



Hauraki Plains College

Excellence is our Tradition

Dear Parent / Caregiver

Well done to all students who have been recognised for their efforts in academic, sporting, cultural, leadership and service endeavours over the 2016 school year. A sincere thank you also to parents and families who have assisted in many and various ways.

The end of the year is a time for both celebration, reflection and planning for the year to come. Schools can be in any one of a number of places: cruising, struggling, sinking or moving. Our aim is for continuous improvement, striving to be "better than before."

There is an old African proverb that goes like this: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." With this in mind, one of the most significant initiatives this year has been our commitment to the Hauraki Community of Learning – a partnership between our 11 contributing Primary schools and HPC. Our focus is to enable a coherent pathway of learning and to equip all of our young people from Year 0 to Year 13 with the capacity to learn and live well in their current and future lives. This work is beginning to gather momentum as collectively our schools are developing the priorities, strategies and structures to make a difference to the lives of young people. We have also received a significant amount of interest in the Community of Learning from local early childhood centres and other community agencies.

While this work is happening, we are looking at significant curriculum developments next year with the introduction of junior learning hubs and semesters at senior level. These are neither reactive nor spur of the moment decisions, but rather the result of many years of research and thinking around how we might better prepare our young people for their futures – a future that is increasingly unpredictable and unknowable. A series of meetings will be held in term one of 2017 for parents to provide feedback and feedforward.

All the best to students leaving HPC and we wish you well for the future. Welcome to our Year 8s and families who are being sent this newsletter. We are looking forward to you joining us.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, we extend to everyone our best wishes and trust you have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Ngairé Harris

PRINCIPAL





Congratulations

To those students who received awards at the recent Junior Prizegivings

YEAR 9 AWARDS

Outstanding Academic Achievement in the Junior Certificate of Learning

Zoe Craggs



Daring to Dream

Anthony Makiha and Natasha Forsythe



Flat Out and Loving It

Lewis Horder and Shannon Aislabie



Doing the Right Thing

Piper Pere and Jason Barker



Honouring our Heritage

Noah Gribben and Graham Welch



Leaving a Legacy

Daniel Mounsey and Faith Ball



Becoming our Best Selves

K-Lianne Pomana-Reti and Ben McIntosh



Being Who We Are

Jayme Edwards and Bailey Morrison



Doing our Best Work

Connor Howard and Lydia Beaver



Each for All

Max Heaven and Zoe Craggs

YEAR 10 AWARDS

Outstanding Academic Achievement in the Junior Diploma of Learning

Brittney Rattcliffe & Rachel Goodin

All Round Excellence for Junior Student

Sarah Kruger

Effort & Attitude to Academic Work

Jessica Fitness

Good Citizen Award

Jesse Clubb



Daring to Dream

Hannah Cryer and Xavier McIntosh



Flat Out and Loving It

Rebekah Williams and Sam Mischefski



Doing the Right Thing

Corbyn Patterson and Danielle Aitchison



Honouring our Heritage

Jannik Schmidt and Hikoi Taipari



Leaving a Legacy

Trey Rata and Rebecca Douglas



Becoming our Best Selves

Cryus Paynter and Julie Church



Being Who We Are

Nikora Derby and Savannah McKenzie



Doing our Best Work

Caitlin Doddrell and Tyrel McClelland



Each for All

Gene Jeremic and Jacqueline Clarkin



Staffing News

We farewell a number of staff at the end of this year:

Rachael Carpenter, Kerensa Clark, Ilana Cheiban, Tracey Dwyer, Sarah Koch, Rob Webster, Kathryn Reed and David and Marion Goodwin. Our best wishes to all of these and a sincere thank you for your contribution to HPC.

In particular, to Sarah Koch as a Dean and Head of Primary Industries. Sarah is a past pupil and it has been particularly satisfying to see her grow from a beginning teacher to a competent leader in her own right.

Rob Webster has given a number of years of service to HPC. He first arrived in 2000 as Science teacher and was promoted to Head of Science before leaving to teach in Vietnam for 3 years. Rob returned in 2012 to resume a teaching position before being appointed as Junior Academic Dean. Rob and his wife Sue are heading to new teaching positions at ACG, Tauranga.

All the best to Kathryn Reed who joined our staff in 2004, teaching English and History. Kathryn was also our Specialist Classroom Teacher supporting colleagues in their professional practice. Her professionalism and dedication to HPC is hugely appreciated. We wish her well in retirement.

The Goodwins are also moving on. Marion Goodwin joined the staff in 1997 as Head of Mathematics and, around taking leave for family, has been a hard working member of our teaching staff from that time.

David Goodwin first came to us from Thames High in 1999 to take up a teaching position in Science and Physics and has taught a full 19 years at HPC, including the last 9 years as Head of Science. David is an outstanding teacher and both his leadership and collegial contribution will be hard to replace.

We wish you all well for your futures.

Host Family Required

We have a 15-year-old German boy attending our College for Terms 1 and 2 in 2017. He is really looking forward to participating in the Kiwi lifestyle.

He speaks English well, enjoys a wide variety of outdoor activities, plays guitar and learns Judo.

Payment is made to the host family.

For further information, please contact Trish Smith at the College 07 867 7027 ext. 827 or trishs@haurakiplains.school.nz

Thinking of buying a computer?

Students from all year levels are allowed to bring their own device to school to assist with their learning. Although students can bring any type of laptop or tablet to school we encourage families to consider purchasing Chromebook laptops.

Please contact our teacher in charge of e-Learning Jonathan O'Neill (jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz), if you have any queries.



2017 Information

SENIOR RE-ENROLMENT

Please check the date and time carefully and put this in your diary. It is important that ALL students come in to school on the days allocated (refer right) in January next year to re-enrol and confirm subjects for 2017.

STATIONERY SHOP

The school stationery shop will be open: Tuesday 24 – Friday 27 January, 9am to 3pm (Tue, Thu & Fri) and 9am to 5pm (Wed) (refer right for allocated days for each year level). Stationery lists, and prepayment instructions, are available on our website www.haurakiplains.school.nz, under Parent Information, Frequently Asked Questions.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

The school offers an automatic payment facility. Up to \$750 per student for course fees, stationery, uniform and camp costs may be put on automatic payment with a 10% deposit. Please arrange through the college office (07 867 7029).

UNIFORM

All uniform items can be purchased from Hammer Hardware, situated at 16 Orchard West Road (07 867 7393). Open now, 7 days a week (closed Christmas and Boxing Day), Monday to Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm, Saturday – Sunday (and public holidays) 8:30am – 3:00pm.

Year 9 & 10 Girls

Compulsory to have the new white blouse and new crossover tie with tartan skirt.

Year 11 Girls

Continue to wear current uniform.

Year 12 & 13 Girls

Compulsory to have the new grey skirt, new striped blouse and crossover tie.

Year 9, 10 & 11 Boys

Remain in current uniform.

Year 12 & 13 Boys

Compulsory to have new striped shirt and grey shorts.

2017 KEY DATES

Tue 24 January

Year 9 Stationery

Wed 25 January

Year 12 Re-enrolment &
Stationery **9am-1pm**

Year 13 Re-enrolment &
Stationery **2pm-5pm**

Thu 26 January

Year 10 Stationery

Fri 27 January

Year 11 Stationery

Mon 30 January

Anniversary Day

Tue 31 January

Year 9 and 13 Start

Powhiri 8:45am

All Welcome

Wed 1 February

Whole School

Mon 6 February

Waitangi Day

First XV Rugby Reunion

Easter Saturday, 15th April 2017

Centennial Centre, Hayward Road, Ngatea

Registration and further information available on our
website: www.haurakiplains.school.nz



BOT Report

Board Report Presented at Academic Prizegivings

First a huge thank you from the board, parents and community for some great results achieved by our students this year. HPC students have been offered scholarships for tertiary study from universities and community grants totalling \$254,000. On current data, the students will achieve a 99% pass rate at NCEA L1, 2 & 3. Currently 71 students have merit endorsements. Currently 56 students have excellence endorsements with more likely after exam results.

A fantastic effort that could not have been achieved without the whole HPC team of leadership, team and support staff.

The board's role has four main aspects:

- Looking forward – designing the future
- Looking back – being accountable for the school's performance
- Looking out – acting on behalf of the board's stakeholders
- Looking in – being a good employer

I can confidently report that we are delivering on all these aspects. Results are a culmination of this and previous boards work.

Our 10-year property plan signed off by the MOE which means our 5-year funding agreement for essential work can commence – these projects total \$1.3m over the next five years with major works in 2016/2017 year. The board has committed funds of \$130k – the major component of these works will establish a new 6-classroom block with smaller classrooms accessed off central shared area with multiple breakout rooms of varying sizes.

NZQA review, completed May 2016 which audited how effectively the college ensured the credibility of assessment for national qualifications. The outcome from the audit reported that HPC delivers highly effective assessment systems that maximise opportunities for students and ensure valid and credible results are reported.

Moving towards a future-focused curriculum is commencing next year. The focus is on developing the capabilities our young people need for their future lives and ensuring they achieve the necessary qualifications which will enable them to pursue further learning and work.

The MOE has established the Hauraki Community of Learning. This is a partnership between the 12 schools in our area, working together to help learners achieve their full potential. The Community of Learning sets shared goals, or achievement challenges based on the particular needs of its children. Ngaire Harris has been appointed as the Lead Principal of our community.

The board continues to review the framework of policy, plans, decisions and delegations. The school's financial position is sound. Our 2015 Financial statements reported that we manage revenue of over \$7m. Our Balance Sheet is strong – \$2.8m equity and we have positive working capital \$957k.

I would like to acknowledge our current board: Dana Thompson; Roger Hunter; Andrew Gordon; Jeff Gordon; Jonathan O'Neil and newly elected student rep Hare Noble.

In closing, to all students, we are all here because of and for you – you, one student at a time are our priority.

To all students a final comment: Imagine with all your mind. Believe with all your heart. Achieve with all your might.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Melanie Shea

Chairperson HPC Board of Trustees.

BUSES

Our Bus Operator (Murphy Buses) is directly appointed by the Ministry. Should you have any queries over the holiday period, please contact Student Services (studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz). The Thames, Tairua and Paeroa bus services are run by private operators, they will need to be contacted directly.

Thames

Thames Bus Service
Judith O'Brien (am)
Dave Barker (pm)

Phone: 027 612 7068 or 07 868 7068
Email: tthamesbusservice@xtra.co.nz

Tairua

Tairua Bus Company (Steve)

Phone: 027 211 0983
Email: steve@tairaibus.co.nz

Paeroa

Baz's Taxis Paeroa
Dee's Private Hire

Phone: 07 862 7837
Phone: 07 862 6985 or text 021 022 19363



Accessing free oral health services changes when you move from Year 8 to Year 9

Up to Year 8 you would have been accessing dental services from Community Oral Health through a mobile service at your school or by attending a local clinic.

Services are still free up to your 18th birthday however you now have to enrol with a dentist to access services.

If you are enrolled with a dentist, you will be booked for a free dental check every 12 months and will be provided free treatments for preventing or repairing decay.

If you are already enrolled with a dentist that is great look out for your annual check-up appointment and make sure you attend.

Hauraki Plains College has contracted a mobile dental provider to start in 2017. Further details will be provided early next year.

For assistance in finding and enrolling with a dentist near you:

Phone 07 859 9160 or email admindental@waikatodhb.health.nz



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THANK YOU

To our community of volunteers and sponsors who have assisted our students and college this year we would like to say a 'HUGE THANK YOU'. Your generous support is appreciated by all of us here at Hauraki Plains College.

Our grateful 'THANKS' also goes to the Funding Trusts who provide financial assistance for many wonderful sporting and cultural opportunities for our students and our community.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Holiday season with your family and friends.

Anne Leonard, Funding and Sponsorship Co-ordinator