



Houghton Valley School

Newsletter

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Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Monday, 29th May 2023

Week 6 of Term 2

Kia Ora Whānau

A couple of important notices that can't wait until the next newsletter

Student Sickness

You will all be very aware that a particularly virulent stomach virus is doing the rounds in a number of school communities. This virus brings with it a very high fever, vomiting, muscular aches and exhaustion. In some cases, the fever has caused night terrors or disorientation in younger children. It has hit the H.V.S. community hard with 30 – 40 of our tamariki away over the last week or so.

We have had a meningococcal case in the Wellington region and while this is an isolated case, with all the other bugs around there is a need for ongoing vigilance. Please keep tamariki home if they present as even mildly unwell, as this thing seems to come on very quickly.

N.Z.E.I. Paid union meetings 1pm – 3.30 pm Wednesday 31st May 2023

The NZEI has instructed members to hold paid union meetings to discuss the latest offer from the government. We recognise that this is short notice but it will ultimately reduce the disruption to school that would have resulted from full day strike action.

As all of our teaching staff are union members, there will be no staff to supervise classes. This means school will have to close at lunchtime on Wednesday. Tamariki can be picked up between **12.30pm and 1p.m.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this and let's hope that this signals the end of industrial action.

Nga mihi

John Wootton

Acting Principal

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<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	