



Hauraki Plains College

Excellence is our Tradition

Dear Parent / Caregiver

Kia ora Katou

Our focus this term is 'flat out and loving it' from our River Charter; our particular perspective is taken from Richie McCaw's film *Chasing Great*, a feature-length documentary that follows the former All Black captain on his campaign for a record-breaking second World Cup win in 2015 - not bad for an unassuming kid off a Canterbury sheep farm.

We use the word great quite casually - a great time or a great cup of coffee. Good would be a better word for these; great is more than good, it is outstanding, extraordinary. Great refers not to just sports or film stars; it comes in many forms - a great friend, a great builder or nurse, a great student leader for example.

Chasing Great makes a number of interesting points:

- You don't have to come from anywhere special to achieve something says McCaw. Cast your gaze across McCaw's most celebrated team-mates, and almost all of them trace their origins back to the same small-town environment.
- The talent myth: we are either born with talent or not. In fact approximately 30% of our talents and gifts are genetically fixed from birth but a significant 70% of our genes are so-called transcription genes and are impacted largely by exposure to opportunities, training and practice.
- The path to greatness is ironically a step down. Humility is the face of greatness. A humble person has their feet on the ground, they are teachable and never think a job is beneath them.
- Respect is earned, not a given. McCaw earned his role as a leader, he never assumed the title. McCaw led by example. He was known for doing the hard graft and others followed his example.
- Resilience is the backbone of leadership. Resilient people are able to recover from setbacks and get up and keep going, when knocked down many times over. Before any game, McCaw writes a list of what he needs to remember on the field. 'Start again' and 'Just keep getting up' are always on the list.
- Truly great people give back. A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they will never see is an old Greek proverb that the All Blacks believe and practise.

McCaw's *Chasing Great* reaffirms that nothing great is easily won but 'Flat out and loving it' is a good place to start. Well done to all students who are taking up the many opportunities on offer both on the sports field and on stage.

Ngairé Harris
PRINCIPAL

KEY DATES

Mon 5 June
Queen's Birthday

Thurs 8 June
Parent / Subject Teacher
Interviews

Fri 16 June
Assessment Catch Up Day

Wed 21 June
Te Kuiti Exchange (away)

Wed 28 June
Year 13 Planning Evening

Tues 4 – Wed 5 July
Mahurangi Exchange at HPC

Fri 7 July
End of Term 2

Staff news:
Welcome to Ms Rebecca Hill and Mr Cole Quinn who have joined the Hauora / PE team this term.

Learning Matters

Catch Up Day

Students with incomplete work and/or assessments will be required to attend school on catch up day. Students will be notified by their teachers that they need to be at school and a letter will be sent home to parents to let them know the times/subjects their child needs to attend. Catch up day is on Friday 16th June. Buses will run as normal on this day. Other students who are up to date with their achievements and work are not required at school on this day.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Joy Carter (joyc@haurakiplains.school.nz) or Lynette Bennis (lynetteb@haurakiplains.school.nz) or phone (07)8677029 ext 806/838

NCEA Successes

The following students have gained their NCEA Level 2. Well done to this first group of students who have achieved their qualification.

Luke Knudsen, Josh Pou, Kaleb Black, Blake Baverstock, Mikaera Richards Kingi, Josh McGruer.

Semester B Courses/Subjects

Senior students have been issued with their timetables to remind them which subjects they have selected to study in the second semester. They have the opportunity to change these subjects if they wish. Their new requests are due in to the Student Centre on June 2nd. Students and parents/caregivers/whanau are welcome to discuss their pathways and subjects with Mrs Bennis, Mr Keith or Mrs Carter. Please contact us if you have any queries.

University Entrance Literacy

At the end of the year there will be a small number of Year 12 students who will not have their University Entrance Literacy (5 Reading credits and 5 Writing credits) from internally assessed Achievement Standards. We have made arrangements for these few students to have the opportunity to complete these credits later this term and at the beginning of Term 3. Please contact Lynette Bennis if you have any concerns.

Completion of Courses

Year 11, 12 and 13 students have been informed that their courses/subjects finish at the end of this term (except for NCEA Level 3 courses that are full year. Students MUST complete ALL of the work in ALL of their subjects, regardless of whether there are Achievement Standards, Unit Standards or a combination of both offered in the subjects and regardless of whether they have achieved their qualifications/the required number of credits or not.

Year 13 Tertiary Planning Evening

This evening will be held on Wednesday 28 June at 7 pm in the College Hall. All Year 13 students and their parents/caregivers are welcome to attend this evening.

The College Careers personnel will work through a Planning Checklist that will assist students to plan their transition into tertiary education in 2018.

Parent – Subject Teacher meetings

These are taking place on Thursday 8 June (3.45-8:30pm) and are an opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers. To book, please go to schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code **xfxdn**. Alternatively, a booking form has been sent home with students which can be returned to the Student Centre. Students will be working through a reflection activity on Wednesday prior to interviews and are encouraged to attend with parents / caregivers.

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Careers Corner

Upcoming Careers Events

Monday/Wednesday 12, 14, 19, 21 June	AA Defensive Driving Course (students must attend all four sessions)
Tuesday 13 June	Victoria University Liaison Seminar 1.30 pm Careers Centre
Monday/Tuesday 19/20 June	Gateway Workplace Safety Course Centennial Centre
Thursday 22 June	Learner Driver Licence Course Centennial Centre – All day
Tuesday 27 June	Wintec Polytechnic Liaison Seminar 1.30 pm Careers Centre
Wednesday 28 June	Year 13 Tertiary Planning Evening (for parents and students) 7.00 pm College Hall
Tuesday 4 July	Visit/Trip to Auckland University of Technology AUT City Campus

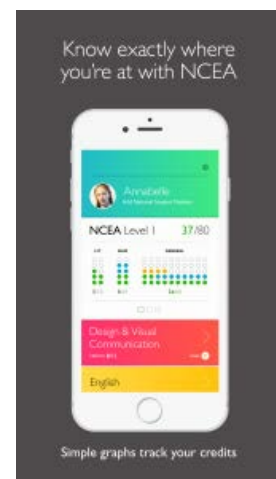
NCEA Student App

To help students plan their NCEA study programme, set goals and track their progress, NZQA developed the NCEA Student app.

NCEA Student gives students the ability to:

- select and set NCEA credit goals and targets
- see how they are tracking, including Literacy, Numeracy and University Entrance (UE)
- set Due Date reminders for when assignments are due
- capture results as their teachers hand back work
- use in English and Te Reo Māori
- and more ...

The NCEA Student App is free to download from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#)



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What's Happening in The ARTS

Rockquest

Well done to students who recently participated in the Smokefree Rockquest Competition in Hamilton and especially to those who were successful in gaining a placing. Samantha Marriner won the solo/duo section and Rural Delivery (Naamah Cheiban, Ella McLennan, Letitia McKenzie and Declan Tully) won the Pacifica Beats section and were runners up in the band section.

Just Draw

Just Draw club takes place every Friday lunchtime and is open to all students (we have even had some teachers attend). For some students the idea of drawing can be quite daunting. The idea of Just Draw is that students can come and draw without being assessed or judged. The students are in control of the tasks they complete. Recently the Just Draw students created a huge doodle page together and then individually took sections to enlarge and refine. Some students decided that they didn't want to develop and just continued to doodle. There are also a few students who come to the club to sketch out manga designs (a style of Japanese illustration and animation). Students are also encouraged to bring along difficult drawings that they would like help with.

NCEA Art Exhibition

On Saturday 20 May, senior Art students were invited to exhibit their paintings in the Co-operative Parish Church in Ngatea. This is the second year students have exhibited their work at the beautiful church. The feedback from the community was fantastic and the students received comments such as, "Wonderful to see such talent from our young people" and "Thank you for the wonderful work". The highlight of the exhibition for me was seeing a group of young children from Ngatea Primary school eagerly discussing the meaning of the paintings. Our students really enjoy getting the opportunity to show their work outside of school and the community clearly appreciates seeing the work. A big thank you the church who are so supportive of our students, and a special thanks to Jane Robinson for creating the opportunity for students to take part.

Magical Mystery Tour

After many months of practice, the choir and jazz band are taking to the road this week to perform at various schools throughout the Bay of Plenty. The first stop for this tour is Waihi College, then to Opotiki College, Tarawera High School and finally Whakatane High. All the best for an enjoyable tour after all the hard work that has taken place.

Big Sing

Our choir will be participating in the Big Sing which is taking place at St Peters, Cambridge on Friday 9 June.

Stage Challenge

On June 16, forty-five students will be taking part in the Stage Challenge Tauranga event at Baycourt Theatre. The HPC team has produced a dance and drama showcase that will be exploring different themes of challenging people's perceptions of those who suffer from mental illness.

Chess in The Hub is always FUN!

Wednesday 17 May saw 62 chess players arrive in The Hub to compete against each other in the Regional Inter-school chess Tournament. The goal was to learn but also to identify players for the Nationals to be held in Hamilton later in the year.

Nine teams entered ranging from Rookies through to Seniors. We missed Paeroa this year which was a shame but Thames High came along and were absolutely stoked to take the Silver medals home. HPC Senior A won Gold which now gives us five players eligible for the Nationals. Their goal is to play in Hamilton next month to try and win which will allow more players to attend the Nationals.

The exciting thing for me was to see that we have some outstanding players at HPC with Micheal Trow taking home top male player and Frances-Rose Ross taking top female player.

Special mention to Shay Lawley and Jared Turlington who played some amazing games. They are both Year 9 students who are now in the HPC A team – congratulations boys!

It's a hard day of playing seven games of chess, but the smiles show that the students love it and are learning – good food for the brain!

Sports Board

BALL WINNERS FROM THE STATIONERY PURCHASES

Year 9

9 WK	Caliska Bezuidenhout
9 GD	Te Aomarama Thompson
9 TJ	Patrick List
9 MP	Redemption Tai
9 GR	Reefe Benny
9 BA	Nikau Hall Tai
9 PN	Kade Rata
9 TO	Conner Spicer
9 WE	Jared Turlington
9 PA	PJ Uiese
9 MA	Joseph Goudie

Year 10

10 WC	Faith Ball
10 CP	Samantha-Leigh Olsen
10 FZ	Natasha Forsythe
10 CP	Jaimee Stevens
10 TI	Karl Thorburn
10 SG	Lewis Horder
10 DA	Levi Dyer
10 DG	Daniel Mounsey
10 FZ	Libby Morton
10 VT	Guy Johnston

Hauraki Plains College Cross Country Championships

The HPC Cross Country Champs were on the 24 May and were held at South Farms in Mangatarata. In perfect cross country conditions the senior and intermediate boys ran a total of 4km with the remaining groups completing a 2.5km course. A big thank you to South Farms for allowing this event to again take place on their property.

The top placings were as follows:

Junior Boys

- 1st – Connor Woolston
- 2nd – Ben Pearce-Chapman

Junior Girls

- 1st – Libby Morton
- 2nd – Tori Barriball

Intermediate Boys

- 1st – Sam Broadbent
- 2nd – Daniel Mounsey

Intermediate Girls

- 1st – Lily Maitland
- 2nd – Natasha Forsythe

Senior Boys

- 1st – Devon Shirley
- 2nd – Robert Gordon

Senior Girls

- 1st – Stella Clayton-Greene
- 2nd – Erica Hansen

First Teams – Number One Uniform

All students in First Teams are required to wear Number One's at some stage during their season. First Team Fridays is new this year and allows all those students in first teams to wear their number ones to school on Fridays. Students are not expected to purchase number ones for this. All students will be required to wear number ones for the two annual sports exchanges this term with Te Kuiti High School and Mahurangi College. If this is an issue for families, please contact our Sports Co-ordinator Cindy Berridge (sport@haurakiplains.school.nz). Those students wishing to hire uniform items can catch up with Mrs Fitzpatrick in the Hub.

The correct Number One uniform is as follows:

BOYS: Long grey shirt, HPC tie, long sleeved white shirt, black winter shoes (clean and polished), grey school socks or black dress socks, HPC blazer.

GIRLS: Long grey skirt, junior white blouse (new blouse), girls tie, black winter shoes (clean and polished), black tights, HPC blazer.

Touch Black Representative

Congratulations to Keegan Harris who played in the Trans-Tasman series recently for the NZ Open Mixed Touch Blacks. Also in the team was past Head Girl Tina Ashworth.

