



Houghton Valley School

Newsletter

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Thursday, 9th November 2023

Week 5 of Term 4

HVS Reminders

- Fri 17th Nov – Teacher Only Day
- No School
- Wed 13th Dec - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
5:30pm
- Fri 15th Dec – Last day of the Term
12:30pm pickup

Kia Ora Whānau,

Wow! What an amazing fair. I want to acknowledge the fabulous mahi of our Home and School Committee - Anna Barlow, Flic Morris, Ian Vanstone, Nell Winton, Nicola Du Toit, Emma Gallagher, and Luke Cartmell-Gollan as our leaders and then to the stall leaders, staff, school whanau, volunteers, and community members who gave up their time to support this event, ngā mihi nui.

To all of the local businesses who donated or participated we appreciate you too. It makes a real difference. We are truly grateful for you manaaki!



School Structure for 2024

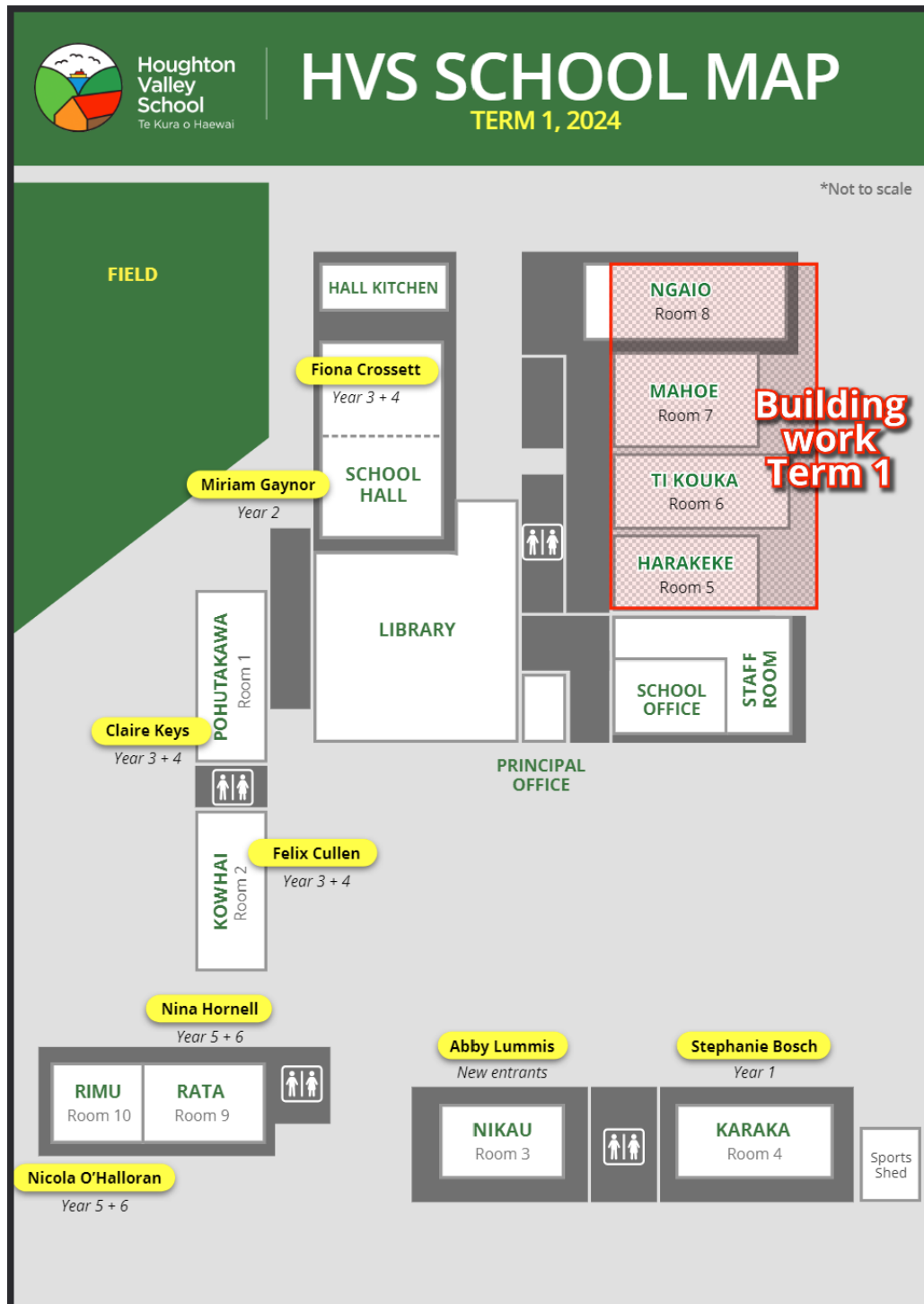
We have 3 new teachers joining the team in the Rakau Ropu (Years 3-6). Nina Hornell will be the Team Leader and will teach Y5/6 class in Rata. She joins us from Palmerston North and is an experienced leader. Claire Keys and Felix Cullen will be teaching in Years 3/4 and are both Wellington based kaiako.

You will notice that Abby is moving into the Kakano Ropu (Years 1 and 2) to teach new entrants after teaching in our senior team for the past 2 years.

We say farewell to Charles, Molly and Charlotte. We thank them for all of their mahi over the time they have been at HVS. We wish them all the best with their future endeavours.

Jill has got two terms leave for 2024 so she will be back with us in Term 3.

We have been busy finalising staff and spaces for 2024. Here is what the structure will look like in 2024.



Class Placements

As we have in previous years, we work with our children to ensure that everyone has an input into sharing peers they work well with and have positive relationships with so that everyone has a buddy in their class for the following year. Research tells us this is the most important factor in making classroom placements.

We will be running two transition sessions at the end of the year, as we have done previously, so students know who their class teacher is, which room they are in and which peers will be in that space with them. These sessions will happen in Week 9 and 10 of this term.

We would like to also offer whānau the chance to pop in and meet their child's class teacher for 2023. On Thursday 7th December, teachers will be in their new learning spaces from 3-3:30 so whānau have the opportunity to come and say hello as well. Please come in and introduce yourself, we'd love to connect with you!

We know that change can be challenging for some children, so we appreciate you supporting us to make these transitions to 2024 go as smoothly as possible. If you think your child will require additional support to transition into their new classroom, please email principal@houghton.school.nz so we can work together and factor this into our transition planning.

Extreme care, time and thought have been put into this task, as everyone benefits from getting it as 'right' as we possibly can. These placements will be final.

Nga manaakitanga
Luana Carroll

Reminder: Teacher Only Day
Friday 17th November 2023 – No School

but Kelly Club are running a program on this day!

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HVS ATHLETICS 2023

Ka rawe to all our fabulous athletes. It was an awesome day and every student put their best effort forward. A lot of fun was had and it was great to see such awesome competition amongst our akonga!!

A HUGE congratulations to these students qualifying for the Southern Zone Event held last week.

Year 6s

Zayan Hussain - High Jump
Fred McGovern - 80m, 150m, Long Jump, High Jump
Max Doig - 800 Meters, 150m, Quoits
Charlie Ririnui - 80m, Quoits, High Jump
Ra Greenfield - Quoits, Long Jump
Colton McFarlane - Long Jump
Lachie Moore - High Jump
Havana Peleti - 80m, 150m, High Jump
Lucia Heald - 80m, 150m, Quoits, High Jump
Hineariki Haami - 80m, 150m, Quoits
Eden Peleti - Quoits

Year 5

Freddie Young-Leathers - 80m, Quoits
Leo Marquardt - 60m, 100m
Kit Childerhouse - 80m, 150m
Ari Ray Podmore - 80m, 150m
Harry Adams - 150m, Vortex
William Jefferies - Vortex
Jacob Pearman - Quoits
Talia Du Toit - 80m, 150m
Hermione Greenacre - 80m, 150m
Izzie Riding - 80m, 150m
Macklyn Birdsall - Vortex

Year 4

Jake Wagstaff - 60m, 100m
Arlo Winspear - 60m, 100m
Bo levers - Long Jump, Relays
Fonzie Prebble - Relays
Amaia Prebble - 60m, 100m, Quoits
Hazel Bishop - 60m, 100m
Poppy Brough - 60m, 100m
Selene Perkins - Relays
Lola Todd - Relays

We are sending **Eden Peleti**, **Lucia Heald** for quoits and **Fred McGovern** for 80 meter sprints to the Interzone Athletics competition on Tuesday 21 November. We wish them the best of luck!!



Term 4, Week 5 H&S news:

Whiringa-ā-rangi

*Sixth lunar month of the Māori year -
approximately equivalent to November*

- **HOME & SCHOOL SOCIAL HUI. Celebrate 2023!**

Sun 26th Nov, from 4pm.

Time to celebrate our awesome community. Join us for an end of year get together at Ronja's - 31 Houghton Bay Rd. Please bring a plate to share. This one is for adults only :)

RSVP to Ronja on ronjaievers@yahoo.com

- **THE FUN-FILLED FAIR, A SUN-SOAKED SUCCESS**

Hooray! We had fun and **raised over \$24,000** for the school itself and for the HVS Home & School Association. *If you wish to help suggest ways that Home & School funds should be spent, please come along to our next meeting in Term 1 2024 (exact date TBD).*



[Share what you liked, didn't like and great ideas for the HVS Fair in this easy-as survey.](#)

Did you accidentally take a HVS cup home? Please return to the office - no questions asked!

Thank you so much to all the wonderful fair-day volunteers. Great mahi! 😊

- **HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES**

Thanks to those who came along to the Term 4 Home & School meeting to share kai, share stories of the disco, hear from The Board, hear from Luana, and make decisions on how to invest Home & School funds to enhance the school environment and enhance the quality of educational opportunities provided by the school. **We approved subsidising HVS T Shirts, covering some school chess sets, the transport costs for the Year 5&6 trip, year 6 leaver books, and a large contribution to a new chicken hutch.** Everyone is welcome at H&S meetings, so we hope to see many of you at our meeting in Term 1.

Full meeting minutes are here:

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- **SUBSIDISED HVS T-SHIRTS**

H&S have agreed to subsidise the HVS school t-shirts by \$10. This means from today, if you purchase a school t-shirt, it will be \$33 instead of \$43 - Thanks for making it a bit more accessible, H&S!

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!

Term 4 2023 Events

| Term 4 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week 5 6 Nov – 10 Nov | | | | | |
| Week 6 13 Nov – 17 Nov | | | | | Teacher Only Day – No School |
| Week 7 20 Nov- 24 Nov | | Interzone Athletics | | | Dental Clinic Onsite |
| Home and School Social Hui - Sunday 26 th November 4pm | | | | | |
| Week 8 27 Nov – 1 Dec | | | Year 5/6 Noho Marae | Year 5/6 Noho Marae | Year 5/6 Noho Marae |
| Week 9 4 Dec- 8 Dec | | | | Class Transition 1 Session 9:15am-11am | |
| Week 10 11 Dec – 15 Dec | | Class Transition 2 Session 9:30am-11am | Year 6 Leavers Assembly 5:30pm | | Final Day for 2023 finish School at 12.30pm |

SOUTHERN ZONE ATHLETICS



KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – ONE DAY

On Friday the 17th of November, Kelly Club Houghton Valley will be running a one-day holiday programme for Teacher Only Day. The theme will be Going on a Bear Hunt, and we have heaps of awesome activities planned!! Check out the flyer below for more information, we hope to see you all there!



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 Staff Choice Theme, and we are doing some of our staff's favourite activities such as making dream catchers, yummy smoothies and homemade bouncy balls!

Eden Penfold Programme Coordinator Kelly Club Houghton Valley - 022 010 9981
houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz

| KELLY CLUB | | THEME: Staff Choice <small>Term 4 Week 5, 13th November 2023</small> | | | | <small>Weekly Activities Plan</small> <small>Kelly Club Houghton Valley</small> |
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| | 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 | One Day Holiday Programme! Theme: We're Going on a Bear Hunt! | |
| 3:10 – 3:30 pm | Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies and Fruit | Afternoon Tea: Cruskits, Cream Cheese and Fruit | Afternoon Tea: Smoothies and Fruit | Afternoon Tea: Corn Thins and Fruit | | |
| 3:30 – 3:45 pm | Game: Staff Choice | Game: Staff Choice | Game: Staff Choice | Game: Staff Choice | | |
| 3:45 – 4:35 pm | CRAFT Dream Catchers | GAME Go Home Stay Home | COOKING Smoothies | DISCOVERY Homemade Bouncy Balls | | |
| 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 | | |
| 4:45 – 5:15 pm | Project: Build Your Own Board Game | Project: Build Your Own Board Game | Project: Build Your Own Board Game | Project: Build Your Own Board Game | | |
| 5:15 – 6:00 pm | Structured Free Time | Structured Free Time | Structured Free Time | Structured Free Time | | |

Houghton Valley School Dates for 2024

| | Start | End | Exceptions |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Term 1 (11 weeks) | Thursday 1 February | Friday 12 April 24 | <i>Waitangi Day Tues 6 Feb 24</i> <i>Easter Good Friday 29 March,</i> <i>Easter Monday 1 April</i> <i>and Easter Tuesday 2 April 2024</i> |
| Term 2 (10 weeks) | Monday 29 April | Friday 5 July 24 | <i>King's Birthday Mon 3 June 24</i> <i>Teacher Only Day Tues 4 June 24</i> <i>Matariki Day Fri 28 June 24</i> |
| Term 3 (10 weeks) | Monday 22 July | Friday 27 September 24 | |
| Term 4 (10 weeks) | Monday 14 October | Thursday 19 December 24 | <i>Labour Day Mon 28 Oct 24</i> <i>Teacher Only Day Tues 29 Oct 24 (TBC)</i> |

Houghton Valley School Information

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| Houghton Valley School Ph: 939-3318 Website: www.houghton.school.nz PrincipalEmail: principal@houghton.school.nz | 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 Book before 6pm the day before or Email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz | |