reference **EGGS**. Thanks Jill Holmstead

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - ONLINE



We have sent home the latest Issue 3 catalogue of the Scholastic Book Club.



All orders should be placed online via their website scholastic.co.nz/loop or the book club app.

ONLINE Orders CLOSE by Tuesday 30th May 2023



The Term 2, Week 5 news:

Kei te hiakai koe?

Are you hungry?

- **BAKE SALE**

Our first bake sale of term 2 is this Friday (26th)! Please join us at the school from 2:55pm to sample some of Rata and Harakeke's tasty treats. Big thanks to the whānau of **Rata** and **Harakeke** for doing the baking.

- **HVS FAIR - REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN HELPING**

Our organising committee have just kicked off planning for the HVS Fair. All key organiser roles are now filled but we still need your help. If you are interested to learn more about any of the roles below, please email hvsfair@gmail.com

- **Toy coordinator** - *Are you a playful parent/caregiver who wants to bring joy to the tamariki of our community?*
- **Entertainers** - *Can you sing, play, dance, mix, perform or otherwise entertain the crowds at this year's fair?*
- **Plant growers** - *If you are green fingered, we'd love you to grow us some plants to sell at the fair. You have until October, so plenty of time to get some seedlings going. You just need to grow them and we will sell them.*
- **Ideas people** - *Do you have a suggestion for the fair this year? If so, we'd love to hear from you.*
- **Fair day volunteers** - *Want to convert an hour of your time into joy for the community? Then join our largest volunteer group of the year by registering your interest in doing a shift on a fair day stall.*

- **HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AGM MINUTES**

In the last newsletter, we shared the highlights of the recent Home & School Annual General Meeting. Here are the full minutes: [Home & School AGM Minutes 2023](#)

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 who is part of the HVS community is part of the Home & School Association. Yes, you are already a member :)

Save the date this term

Bake Sale (Rata & Harakeke) - Fri 26th May
Bake Sale (Kōwhai & Rimu) - Fri 23rd June
Matariki evening - Thurs 29th June

Events later in the year

HVS Disco - Term 3, *Date tbc*
HVS Quiz - Term 4, *Date tbc*
HVS Fair - Saturday 28th October

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

Just an hour of your time can make a real difference to our community. The events above all rely on volunteers. Volunteering is easy - *no experience necessary* - and you'll get to meet a bunch of other volunteers in the process. If you're interested to know more about how you can help at one of our events, please email us at hvsfair@gmail.com.

Events for Term 2 2023

| Term 2 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------|--|---|
| Week 5 22-26 May | BOT Meeting 7pm | | | | 3pm Bake Sale Bottom Court Rata Rm9 & Harakeke Rm 5 |
| Week 6 29 May-2 June | | Scholastic Books Close | | | Hui/Assembly 9:15am - Karaka Rm4 & Pohutukawa Rm1 |
| Week 7 5-9 June | King's Birthday Public Holiday | LGBTQIA+ Hui 6:30pm-7:30pm | | | |
| Week 8 12-16 June | BOT Meeting 7pm | Interzone Cross Country | | Interzone Cross Country Postponement | Hui/Assembly 9:15am-Ngaio Rm8 & Rimu R10 |
| Week 9 19-23 June | | | | | |
| Week 10 26-30 June | | | | Matariki Evening | |

COMMUNITY NEWS

Yoga Classes at the HV Community Hall | I teach a regular Wednesday morning yoga class (9:00-9:50am) at the Houghton Valley Community Hall next door (from next weds, 31 May) for any parents that might be interested? The class doesn't require bookings (just turn up), BYO mat and it's \$12. Natalie natcrossley@hotmail.com

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| <u>Bee Healthy Dental Clinic</u> • 0800 825 583 | <u>Ezlunch.co.nz</u> • Thursdays • Sushi • Fridays • Pita Pit - go online to www.ezlunch.co.nz please order before 8:30am |
| <u>Kelly Club After School Care</u> - 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 | |