



# Houghton Valley School

## Newsletter

*Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together*

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

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Week 1 of Term 4

### HVS Reminders

- Frid 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – School DISCO 5:30pm
- **SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Whānau Help with Sandpit Removal from 10am**
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – BoT Meeting 7pm
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – H&S Meeting 7:30pm
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Labour Day – Public Holiday
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – HV School Athletics 9:30am

### **Kia Ora Whānau,**

It is all go here, with the Fair gearing up, the library almost finished and athletics training started. Term 4 is full of activities so please check out the calendar so you don't miss anything.

We also see the return of Stephanie Bosch and Fiona Crossett who were both on leave for term 3. Jackie Brown will be with us for the first 6 weeks of the term as Charlotte recovers from her surgery and injuries. We wish Charlotte a speedy recovery!

### **Strategic Plan - Draft Goals**

Last term, the Board of Trustees started community consultation for the Strategic Plan for 2024-2026. We really want to hear your thoughts and feedback.

#### **Draft Strategic Goals for community feedback:**

1. *Deepen our culturally responsive practice of Te āo Māori by strengthening our use and understanding of tikanga Māori, te reo Māori, the whenua, and whanaungatanga.*
2. *Either:*
  1. *Integrate our natural environment into our learning.*
  - Or:*
  2. *Inspire our akōnga with an exciting local curriculum that is grounded in our natural environment.*
3. *Deliver a robust, relevant, inspiring local curriculum, in a caring and inclusive environment, providing every student with the opportunity to thrive.*
4. *Nurture connection and communication to encourage ākonga, kaiako and whānau to participate together in learning and celebrate success.*

#### **Next steps:**

1. Community consultation on draft strategic goals  
We welcome thoughts and ideas about whether these draft strategic goals are heading in the right direction and how they could be improved or better worded.

You can provide feedback in several ways:

- Add your comments to the 'talking wall' in the hallway outside the office.
- Email the Presiding Member of the Board, Seb Bishop - [botsebastian@houghton.school.nz](mailto:botsebastian@houghton.school.nz)
- Add your thoughts to the anonymous suggestion box at the office.

The final day to give feedback on the draft strategic goals is **Friday 20 October**.

2. The Board will provide a second draft of the full strategic plan in Term 4 for final comments. This will include plans for how we intend to progress towards the goals, and how success will be measured.

Ngā manaakitanga

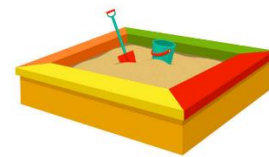
Houghton Valley School Board of Trustees

## Property Update

You can now see the progress that has been made on the Library. We are expecting to have this back before the Fair. We need the weather to be kind to us to allow all of the exterior work to be completed. Ngaio was successfully and safely removed during the holidays and work has started on this next stage.

## Sandpit Removal - Sunday 10.00am

As you may be aware, the sandpit was badly damaged during the big winds a few weeks ago. To make this safe we are removing all of the damaged parts. We were hoping there would be some builders/tradespeople who could assist with this.



We need people to bring tools as we don't have any here at school. If you are able to help then we will be doing this on Sunday morning from 10.00am.

## School Drop Off - 8.30am

We just want to remind you that our tamariki can come to school from 8.30am. We have noticed a lot of children here before 8.30am which makes it tricky for the builders as they often have trucks dropping equipment off until then so we would appreciate your help with this.



## Teacher Only Day - 17 November

The Ministry of Education has given all schools a day to support the implementation of the new curriculum. We will be taking this on Friday 17 November.

Noho ora mai,  
Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki, Houghton Valley School

## INSPIRE PHOTOGRAPHY – ORDER PHOTOS

**NOTE: Your flyer with the Unique Codes for your child/ren will be sent home today!**

Hello Whānau,

The logo for Inspire Photography, featuring the word 'Inspire' in a cursive script and 'PHOTOGRAPHY' in a smaller, sans-serif font below it.

We would like to invite you all to view your pictures at Inspire Photography's online ordering site. This gallery and ordering system is live and working as of now. This gallery will close **at midnight on Thursday 26th October 2023** and orders placed before the fundraising period finished aim to be dropped off at your school by 10<sup>th</sup> November 23. Orders to be posted will be processed at the same time as the prints that are to be returned to the school. Digital files are purchased as is and retouching requests may incur fees.

The gallery will remain live and online for up to 12 months after the main ordering period closes. Postage and packing fees may also apply as drop off at school is not available with late orders. The school does not receive any fundraising donations on sales after the main ordering period finishes.

To view and order your photographs:

1. Go to our website at <https://www.inspirephotocart.co.nz>
2. [Log in](#) or create an account. This is an important first step as it should save the passwords you use and should stop you having to re-enter the passcode every time you wish to view the images.
3. **Enter the unique codes on the info leaflet(s) sent home with your child(ren) - there are two codes; one for individual/sibling shots and one for groups:** If you have misplaced the codes, please contact the school office [admin@houghton.school.nz](mailto:admin@houghton.school.nz) for your unique code(s)
4. Save the images you would like to purchase to your 'Favourites'
5. Groups code: Save the relevant class groups to your 'Favourites'
6. We recommend adding your images to the shopping cart from your 'Favourites' page - the images should be easier to navigate between from there.

**Please check your order confirmation email closely and get in touch if you are unsure about what you wanted to order does not match what you have entered on your order. Incorrectly-ordered prints cannot be swapped or reimbursed.** If you require help with the ordering process or have any questions around ordering, then please feel free to call or email us: [orders@inspirephotography.co.nz](mailto:orders@inspirephotography.co.nz). Kind regards, The Inspire Team.  
[orders@inspirephotography.co.nz](mailto:orders@inspirephotography.co.nz) 043848009 Inspire Photography

## HVS ATHLETICS DAY

Kia ora whānau,

What a stunning start to the term. We have been out each day practising our quoiting, vortexing, jumping, and running. The athletes are looking pumped up and keen to do their personal best.

We will have our athletics day on 24 October. Can you please email me at [charles@houghton.school.nz](mailto:charles@houghton.school.nz) to let me know if you are able to assist on the day running some events.

Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you on the day. Charles Daily

### HVS Athletics 2023 Rotation Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Time/ Event	High Jump	Long Jump	Sprints	Fun Games	Quoits	Vortex	Rest/800 m run for Years 5/6
<b>Meet on bottom field in year groups</b>							
9.30am	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6 800m Run
10.00am	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5 800m Run
10.30am	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4
<b>Morning Tea</b>							
11.30am	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3
12.00pm	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2	Y2
<b>Lunch</b>							
1.35pm	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1	Jnr 2
2.05pm	Jnr 2	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Jnr 1



**Kia kanikani tātou!**

*Let's dance!*

Term 4, Week 1 H&S news:

- **WOW, IT'S SCHOOL DISCO TIME!**

This Friday 13 Oct, 5.30-7pm, at SWIS Hall, Rintoul St, Newtown.

Bring a gold coin for entry and \$2 sausage sizzle.

Remember that every child needs a responsible adult to attend.

He rau ringa e oti ai. If you can help to supervise the outside area during the disco; be on the BBQ; or help with the pack-down, please text Jo on 021 107 2252.

- **CALENDAR ART 2023 - OPEN FOR ORDERS NOW!**

Get your orders in by Labour weekend (orders can still be made until Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am)

Forms were given out earlier this week with your child's unique code and instructions. This year, the artworks were created during the school wide enquiry of "What is an Artist?"

New to Calendar Art? This is a fundraiser where an artwork by your child can be made into calendars, cards, mousepads, diaries and sketchbooks. These can make great keepsakes or gifts for whanau. If your child was not at school in term 2, sorry there will not be a product prepared for them.

If you have lost your code and form, or need help ordering, feel free to contact me, Fenella Rich, Lyra's mum (021 2178439, [fennyrich@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fennyrich@yahoo.com.au))



- **Home and School meeting for Term 4 - Thursday 19 October.**

Updates, insights and input into our events and where the funds go at our meeting for Term 4, 7:30 - 9 pm, Thurs 19 Oct, in Nikau class. Chocolate fish for any newcomers (and regulars!)

- **MANY HELPING HANDS NEEDED FOR OUR FANTASTIC SCHOOL FAIR**

The **HVS School Fair** is fast approaching on Saturday 28th October (10am to 2pm).

To make great things happen at our school, we rely on the fair as our biggest fundraiser of the year. We are still short of volunteers, so please reach out to us if you can spare some time on the day. See the FAIR "HOW YOU CAN HELP" poster for updates.

It's so much fun! Contact [hvsfair@gmail.com](mailto:hvsfair@gmail.com) to join in.

- **HVS QUIZ** "It's so great to see everyone get together like this" -overheard at the bar.

Well done everyone on such a successful community building event last month!

Huge thanks to all the organisers, particularly Kirsten, Louise, Anna and Jono!

We connected, had some laughs, and raised \$3246 for the school. Whoop!

## What is the Home & School Association?

HVS H&S 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. You are already a member!



## Save the date - Term 4

HVS Disco - Friday 13th October 5.30pm - SWIS  
Home and School Term 4 hui - Thursday 19 Oct 7.30pm  
**HVS Fair - Saturday 28th October, 10-2pm**

Inside Out education evening - date tbc  
Home & School end of year offsite bbq - date tbc

### Houghton Valley School Fair | Sat 28 Oct 10am - 2pm

# How Can You Help?

The fair is our biggest fundraiser! The money we raise helps fund some things our tamariki love most about our school: bikes, chickens, library, playground and the flying fox.



#### DONATE

The Fair Drop Zone is open for donations! Head to the deck outside Nikau (Room 3) with your preloved donations items in great condition and you'll find the drop zone signs for:

- Clothes
- Toys
- Books
- Plates (in not-so-great condition for the plate smash)

The Fair Drop Zone will be open Monday - Friday between 8.30am and 3.00pm until Fair Day. (Our volunteers at the drop-off station would love it if you could please bring your donations in separate category bags: clothes in one bag / toys in another etc.) Get in touch at [hvsfair@gmail.com](mailto:hvsfair@gmail.com) for any questions or just to send good vibes!



#### CRAFT NIGHT

Join Kirsty for an evening of craft-making for the craft stall. (And a little sweetener: wine and chocolate are provided.)  
Wed 18th October, from 6pm.  
199 Sutherland Road, Lyall Bay. Email: [kirstypoo26@hotmail.com](mailto:kirstypoo26@hotmail.com) or text Kirsty: 022 657 3944



#### SHARE

Tell your friends! Like the posts, share the event and shout about our great little fair on the beautiful south coast. Can you hang a fair poster at your work or business? Email: [hvsfair@gmail.com](mailto:hvsfair@gmail.com)



#### BYO

We're aiming for a waste-free event so get your reuseable bags, containers, spoons, forks and keep cups ready to go!



#### BAKING

Sherbert, toffee apples, rice bubble crunch, sandwiches or savories for high tea? Please get ready to bake your socks off! The baking stall and tea rooms are supplied exclusively by all the gorgeous baking HVS families do. And it sells like crazy! (Plates will be sent home the week before the fair, with drop-off instructions.)



#### LUCKY DIP

Do you have any small toy items for the \$2 lucky dip? These can be dropped with "Toys" at the drop zone.



#### SQUEEZE & FREEZE

How's that lemon tree looking? Lemons for the lemonade stand can be dropped to Denise in the office. If you'd prefer someone to come and raid your tree, email: [kate@plugprod.com](mailto:kate@plugprod.com)



#### VOLUNTEER

Good times coming your way. The games stalls are looking for people to lead the:

- Big Dig
- Hole in One

And still lots of volunteers needed for shifts on all the fun games on Fair Day. If you can help, email: [hvsfair@gmail.com](mailto:hvsfair@gmail.com)



Any questions? Chat to a fair coordinator:

Books	Fenella Rich
Clothes	Nell Winton
Toys	Anna-Marie Miller
Crafts	Kirsty White
Entertainment	Lee Prabble
Finances	Luke C-G
Food	Flic Morris
Games	Ian V & Kath B
Logistics	Anna Barlow
Comms	Emma G
Volunteers	Nicola Du Toit
Waste	Sarah Graydon



Get in touch: [hvsfair@gmail.com](mailto:hvsfair@gmail.com)



## Term 4 Events

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> 9 Oct – 13 Oct					<b>SCHOOL DISCO</b> 5:30PM
<b>Week 2</b> 16 Oct – 20 Oct	BOT Meeting 7.00pm			Home & School Meeting 7:30pm	
<b>Week 3</b> 23 Oct – 27 Oct	<b>Labour Day</b> <b>Public Holiday</b> <b>No School</b>	HV School Athletics 9:30am-2:30pm			
<b>Saturday 28 October - H&amp;S School Fair 10am-2pm</b>					
<b>Week 4</b> 30 Oct -3 Nov				Southern Zone Athletics	
<b>Week 5</b> 6 Nov – 10 Nov					
<b>Week 6</b> 13 Nov – 17 Nov					<b>Teacher Only Day – No School</b>
<b>Week 7</b> 20 Nov- 24 Nov					Dental Clinic Onsite
<b>Week 8</b> 27 Nov – 1 Dec			<u>Year 5/6 Noho Marae</u>	Year 5/6 Noho Marae	Year 5/6 Noho Marae
<b>Week 9</b> 4 Dec- 8 Dec					
<b>Week 10</b> 11 Dec – 15 Dec			Year 6 Leavers Assembly 5:30pm		Final Day 2023 finish School at 12.30pm

## KELLY CLUB



At Kelly Club Houghton Valley, our programmes include sports, cooking, art and craft activities as well as some much needed free time for the kids to hang out with their friends after a busy day. Next week we have our HVS Rules theme, and we are doing lots of our favourite Kelly Club activities, including making yummy smoothies, playing non-stop cricket and doing an awesome inflating balloon experiment!



<b>Wk 1</b> 9 Oct	<b>Fantasy Week</b>		Let's visit the land of make believe as we dive straight into fantasy week!
<b>Wk 2</b> 16 Oct	<b>HVS Rules!</b>		Join us at Kelly Club this week as we celebrate all things Island Bay!
<b>Wk 3</b> 24 Oct	<b>Graveyard Ghouls</b>		It's spooky season! Let's get ready as we celebrate the week of Halloween.
<b>Wk 4</b> 30 Oct	<b>Kid's Choice</b>		It's up to you what we get up to this week at Kelly Club!
<b>Wk 5</b> 6 Nov	<b>Dinosaur's on the Loose!</b>		We're going back in time to visit the dinosaur's with a whole week of prehistoric fun!
<b>Wk 6</b> 13 Nov	<b>Staff Choice</b>		It's up to the Staff what we do at Kelly Club this week!
<b>Wk 7</b> 20 Nov	<b>KC: Battle of the Centres</b>		We're up against Kelburn Normal and Island Bay as we compete for the trophy!
<b>Wk 8</b> 27 Nov	<b>Gotta Catch 'em All</b>		Will you choose a fire, water, or grass type as we search to become the greatest of all time.
<b>Wk 9</b> 4 Dec	<b>A Bug's Life</b>		How many legs does a butterfly have? Let's get ready to find more about creepy crawlies.
<b>Wk 10</b> 11 Dec	<b>We're Slippin N Slidin!</b>		There'll be water fights, wild water-based activities, are you ready...
18 Dec	<b>Christmas HP running at Island Bay School</b>		

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:55 – 3:10 pm	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 Sammies and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Smoothies and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Pikelets and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Corn Thins and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Crackers, Dip and Fruit
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice
	<b>GAME</b> Dodgeball	<b>COOKING</b> Smoothies	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Self-Inflating Balloons	<b>SPORT</b> Non-Stop Cricket	<b>CRAFT</b> Kite Making
3:45 – 4:35 pm					
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
4:45 – 5:15 pm	Second Activity: TRASH Card Tournament	Second Activity: Ball Tag	Second Activity: Kick The Can	Second Activity: Red Light Green Light	Second Activity: Playground Tag
5:15 – 6:00 pm	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time

## COMMUNITY NEWS

*Marrzipan*  
Fun, Weird Drama Classes




- ✓ Classes at your school!
- ✓ 9 Weeks!
- ✓ Maximum 10 students per 45 minute session!

Encouraging the development of your child's self-esteem, independence, confidence, responsibility, and social skills.

Register Now  
 [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz)  
 Trial Classes Available

### Marrzipan Drama coming back to Houghton Valley in term 4!

You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson** to see if it's their cuppa tea before committing to the whole term.

**When?** 8-8:50am Tuesdays or Thursdays

**Where?** Houghton Valley Community Hall

Click [here](#) for more info or to book Tuesday classes.

Click [here](#) for more info or to book Thursday classes.

[www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz)

Contact Holly on [wellington@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:wellington@marrzipandrama.co.nz) with any queries.



## Wellington Harrier Children's Athletic Club



Our season open day is Saturday 14th October, at Newtown Park.

We have a new start time of 9am this season and a new Hurdles, High Jump coach! At our club days' athletes practice all events, including long jump, hurdles, high jump, sprints, middle distance and throws. Our children's club day caters for all abilities. New members are welcome! You can register through <http://www.whac.org.nz> For more information please contact: Julie Richards [juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk) 0212959026



**If your child loves doing cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dancing, or parkour, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym!** Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills. The structured classes follow a Bigair Badge Programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and feel personal progression! Bigair classes include **GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING** (that's parkour with flips) & **CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too! **GET IN QUICK FOR TERM 4 GYM CLASSES! Book NOW.** Book online at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) or contact your local Bigair Gym office today. Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay ph. 383 8779 e. [wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz)

**Maranui Surf Life Saving Club Open Day**  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
10:00am – 1:00pm

- Join us for a day filled with fun, waves, and cheerful faces at the Maranui Surf Life Saving Club's Open Day, meticulously crafted for children aged 6 to 13!
- Our club boasts an enthusiastic and dynamic junior surf membership called Nippers, a delightful beach and surf program held every Sunday morning at 10:00 am, spanning from November through March.
- It's an incredible opportunity to forge new friendships, stay active, and nurture a lifelong passion for the beach. So, save the date and come make a big splash with us during Maranui SLSC's Open Day!
- For additional details, feel free to reach out to us via email at [admin@maranui.co.nz](mailto:admin@maranui.co.nz)

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<b><u>Bee Healthy Dental Clinic</u></b> • 0800 825 583	<b><u>Ezlunch.co.nz</u></b> • Thursdays • Sushi • 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></b> - <a href="http://www.kellyclub.co.nz">www.kellyclub.co.nz</a> Cell 022 010 9981 Eden – Co-ordinator Email <a href="mailto:houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz">houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz</a>	
<b>HVS School Fair – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 10-2pm Put this date in your DIARY</b>	