



Houghton Valley School Newsletter

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Thursday, 23rd November 2023

Week 7 of Term 4

HVS Reminders

- Wed 29th Nov – Fri 1st Dec Year 5/6
Noho Marae
- Wed 13th Dec - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
5:30pm
- Fri 15th Dec – Last day of the Term
12:30pm pickup

Kia Ora Whānau,

It was fantastic to celebrate the opening of our Library with you today. We are thrilled to have it finished and for our tamariki to be able to use this wonderful space. We have missed it!

There are a lot of people to acknowledge for this wonderful mahi so we thank you. Nga mihi nui!



Things to know for 2024

Next year, we will be keeping school donations and activity fees the same as this year. This money allows us to support the additional programmes and activities we provide for our akonga.

Here are our term dates and some events that we have organised:

- *Thursday 1 February - 12 April*
- *Monday 29 April - 5 July*
- *Monday 22 July - 27 September*
- *Monday 14 October - 19 December*

Teacher Only Days:

1. 4 June 2024
2. 29 October 2024

School events:

- Meet the teachers - Wednesday 7 February 24 - 5.00-6.30pm
- Swimming starts – Thursday 8 February
- School picnic – Friday 9 February from 5pm



Stationery

We will continue in 2024 with the same system for stationery which we put in place a few years ago. This means that school will organise and sort the stationery needed for each year level and give this to your child on day one of the school year. We will invoice you for the cost of stationery in 2024. This has worked successfully for students and teachers.

If you wish to purchase your stationery elsewhere please email Denise by Friday 1 December to let her know and we will give you a stationery list at the end of the year once teachers have confirmed them - admin@houghton.school.nz.

For those who want to purchase their stationery through school you don't need to do anything.

Swimming - Term 1

We will be swimming again in term 1 in 2024. Next year, we will have additional lessons due to the length of the term. The pool has implemented a new policy so groups are smaller. The pool has also increased its costs so we want to let you know swimming will cost more than it did this year.

We think it will be about \$75 per student but we are still waiting on confirmation of all costs.



Noho Marae

Next week, our Year 5 and 6's head away on their Noho Marae experience which will be a special opportunity for our tamariki. We wish you well.

Ngā manaakitanga
Luana Carroll



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Te Kura o Haewai

HVS Home & School Association pānui

Term 4, Week 7 H&S news:

- **HOME & SCHOOL SOCIAL HUI**

Sun 26th Nov

At Ronja's - 31 Houghton Bay Rd, from 4pm.

BYO pizza toppings & drinks, but leave the kids and dogs at home.

RSVP to Ronja on ronjaievers@yahoo.com

- **DISCOUNTED HVS T-SHIRTS**

As above, H&S have agreed to subsidise the HVS school t-shirts by \$10. This means that if you purchase a school t-shirt, it will be just \$33 instead of \$43!

**Toitū te marae a Tāne-Mahuta, Toitū te marae a
Tangaroa, Toitū te tangata.**

If the land is well and the sea is well, the people will thrive.

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
Home and School Social Hui - Sunday 26 th November 4pm					
Week 8 27 Nov – 1 Dec	Dental Clinic here This Wee		Year 5/6 Noho Marae	Year 5/6 Noho Marae	Year 5/6 Noho Marae
Week 9 4 Dec- 8 Dec	Dental Clinic here this Week			Class Transition 1 Session 9:15am-11am School Reports Available thru Spotlight	
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
Term 1 2024 – First Day of School - Thursday 1 st February 2024					

KELLY CLUB AND HOLIDAY PROGRAM

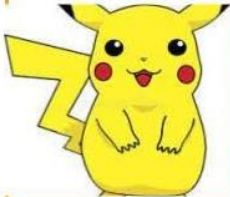




At Kelly Club Houghton Valley, our programmes include sports, cooking, art and craft activities as well as some much needed free time for the kids to hang out with their friends after a busy day. Next week we have our theme is Gotta Catch 'em All, and we are doing all things pokemon! We will be making pokemon stress balls, playing pokemon dodgeball and doing our pokeball paper mache project!

Bookings are now open for our pre-Christmas and Summer holiday programmes! You can book in now at [www.https://kellyclub.co.nz/island-bay](https://kellyclub.co.nz/island-bay)

Kind Regards,

Eden Penfold

Programme Coordinator
Kelly Club Houghton Valley

	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 Corn Thins and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Platters and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Sammies and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Crackers, Dip and Fruit	Afternoon Tea: Popcorn and Fruit
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Staff Choice
	GAME Pokemon Tag	COOKING Pokeball Platters	DISCOVERY Pokeball Catapults	SPORT Pokemon Dodgeball	CRAFT Pokemon Stress Balls
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	Project: Pokeball Paper Mâché	Project: Pokeball Paper Mâché	Project: Pokeball Paper Mâché	Project: Pokeball Paper Mâché	Project: Pokeball Paper Mâché
5:15 – 6:00 pm	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ISLAND BAY SCHOOL

General information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school. Our holiday programme is focused around sports, games, and outings to local attractions. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food.

Feeds: Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:00pm each day.

Programme activities: Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

Payment details: Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Parents / caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.workandincome.govt.nz.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst at a programme, if your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

	Mon 11 December	Tues 12 December	Wed 13 December	Thurs 14 December	Fri 15 December
WEEK 1	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY
	No Holiday Programme Today.	No Holiday Programme Today.	No Holiday Programme Today.	No Holiday Programme Today.	No Holiday Programme Today.
	Mon 18 December	Tues 19 December	Wed 20 December	Thurs 21 December	Fri 22 December
WEEK 2					
	KIWI CHRISTMAS We're celebrating the most wonderful time of the year: the classic Kiwi way. Sun, surf and sand with a sprinkling of Santa.	SANTA'S WORKSHOP It's time to help Santa and the Elves of the North Pole get ready for Christmas! Let's make lots of presents and parcels and get ready for Santa and his Elves to deliver them on Christmas Day!	KC GRINCH CHRISTMAS Let's come together to save Christmas from the Grinch! Overnight he took away all our decorations, let's work together to restore Whoville to it's Christmas glory!	TRIP DAY: ZOO Join us for an awesome trip day to Wellington Zoo. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day	CHRISTMAS PARTY Ho Ho Ho! There'll be lots of festive games, crafts and treats at this Christmas party so come along with plenty of holiday cheer to end the year with!

FULL WEEK: \$280 (8am-6pm)
 FULL DAY: \$59 (8am-6pm)
 SCHOOL DAY: \$47 (8.45am-3.15pm)
 HALF DAY: \$39 (8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm)
 EVENT DAY: Extra \$20 (Included in Full Week)

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!
*Conditions apply

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

Houghton Valley School Dates for 2024

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



Enrolments are open for 2024!

Get a full year of lessons for just \$120

WMC has been providing affordable music lessons to the Welly community for over 40 years, spreading the joy of music, and breaking down cost barriers to music tuition.

Your tamariki can learn any of our 12 instruments, with beginner classes available on *keyboard, guitar, strings, winds, brass, percussion and harp*. We also offer a special Music Explorers class to give our 5 and 6-year-old students a fun start in music!



Sign up online today:

www.WellingtonMusicCentre.org.nz

contactus@wellingtonmusiccentre.org.nz

Houghton Valley School Information

Houghton Valley School Ph: 939-3318

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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 Book before 6pm the day before or Email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz