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Dear Parent / Caregiver
Kia ora Katou

This term is moving rapidly and as this this newsletter goes out, we are at the midway point for term 3. Our current priority is to look at achievement data at both junior and senior level for the year to date.

We are aware of some issues regarding the Junior Certificate and Junior Diploma and have made some amendments which we believe will bring more clarity as to how the Certificate and Diploma will be awarded and enable students to be more aware of and take a more proactive approach towards earning these awards. An explanation is provided in this newsletter. Students will also be informed through Deans' assemblies and River guides. The amended system will also prepare students for the credit system they will experience under NCEA. No student will be disadvantaged through this change and indeed, students who are making a real effort in their learning will find that their efforts will be acknowledged appropriately. The Subject / River conferencing next week (Thursday 31 August) will provide an opportunity to ask questions about the system and we will also assist parents to access online reports for those who are needing this.

With Semester B underway with seniors, we have a clear picture of which students are and those who are not making satisfactory progress in their NCEA qualification. Well done to those students who have put in considerable effort to reach their goals this year. Those who have already achieved their qualification are being recognised in student assemblies while the Academic Deans (Mrs Carter, Mrs Benns) are following up on students whose progress is not where it needs to be.

We have had some feedback around the semester system that it has put more pressure on students causing increasing levels of anxiety. This is an area we are considering as we make adjustments and plans for next year.

Alongside academic priorities, as a school we have been involved in a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning School Wide) initiative which is aimed at ensuring that the teaching and learning environment is respectful and that student behaviours are effectively and positively addressed. To this end, we have set aside Friday 8 September as a teacher only day. No buses will run on this day.

Speaking of next year, while we have a focus on ensuring each student is tracking towards a successful academic year, our eye is also on the horizon as we need to make plans for 2018. Year 8 enrolments, curriculum guides for seniors, preparations for prize givings, planning for Year 13 graduation, school camps (Years 9, 10 and SOS) are just some of the current items on the go.

All the best to winter sports teams as they conclude their seasons and a sincere than you to those from our school community who have given up time to coach, manage, umpire or simply cheer from the sideline.

Ngairé Harris
PRINCIPAL

KEYDATES

Subject and River
Conferencing
Thursday 31 Aug

Mufti-day
Friday 1 September

Tournament week
4 – 8 Sept

PB4L Training Day
8 Sept

Subject Selection Evening
20 Sept

Unplugged Concert
21 Sept

Study Link Workshop
26 Sept

Cultural Arts Awards
Evening
28 Sept

End of term
29 Sept

Beginning of term 4
16 Oct

Senior Exams
Week one

Learning Matters

NCEA SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their NCEA since the previous newsletter.

NCEA Level 1

Gene Jeremic
Adine Sharrock
Kaira Gordon

Cody Macdonald
Campbell Trousdale
Ethan McCabe

Corbyn Patterson
Ryan van der Star
Brittney Ratcliffe

NCEA Level 2

Paige Agent
Ehlana Blissett
Tiana Collis
Joshua Gill
Erica Hansen
Megan Moore
Jesse Rangī
Jacob Sutton
Jacob Wales
Breanna Baker
Mitchell Berridge
Aydan Goldby
Robert Gordon
Zoe Johnston
Claudya Te Rore Hopgood
Alex Walker
Letitia McKenzie
Sophie Mischefski
Pania Reid

Madison Baker
Carla Bowman
Torres Davis
Amy Goodwin-Gamble
Reuben Hill
Nate O'Meara
Devon Shirley
Alyssa Thompson
Ashleigh Anderson
Finn Baker
Rachel Broadbent
Lewis Goldby
Mary Honasan
Morgan Skelly
Samantha Tweedale
Kayla Watson
Mariah Marrett
Kelly Newbold
Alysha Rennie

Devon Banks
Victoria Bridle
Courtney Flocks
Cameron Gordon
Ella McLennan
Anaru Pilcher
Talia Siddins
Micheal Trow
Lauren Austin
Georgia Barriball
Phoebe Duck
Bryleigh Gordon
Caitlin Jackson
Coral-Lee Thompson

Wai Kakara Teo-Paipa
Caitlin Mays
Morgan Petersen
Shaela Rook

NCEA Level 3

Dani Edwards
Aleisha Lang
Rebecca Trousdale
Abby Curran-Mays
Imogen Harrison
Brittany Hallett

Isaac Heron
Sophie Merrett
Matthew Broadbent
Ciara Duncan
Sebastian Kerebs
Samantha Leuthart Tomlinson

Shania Hills
Jana Merz
Mark Cryns
Owen Gruythysen
Sophie Ratcliffe

NZ Scholarships Grant

Year 13 student Isaac Heron, has been named as a recipient of the NZ Scholarship Grant. The grant was designed to provide five selected students from Decile 1-5 schools across the country with tutoring, expert advice and resources to perform at their very best in the upcoming NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship exams. Well done Isaac and all the best as you prepare for these exams.



The program, launched by *Crimson Education* and will connect each of the recipients to a scholarship strategist, as well as mentoring, tutoring and a range of services offered to prepare students for the end of year exams.



Waikato Science Fair Award: Congratulations to Talia Siddins who won a Highly Commended Award at the Waikato Science Fair in the Photography section.

Careers Corner

Pathways and Future Opportunities

Over 500 Year 10–Year 13 students at HPC recently attended the Careers Expo. There were 37 tertiary providers, Industry Training Organisations and employers present. Some of these included the BCITO (the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation) and MIT (Motor Training Organisation), Massey University, Auckland University, Victoria University and AUT. The NZ Police, Defence Force and Fire and Emergency NZ were represented at the Expo. Private Training Establishments (PTE) such as Varda Hairdressing and Whitecliffe College of Arts and Design were also present.



The liaison personnel representing these organisations were most impressed with the HPC students' behaviour, career planning and focussed questions and investigations into their proposed pathways. Most students were extremely pleased with the ideas and information which they gleaned about the various careers and opportunities available.

This Careers Expo is part of the HPC Careers Department ongoing presentation of a range of career and tertiary study opportunities for HPC students.

Upcoming Career Events

21st -27th August – 'Got a trade? Got it made' week.

11th/14th/18th/21st September – Defensive Driving Course, 7-9pm, in the Centennial Centre.

Tuesday 12th September – Victoria University Course Planning, 1.30pm, Careers Centre.

Thursday 14th September – University of Otago Course Planning, 1.30pm, Careers Centre.

Monday 18th September – Massey University Course Planning, 1.30pm, Careers Centre.

Monday 18th/Tuesday 19th September – Health & Safety Course, Centennial Centre.

Thursday 21st September – Auckland University of Technology (AUT) Course Planning, 1.30pm, Careers Centre.

Monday 25th September – University of Auckland Course Planning, 1.30pm, Careers Centre.

Tuesday 26th September – Study Link Workshop, 1.30pm, Room 9 Computer Room.

Thursday 28th September – University of Waikato Course Planning, 1.30pm, Careers Centre.

University Course Planning

A number of Universities will be visiting the College for Course Planning during September. This involves the University Liaison person conducting individual interviews with Year 13 students and helping them plan their 2018 University study and select specific University papers.

'Got a trade? Got it made'

The 21 - 27 August is 'Got a trade? Got it made' week. This is a National campaign to raise awareness of the excellent on-the-job training and rewarding careers available in New Zealand's trades industries. Go to the web site www.gotatrade.co.nz for further details.

Study Link Workshop

On Tuesday 26th September at 1.30pm (lunchtime) in the Computer Room 9, the HPC Careers staff will hold a StudyLink Workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to assist students with their Student Allowance and Student Loan applications for 2018.

Defensive Driving Course

This AA Defensive Driving Course comprises four 2 hour theory sessions held between 7-9pm on Monday and Thursdays 11th/14th and 18th/21st September. Students must attend all four sessions. The venue is the College Centennial Centre and the cost is \$199.00 per student. The course covers how to be a safe, competent driver and how to manage driving hazards and risks. It also includes a 1 hour practical driving session with the tutor, who is a qualified Driving Instructor.

Students who have their Learner Licence or Restricted Licence are eligible to complete the course. Completion of this advanced driving course reduces the required time on a Restricted Licence by 6 months, from 18 months to 12 months. Students should register and pay the \$199 fee to the HPC Student Centre.

Parent Page

Technology and Possible links to Anxiety and Depression:

"An increasing dependency on activities associated with the brain's excitement-pleasure circuitry is partly to blame for the rising levels of anxiety and depression in teenagers today. Prominent in this cerebral circuitry is social media", experts say.

What is happening with youth culture presently has been described as an "anxiety tsunami". Adolescence is an important period of rapid development. Whilst, technology brings many benefits, including connecting rural teens with their mates there are risks to its usage.

Experts are theorizing that social media and text messages that are often integral to a teenagers' life, may be promoting anxiety and lowering self-esteem. Indeed, bullying and harassment in many forms can take place in social media with an instant huge audience and opportunity for others to join in.

It seems that as a group, teenagers and pre-teens in recent years have become less skilled at managing intense emotions, managing friendships and relationships. Dr Catherine Steiner-Adair, clinical psychologist has been quoted stating, "As a species we are very highly attuned to reading social cues. There is no question that kids are missing out on very critical social skills. In a way texting and online communicating-it's not like it creates a nonverbal learning disability, but it puts everybody in a nonverbal disabled context, where body language, facial expression, and even the smallest kinds of vocal reactions are rendered invisible." Therefore, at a crucial time in their lives teenagers are left without these social cues.

Technology is with us. It is very beneficial to many of the students at Hauraki Plains College, both in their learning environment and enabling more ability to connect and stay connected with others. However, its' over usage, and/or technology without significant time socializing and interacting (outside of school) with other teens face-to-face may add to social skill and emotional skill deficits.

Setting limits on social media use for your teen would be one strategy to support their wellbeing. A second strategy is to encourage them to participate in social (sporting, cultural, hobby, interest) activities with others. As with most things in our lives, having a balance is the goal. Talking with your teen and spending time with them is likely the most important strategy of all. Through interacting with you, they can learn emotional resilience and social skills.

If you have concerns that your child is being bullied on social media or seems to be more anxious or shows signs of depression; please feel free to contact me.

Scott Henry
School Counsellor

Staff news.

Great news and congratulations to Steph Harford and partner Sean Munroe on the safe arrival of twin boys. All the best on a new adventure from all of us at HPC.

A warm welcome to new staff members Mrs Jenny Tawa (English) and Mr Jon Williams (Agriculture). We have also had past student Viraj Kumar on a training placement from AUT for one day a week.

Over the holiday break, Ms Krista Maley took up a position at Whangamata Area School. We wish her all the best.

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Junior Certificate and Junior Diploma

Year 9 Junior Certificate and Year 10 Junior Diploma

The Junior Certificate (Yr 9) and Junior Diploma (Yr 10) are designed to encourage students to do their best work in their learning and give them a focus over their junior levels before facing the challenge of NCEA. We have made some tweaks to how we award the Certificate or Diploma to address some issues which have surfaced. The amended system is as follows.

Credits

Each of the five learning Learning Hubs awards 20 credits per term:

- 10 credits for Knowledge and Skills
- 4 credits for Managing Self
- 3 credits for Relating to Others
- 3 credits for Participating and Contributing

Students who do not submit work are given an N grade and lose those credits.

Similarly students whose work reflects a poor effort will be given a Not Achieved grade. Otherwise student work will be graded at the appropriate Curriculum Level.

Curriculum Levels

The credits awarded for Assessment tasks (Knowledge and Skills) are based on Curriculum Levels from the NZ Curriculum Document which all schools must follow. Generally a Year 9 student will be working at Curriculum Level 4 and Year 10 students at Curriculum Level 5. At the beginning of each new unit of work, students will be given a rubric which tells them what they need to do to gain an Achieved, Merit or Excellence grade.

Criteria for Achieving the Junior Certificate or Diploma

To graduate with the Junior Certificate or Diploma, students must:

- Achieve $\frac{2}{3}$ or 67% of all credits available
- Submit 90% of assessments.
- Have at least 90% attendance (individual circumstances are taken into account)

Grade Point Average and Endorsements

To achieve the Junior Certificate, students are required to maintain a grade point average of 50% across all learning areas.

The grade point average is worked out from the grades given:

Excellence = 4 points; Merit = 3 points; Achieved = 2 points;

Not Submitted or Not Achieved = 0 points.

For example a student who achieves all Excellence grades will have a grade point average of 100. A student with all Merits would have a grade point average of 75.

Students whose grade point average is 75 - 84 will gain a Junior Certificate or Diploma endorsed with Merit.

Students whose grade point average is 85 - 100 will gain a Junior Certificate or Diploma endorsed with Excellence.

This is a similar system to NCEA and we hope that these amendments will encourage students to be more focused and prepared for NCEA. All Junior students will receive an update on progress prior to Report conferencing on Thursday 31 August.

Subject teacher / River Guide conferencing:

An opportunity to meet with your child's current subject teachers and River guide on Thursday 31 August 3:45 - 8:35pm. All students have received an invitation to this.

Please return the booking slip or to make an online booking go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - The code to use is **xtmd3**

Alternatively contact the Student Centre (studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz) or phone (07 8677029).

On Stage

Chess Tournament

HPC entered 15 chess players in the Inter-School Chess Tournament hosted by Paeroa on Monday 7 August. Hauraki came away with Gold with outstanding results. Micheal Trow and Shay Lawley managed to win 7 games straight which is a fantastic effort. There was a primary school section held at the same time and it was lovely to hear and receive feedback about our students helping the younger kids by teaching them some moves, huge respect to you all for showing Manaakitanga.

Credit: Louis Irvine 4

Excellence: Ihaka Taka 5

Distinction: Frances-Rose Ross 5.5, David Wells 6, Kieran McKay 6, Dylan Diamond 6, Jackson Hiriwa-Davis 6, Thomas Hayward 6 Alexander Sproul 6, Jared Turlington 6, James Pangnem 6, Joshua Holtham 6, Shay Lawley 7, Micheal Trow 7

We are now practising hard in preparation for the Nationals In October with taking another Gold placing it allows us 7 players to compete at the Nationals which is the biggest team HPC has ever had at the Nationals.



Thanks to the "Four Musketeers" (Mr Torrance, Mr Tibble, Mr Corbin-Banks and Mr Mapuhola) for coming once a week and challenging our "Fantastic Four" (random chess players) in chess – it helps!

Unplugged Evening

Thursday 21 September. An evening of a different kind with a number of talented performers participating. Tickets available from the college office from early September.

Cultural and Arts Awards Evening

This is happening on Thursday 28 September 7pm in the College Hall and will acknowledge a number of students who have achieved well in Cultural Arts over this year show. Students will receive invitations to this event closer to the time. A warm welcome to everyone.

Rural delivery

Congratulations to *Rural Delivery* (Naamah Cheiban, Letitia McKenzie, Ella McLennan, Declan Tully) who have been selected in the top eight bands across NZ for the Smokefree Rockquest national final next month.

Sports Board

Waka Ama



Congratulations to the Waka Ama team who had a successful day in the Waka Ama river race at Turangawaewae in Ngaruawahia. Competing in the 7.5km W2/2 man (doubles) our J19 crews came away with two firsts in the Girls and Boys divisions. Well done to Hikoi Taipari, Joshua Gill, Frances-Rose Ross and Alex Pere with Coach Frank Thorne.

Hockey

Congratulations to the 1st XI Boys Hockey Team who were undefeated Champs in the annual Bethlehem Festival of Hockey Tournament.



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Sports Board

Taekwon-Do

Well done to Cody MacDonald, Michael Davis and Te Aomarama Thompson for their success in the International NZ Federation Championship event: with Cody winning Silver, Te Aomarama gold and Michael Davis two bronze medals.

South Island Shooting Championships

The HPC shooting team have had outstanding success recently.

Hauraki Plains College Boys A and Girls A Clay Target Shooting Teams travelled to Dunedin over the weekend of the 8th & 9th of July to compete in the 2017 South Island Secondary Schools Clay Target Championships (SISS CTC) and the 2017 Dunedin Intercollegiate Championships.

South Island Secondary Schools Clay Target Championships Results:

Graham Welch Winner High Overall Aggregate High Gun including Skeet, Winner High Overall Individual Boys DTL Events, 1st Boys Single Rise, 2nd Boys Points Score, 2nd Boys Skeet

Corbin Reeve Winner SISS CTC High Overall Single Barrel, 1st Boys Points Score

Lauryn Bond 1st Girls Single Rise, 2nd Girls Points Score, 3rd Girls Single Barrel

Hannah Thorburn 3rd Girls Single Rise

Two Person Skeet Team: Graham Welch, Jacob Coldicutt, SISS Two Man Skeet Team Winners

Boys A Team: SISS CTC Fish & Game NZ Cup Team Event Winners: Graham Welch, Ethan McCabe, Corbin Reeve, Josh Perrin, Jacob Coldicutt

Girls Team of 3: SISS CTC Fish & Game NZ Cup Team Event Winners: Lauryn Bond, Hannah Thorburn, Bryleigh Gordon

Dunedin Intercollegiate Championships Results:

Graham Welch Winner Overall High Gun including Skeet

Jacob Coldicutt 2nd Senior Boys Skeet

Graham Welch 1st Junior Boys Skeet

Corbin Reeve 1st Senior Boys Single Rise

Ethan McCabe 3rd Junior Boys Single Rise, 2nd Junior Boys Points Score

Hannah Thorburn 1st Place Girls Points Score

Bryleigh Gordon 2nd Place Girls Points Score

Josh Perrin 1st Senior Boys Single Barrel, 1st Senior Boys High Overall

Two Person Skeet Team: Event Winners: Graham Welch, Jacob Coldicutt

Boys & Girls Teams: Winners Dunedin Intercollegiate Champs

In the other categories Aidan Harrison took home the medal for Top Competitor Year 11, and Jacob Coldicutt was awarded Top Competitor Year 12. Junior shooter Oscar Hutt was awarded his 25 Long Run badge, as was Girl shooter Hannah Thorburn; both having recently shot 25 consecutive targets in a row.

Putaruru Intercollegiate Shooting results.

In the Individual Competition taking out High Overall was Jacob Coldicutt, two points down for the day and convincingly winning a shoot off to secure the top spot. Snapping at his heels was Aidan Harrison, showing he's ready to step up to the "A" squad with a convincing shoot off to take out 2nd place, three points down for the day.

The HPC Girl Shooters took out the top three individual spots. Prizes awarded to Hannah Thorburn 1st with a solid 85 points, and Lauryn Bond 2nd on 79 points. Bryleigh Gordon 3rd equal for the day on 77 points.

The Teams Competition was evenly contested, with HPC "A" Squad (Graham Welch, Ethan McCabe, Josh Perrin, Corbin Reeve, and Jacob Coldicutt) again securing the day's top honours on a combined 277 points, five points clear of second place Hamilton Boys College. The HPC Girls Team (Lauryn Bond and Bryleigh Gordon) also won their team event with a sound total of 103 points.

Winter Tournament Week

Many HPC 1st Teams will be doing their best during the week of 4th – 8th September to fly the colours at various tournaments throughout the country. All the best to these teams.

College A Netball – St Johns, Auckland

Boys 1st XI Hockey – North Harbour

Boys 1st XI Football – New Plymouth

Senior Boys Basketball – Tauranga

Senior Girls Basketball – Tauranga

Junior Boys Basketball – Papakura

Equestrian

Well done to Natasha Forsythe for her selection for the NZ Show Jumping Under 16 team competing in New Caledonia in October.

Thames Valley Secondary Schools Badminton Champs

Congratulations to the HPC Badminton Team who competed at the TVSS Senior and Junior Champs.

Junior Results:

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| Boys Singles | <i>Ethan Dong</i> | 1 st place |
| Boys Single Plate | <i>Daniel Henderson</i> | 1 st place |
| Girls Singles | <i>Amy Gielen</i> | 2 nd place |
| Boys Doubles | <i>Patrick List and Ethan Dong</i> | 2 nd place |
| Girls Doubles | <i>Amy Gielen and Olivia Adams</i> | 2 nd place |



Senior Results:

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|---------------|---|-----------------------|
| Boys Singles | <i>Liam Tansey</i> | 1 st place |
| | <i>Ethan Martin</i> | 3 rd place |
| Girls Singles | <i>Jasmine Wales</i> | 1 st place |
| | <i>Ailis Duffin</i> | 3 rd place |
| Boys Doubles | <i>Liam Tansey and Ethan Martin</i> | 1 st place |
| | <i>Spencer Martin and (Katikati player)</i> | 3 rd place |
| Girls Doubles | <i>Jasmine Wales and Ailis Duffin</i> | 1 st place |



World Roller Games

Congratulations to Max Vesper who has been chosen to play for NZ in the Junior Mens grade in the World Roller Games this week. There are 18 teams around the world competing in this age group.

Representative News

Once again HPC students have been selected for representative teams throughout the region. Congratulations to the following talented athletes in the Rugby, Hockey, Netball and Basketball ranks.

TVRFU U14 Team: *Aiden Harrison, Antonio Aranyos, Kaleb Saxon, Pj Uiese, Connor Woolston, Ben McIntosh, Logan Earnshaw, Jayden Corbett (standby), Korey Hill (standby)*

TVRFU U16 Team: *Joshua Barker, Dylan Thorburn, Tuhoe Kake, Eric Gruythuysen, Anthony Mead,*

TVRFU U18 Team: *Ihaka Taka, Gino Taka, Keegan Walsh, Keegan Harris, Devon Shirley, Keegan Dickey*

TV U15 Boys Hockey Team: *Taran Ainsworth, Samuel Broadbent, Connor Davis, Liam Gordon, Jake Harris, Aidan Harrison, Mason Law, Tom Leonard, Mason Millar, Redemption Tai, Mitchell Williams*

TV U15 Girls Hockey Team: *Jamie Berridge, Amy Gielen, Fairven Harris, Morgan Harris, Sophie Scott, Narissa Siddins,*

TV U18 Boys Hockey Team: *Mitchell Berridge, William Gasson, Robert Gordon, Thomas Hayward, Luke Knudsen, Daniel Rees*

TV U18 Girls Hockey Team: *Aleisha Lang, Ngaire McKay, Morgan Petersen, Talia Siddins, Paige Warburton*

TV Men's Hockey Team: *Robert Gordon, Thomas Hayward, Mitchell Berridge, Joshua Pou, Luke Knudsen, Liam Gordon, William Gasson, Daniel Rees*

Women's Intercity Hockey Team: *Aleisha Lang, Ngaire McKay, Talia Siddins*

TV U15 Netball Team: *Natasha Forsythe, K-Lianne Pomana-Reti*

TV U17 Netball Team: *Sophie Mischefski, Gracie-Mae Ngataua, Jacqueline Clarkin,*

Magic Zone U17 Tournament Netball Team: *Gracie-Mae Ngataua*

TV U15 Boys Basketball Team: *Kayse Cooper*

TV U17 Boys Basketball Team: *Blake Hart, Max Heaven, Lewis Horder*

TV U17 Girls Basketball Team: *Rebekah Williams, Helena Challis, Georgia Green, Savaan Ballantine*

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