

e-Bulletin

17 March 2017

Dear Parent / Caregiver

Kia ora Katou

River Conferencing Bookings: A reminder to families and whānau that bookings for River Conferencing are with River Guides only. Subject Teachers, Deans and HODs are not available for interviews as they all have their own River Groups to take care of. If parents/caregivers have the need to meet with a specific teacher/Dean/HOD, there will be a Specialist Request Form available at the time of River Conferencing. The subject teacher will then make contact. Parents are welcome to contact the Dean at any time should you have any concerns with your child's learning.

Reporting: We are moving to an online reporting system which will see teachers reporting on your child's progress in a more timely fashion. As assessments are completed, teachers will be entering comments about your child's learning progress online; using our student management system KAMAR. These comments are accessible by parents and caregivers through our Parent Portal. This means that you can easily track your child's achievement throughout the year without waiting for the printed subject report which can often be out of date. A fuller explanation of this is attached.

Out of Zone Information Evening: This is taking place on Wednesday, 22 March at 7pm in the college hall. For families who have siblings to enrol for 2018, we need to have an enrolment form to include in the ballot. Ballot closes Wednesday, 12 April 2017 at midday.

Mufti Day: Scheduled for Friday, 24 March. \$2 per student to wear mufti. Proceeds to Shave for a Cure. Students are reminded of the need for appropriate clothing and footwear.

Learner Driver Course: Tuesday 21 March. Contact Careers Co-ordinator Peter Keith (peterk@haurakiplains.school.nz).

First XV Rugby Reunion: Happening for past players, coaches, managers and supporters of the First XV. Happening Saturday 15 April. If you are aware of someone please spread the word. Email rugby@haurakiplains.school.nz.

Piako Eels Rugby League Club Muster: Team members, coaches and managers required for the small Grassroots Club. U13, U15 and U17 Muster Wednesday 22 March, Kerepehi School Hall, 4:30 – 5pm. Contact Mona Hingston 027 663 2807.

Ngaire Harris PRINCIPAL The capacity to learn is a *gift;* the ability to learn is a *skill;* the willingness to learn is a *choice.* Brian Herbert



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Online Reporting for Subjects: Parent Information

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How do you access these reports:

- 1. Get a Parent Portal log in from the student centre you will use your child's username however you will get your own password.
- 2. The Parent Portal can be accessed via our school website : Haurakiplainscollege.school.nz
- 3. On the Parent Portal you will find the comments under the Results section alongside the assessment results

The comments will be published at a similar time to your child receiving their grade and the comments will focus on providing you with information regarding what your child can be doing to improve their learning i.e. next steps.

River Guide Reports: Helping your child to become their best selves

Alongside the online reporting for subject areas, river guides will now be providing parents and caregivers with a written report which details how well your child is progressing towards becoming their best selves.

The focus of these reports is to look at your child holistically and comment on their growth as an individual such as showing resilience, being able to manage self, active involvement in river time, the school community and beyond.

These reports will sit alongside the online subject reports and the River Conferencing and will be formal printed reports with a subject credit update attached. Juniors will receive two river guide reports a year and seniors will receive one.

Opportunities for Face to Face (times are approximate and subject to change)

	Juniors	Seniors
Term One	River Conferencing Week 10	River Conferencing Week 10
Term Two	Subject Teacher Evening : Week 4	Subject Teacher Evening : Week 4
Term Three	River Conferencing Week 6	River Conferencing Week 6 NCEA Exam Preparation Evening Week 10
Term Four	End of year 'Project Day' Week 7	





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