



Houghton Valley School

Newsletter

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

Thursday, 11th April 2024

Week 11 of Term 1

HVS Reminders

- Friday – 12th April – Roti ORDER CLOSES
- Friday – 12th April – Term 1 Ends 2:55pm

Term 2

- Monday – 29th April Term 2 Starts 9am
- Tues 7th May – Home & School AGM Meeting 7:30pm

Kia Ora Whānau,

This has been a successful term with so many highlights. Sunday's Move-a-thon was a great example of this and a great way to end our term on a high.

We are grateful for all your efforts as we fundraise to repair our dearly loved sandpit. We will begin repairs in term 2.

You will have received a copy of your child's learning and hauora goals this week. We look forward to sharing and celebrating the progress and accomplishments of these goals over the next term.

Te Taiao - Strategic Goal 2

The Wellington City Council has got City Nature challenge happening over the holidays and it connects nicely with the mahi we are doing on Te Taiao.



Friday 26 – Monday 29 April

The City Nature Challenge is back, and Wellington City is excited to be participating in this great campaign again. The City Nature Challenge is an annual global event where cities compete to see who can log the most nature observations on iNaturalist over four days. The City Nature Challenge is a wonderful way to connect Students to Te Taiao, and taking part is simple. By joining the challenge to collect as many observations as they can, students get the opportunity to be part of something bigger alongside their local community.

Property Update - Sewer replacement

We are also going to be getting our sewage drains replaced during the April holidays so that they can connect to all the new drains that have been installed during the refurbishment of the junior block; this means most of the **concrete areas of the school will be out of use so please avoid these spaces.** The field, bike track and playground will be open for you to use.

Out-of-Zone Enrolments - Terms 3 and 4, 2024

Enrolment at Houghton Valley School is governed by an enrolment scheme. From time to time, the Board of Trustees may determine that there are a limited number of spaces available for out-of-zone students. The out-of-zone ballot for the Houghton Valley School Terms 3 and 4, 2024 year is open and will close Tuesday 30 April 2024 (12 noon) and will be drawn Tuesday 7 May, 2024 for 5 new entrants.

Key Dates Term 2

- Tuesday 14 May – HVS Cross Country/Colour Run 1.30-2.55pm
- Friday 17 May – Pink Shirt Day
- Tuesday 4 June – Teacher only Day
- Wednesday 26 June- Matariki evening celebration 5.00-7.00pm
- Wednesday 3 July – Mid Term Reports

Nga manaakitanga

Luana Carroll

Tumuaki, Houghton Valley School



BOT UPDATE

Kia ora koutou e Te Kura o Haewai whānau,

Wow, one term down already! A big thanks to the HVS kaimahi (workers) for making Term 1 a success.

As raised in the previous newsletter, the building project has become much bigger than planned, with many unforeseen items of work required, bringing with it cost and time implications. We're very pleased that we've been able to secure significant additional funding from the Ministry of Education to help with this. Unfortunately this has pushed the completion date out further - the date is still to be confirmed but we are expecting it may be a few more weeks, and at worst case scenario mid-June for opening. This is not the outcome that we wanted, and understand that being based in the hall has been tough for some of our tamariki, but this delay is outside of our control.

We have a consultation on our health and well-being curriculum underway and want to hear your views on how we're currently doing and your ideas on how we could improve health and well-being education at Te Kura o Haewai. Please [complete the survey](#) by 10 May.

A reminder that we are calling for expressions of interest from builders in our community to take on the work to fix the health and safety issues in the playground. Please email Luana at principal@houghton.school.nz for more information.

Thanks to our wonderful Home and School Association for organising the Move-a-thon last weekend - it was a great day for the community to come together, get active and raise money for the sandpit - congratulations to all the tamariki who got involved and clocked up some impressive numbers of laps!

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday, and we look forward to seeing you in Term 2!

Ngā mihi nui
Houghton Valley School Board of Trustees



HVS CAMP FUNDRAISER (YEAR 5 & 6) LAST CHANCE TO ORDER

Jessie's Roti and Sauce

Kia ora! The camp is scheduled for December and the fundraising is already underway, with the opportunity for all families to purchase Jessie's Roti and Butter Chicken Sauce! It is absolutely, delicious kai! Your whānau, neighbours and workmates can order too. [Roti form Here](#)

The options are:

- **Roti (\$18)** - Jessie's original roti - pack of 10 - delivered chilled, it also freezes well.
- **Sauce (\$7)** - Butter Chicken Sauce - 450g - no preservatives, vegetarian
(please note the sauce is delivered frozen)
- **Roti and Sauce Combo (\$24)** - stock up for your freezer!

How to Order:

Fill out the order form sent home with your tamariki and hand it into the office once completed. Please pay online to the HVS BOT bank account:

Houghton Valley School Board of Trustees
ASB 12-3481-0045763-00
Reference: ROTI & Child's Name

Last change to order form and payment are due by **Friday, April 12th**. Extra order forms available at the office if you need one. Orders will be ready in Week 3, Term 2.



TERM 2 - CROSS COUNTRY



This year the HVS Cross Country will be on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 1:30pm here at HVS. The Southern Zone Cross Country (qualifying Year 4-6 students) will be Tuesday 21st May at McAllister Park, Berhampore with the rain day of Thursday 23rd May 2024. So, get yourself running over the school holidays so to get you ready.





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HVS Home & School Association pānui

The Term 1, Week 11 H&S news:

tekau mā tahi
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- **WELL DONE TO HVS TAMARIKI FOR ALL MOVE-A-THON LAPS**

It was inspiring to see how much energy all the kids put into the laps around the track at last week's Move-A-Thon. They did so well! And it was a joy to see the community together in the wonderful sunshine.

We have not yet counted every last sponsor form, but we are well on our way to fixing the sandpit. So far we have counted:

Over **1700** total laps

Over **\$8500** in sponsorships



Things you need to know:

- We have prizes including **amazing skateboards and skatewear from CHEAPSKATES** as well as gear from **BURKES CYCLES**.





- YES there are prizes BUT first we need all sponsor forms returned. Please hand these in at the office.
- Thanks to those that have already transferred their sponsor money in the H&S account. If you are yet to transfer yours - account details: HVS H&S; 12-3481-0049991-00. Please use 'MOVEATHON' as your payment reference!



- **HOME & SCHOOL AGM - YOU ARE INVITED**

The Home & School Annual General Meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 7th May.

Key things to know:

- All parents and caregivers are invited to join us to discuss and plan events and how to spend funds. We'll start at 7:30 sharp, move fast through the official business and leave plenty of time to discuss your future event ideas and where to invest funds raised.
- As part of the AGM we will be electing officers - Co-chairs, Treasurer, and Secretary. We are taking expressions of interest for these roles and would love to hear from you if you'd like to know more. For info on the roles – see [LINK TO rules and job descriptions](#).
If you are interested in learning more about these roles, please contact Ian at homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz.
- We know that getting to school in the evening can be difficult, so:
 - If you wish to join online (e.g. via Zoom), contact Ian at homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz and he'll provide you a link.
 - If you need a babysitter, Home & School can cover their costs.

- **THE BIG SHOUTOUT - VOLUNTEER SOCIAL AT PARROTD OG**

Save the date - **Sunday 16th June**. We will be inviting all HVS volunteers, *and anyone interested in HVS volunteering* to ParrotDOG for a social. More details to come early in term 2.

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

Save the date - Term 2

H&S AGM: 7:30pm Tuesday 7th May

Big Shoutout @ ParrotDOG: 16th June

Bake Sales: 17th May & 14th June

Matariki: 28th June

Later events

Term 3

Bake Sales: 17 May & 14 June

Term 4

Fair: Saturday 16th November
Disco, Quiz & Bake Sale!

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

Our school events rely on volunteers. Volunteering is easy - *no experience necessary*. Just an hour of your time can make a real difference to our community and help you meet other parents and caregivers. To learn more, contact homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz.

HVS JUNIOR NETBALL TEAMS

Thanks to all the netball players, whanau and coaches/manager who looked after the three teams this term on Saturdays at MK Netball satellite. The players have improved so much, and it was great to see them in action a couple of weeks ago. The HVS netball players have really loved being part of a team and learning new skills and drills each week and were keen to have a practise during the week. Also, the weather was kind to us this term. See you all back in Term 4 2024. Denise Netball Co-ordinator.

HVS Kiwis and Keas Year 3 /4 Teams

The Year 3/4 teams Kiwis and Keas combined well as a team and even helped with fill-in players as needed. The teams had a great season and a fun festival day last Saturday. They've all really bonded as teams, and I can see a lot of improvements in their passing, defence, and shooting - most of they've all had fun! Looking forward to term 4 season now! Nicola Du Toit



YUMMY APPLE STICKERS



Every year we collect yummy apple stickers and labels for HVS. We will be able to get free sports gear for our school. So, let's start to collect the stickers and we have till the end of Term 3 2024 to get as many as we can. You can download the sticker forms off the website or pickup one from the school office. Checkout the website:

<https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

Time to COLLECT Yummy stickers for our School's share of
\$200,000
SPORTS GEAR
Download extra sticker sheets at [yummyfruit.co.nz](https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz)
EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!

KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM



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.

Food: 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.

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APRIL 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME ISLAND BAY SCHOOL

WEEK 1	Mon 15 April	Tues 16 April	Wed 17 April	Thurs 18 April	Fri 19 April
	<p>KELLY CLUB NINJAS Hi-yah! It's time to train and chop through the fun at Kelly Club. Together let's find your ninja name!</p>	<p>RAINFORREST ADVENTURE Silently creep into the evergreen forest for an adventure. Will you be as fast as a jaguar or as slow as a sloth?</p>	<p>EVENT DAY Join us for an awesome trip day to Laseforce, Wellington. \$20 extra for the day. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.</p>	<p>KIDS VS STAFF Join for a day full of fun! We can't wait to battle as we enjoy Kids vs Staff together! Will the staff hail victorious, or will the kids take over and show them who's best!</p>	<p>ROCK 'N' ROLL Get ready to rumble and rock on your air guitar. Today we dance the day away.</p>
WEEK 2	Mon 22 April	Tues 23 April	Wed 24 April	Thurs 25 April	Fri 26 April
	<p>MAD SCIENTISTS BOOM! We're turning into mad scientists today as we enjoy a day full of experiments! Will our tests lead to success? Only one way to find out!</p>	<p>SERGEANTS & SOLDIERS Being in the special forces is an honor and takes real bravery. Today we will acknowledge those brave men and women that represent us!</p>	<p>EVENT DAY Join us for an awesome trip day to Ice Skating. \$20 extra for the day. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.</p>	<p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC DAY No programme today, see you on Friday!</p>	<p>LET'S GET DICEY Bring the games you love playing with your family to life. Do you think you've nailed all the classic board games? Try it in the human edition.</p>
	FULL WEEK: \$280 8am-6pm	FULL DAY: \$60 8am-6pm	SCHOOL DAY: \$48 8:45am-3:15pm	HALF DAY: \$40 7am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-6pm	EVENT DAY: Extra \$20 (Included in Full Week)

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!
*Conditions apply

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

Term 1 Events for 2024

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 11 8-12 April	BOT Meeting 7pm			Last Swimming Day	Roti Orders Close TODAY =====
					Last Day of School pickup 2:55pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Olive Oil Fundraiser to support Manawa's Greek Exchange

Manawa Mitcalfe Matthews (year 13 at Rongotai College and ex HVS student) is going on an AFS exchange to Greece in the second half of this year. While he is there, he will live with a Greek family and go to a Greek school. He will be the first New Zealander to go to Greece on AFS. Manawa is selling olive oil gift packs as part of his fundraising efforts. Please support him if you can. Here is more information and an order form: <https://forms.gle/iJZLa1bvbCqNKY6cA>.

Marrzipan Drama

Fun drama based self-confidence classes



Is your child shy?

Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance?

Do they just need an hour a week to take part in organised craziness?

We play fun engaging games!!!

All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS.

Children will perform for whānau and friends at the end of each term.



Come along!

The first session is on us!

Please note: we only have up to 14 spaces, open to all year groups.

Houghton Valley

Come and join Marrzipan! Marrzipan Drama will be running awesome classes which focus on key life skills in the Houghton Valley Hall at 8:00pm-8:50pm on Thursday Mornings

Sign up now!

Contact Nathan @

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wellington@marrzipan.co.nz



FOR MORE: MARRZIPANDRAMA.CO.NZ

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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

Phoebe – Co-ordinator Book before 4pm the day before or Email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz