



17 February 2017

Dear Parent / Caregiver

Kia ora Katou

Parent Forum: Thanks to parents who attended our parent forum this week. Your feedback was invaluable and we will certainly take on board the suggestions and concerns.

Excellence Endorsements: Today student leaders held their first student-run assembly, recognising in particular students who achieved Excellence endorsements in NCEA last year. Congratulations to those students - the result of a lot of hard work. Students who received Merit endorsements will be recognised in a future assembly.

Year 9 Meet and Greet Evening: Happening on Tuesday 21 February. The evening will begin with an informal 6:30pm BBQ on the front courts, followed by formal introductions in the hall. Following that parents get an opportunity to meet with your child's River Guide and discuss how the school year has started. The evening will finish around 8:30pm.

HPC Swimming Sports: A reminder that these are happening after-school on Monday 20 February at the Ngatea pool, 3:30 – 7:00pm. Thanks to parents who have offered to help with timekeeping. Contact Sports Co-ordinator Cindy Berridge 027 465 5289 if you have any queries. All parents and families welcome to watch.

School App: This is available for downloading for Apple and Android smartphones and tablets. The app can be found by searching for Hauraki Plains College in the Apple App store or the Google Play store. The app give invaluable information such as daily notices, a school events calendar, newsletters, contact details of staff and the parent portal.

School Facebook: We like to celebrate the different activities and achievements of our students on our school Facebook page. You do not have to have a Facebook login to access the site. If you have any news as a parent, contact Amanda Fitzpatrick (amandaf@haurakiplains.school.nz).

Athletic Sports: Tuesday 28 February. Any parents who can help out please contact Sports Co-ordinator Cindy Berridge.

Year 11 NCEA: Information evening for parents coming up on Thursday 2 March 7:00pm in the college hall.

Mates & Dates: This is due to get underway for Year 10 within the next two weeks. The programme was run last year with good feedback from students and staff. ACC has developed Mates & Dates to help to prevent dating and sexual violence. The programme is not a sex education programme but will include materials and discussions about sexual and relationship violence, consent, dating, relationships and other related subject matter. Please follow the links below to find more detailed information and do not hesitate to get in contact with Guidance Counsellor Mr Henry if you have any questions.

[Mates & Dates Overview](#)

[Healthy Relationships](#)

[Secondary Schools Programme](#)

Ngairé Harris

PRINCIPAL

Dane Coles on resilience:

"Never give up. When the going gets tough, just get tougher."