Boxing Success

Congratulations to Tasmyn Benny who competed in Perth recently winning her boxing match in a weight category above her own. What you would call "punching above your weight". Well done Tasmyn.

Fourth Grade Rugby Success

Congratulations to the 4th Grade West Rugby team for winning the Engebretsen Trophy this week in the Thames Valley Rugby Competition.

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Computers in Homes

We have been invited to participate in this project in which, for a cost of \$50, families/whanau who have not had previous computer or internet access receive 20 hours of free training, a refurbished computer or device, 12 months subsidised internet connection (optional) and technical support.

Since starting 16 years ago, nearly 17,000 families across New Zealand have benefitted. Benefits from research into the initiative include: increased educational attainment, building valuable computer and online skills in student and family, helping parents to get more involved in supporting their children's learning, strengthening links and communication between families and schools, giving parents new confidence in learning, helping family members to find work.

If you are interested, please contact the school and leave a message for Jonathan O'Neill, our E-learning Co-ordinator.

Online reporting

As we have gone to an online reporting system, hard copy reports will not be issued until the end of Semester one. If you are having trouble accessing your child's online subject grades and comments, please contact the Student Centre for your access code to the parent portal.

Alternatively, if you do not have access to a computer or internet at home, please contact Student Services who can arrange for the information to be sent home in hard copy.

NCEA Fees and Financial Assistance

The **NCEA fee** for domestic student entry for all NCEA standards is \$76.70 per year. This fee is part of the HPC fees and needs to be paid to the College by **Wednesday 6 September 2017**. For students wanting to enter for Scholarship subjects, there is an additional fee of \$30.00 per subject.

For International Students the NCEA fee is \$383.30 per year and the additional cost per Scholarship entry is \$102.20.

Late fees will incur a penalty of \$50.00 if not paid by **1 December 2017**.

Financial assistance is available to assist with the payment of entry fees for National Secondary Schools qualifications. The **purpose** of financial assistance is to ensure that fees are not a barrier to participation in national qualifications for domestic students. **To be eligible** to apply you must be the fee-payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- be currently receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit, or have a current Community Services Card (benefit-based applications)
- are not currently receiving a benefit, or do not have a current Community Services Card, but do have a joint family income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card (income-based applications)
- have two or more children who are candidates, irrespective of family income, and the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum (multiple candidate applications).

You cannot claim financial assistance for international fee-paying students.

Application forms are available at the Student Centre or by using the electronic [Financial Assistance](#) form and either must be returned to the College by **Thursday 24 August 2017**.

NCEA Guide: Mobile App

To help parents and employers better understand NCEA, NZQA has developed an app designed for mobile devices - phones and tablets.

Called **NCEA Guide**, the app is for parents, whānau and employers and provides quick and easy access to key information about NCEA.

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Family Holidays During Term Time

Holidays taken during term time are deemed by the Ministry of Education as an unauthorised absence. Occasionally, important family trips during term time cannot be helped, especially for the farming sector. If this is the case, please email a leave request to the Principal at principal@haurakiplains.school.nz. It is important that students ask teachers with several days' notice what work will be missed so they have less chance of falling behind.

In the event of an absence clashing with an NCEA assessment, staff will accommodate this where possible. Please be aware that some assessments are not flexible and in those instances, absence means Not Achieved. Therefore Year 11-13 students are required to discuss any upcoming absences with both their classroom teacher and Mr Dreyer, the Principal's Nominee. The table below shows why attendance at school is so important. Thanks to Inglewood High School for this idea.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS				
TIME MISSED PER SCHOOL DAY				
Average per day	10 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes	40 minutes
Average per week	50 minutes	1 hour 40 mins	2 hours 30 mins	3 hours 20 mins
Average per term	At least 1 day	At least 2 days	At least 4 days	At least 5 days
Average per year	At least 5 days	At least 11 days	At least 16 days	At least 22 days
SCHOOL DAYS MISSED				
Average per week	½ day	1 day	1 ½ days	2 days
Average per term	4 days	9 days	14 days	19 days
Average per year	19 days	39 days	59 days	77 days

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Guidance

Social Media

"My phone is my life" is what many teenagers feel. Their social lives and social status is strongly connected with their devices.

While various forms of social media enable friends, families and whanau to keep in immediate and regular contact, we need to be aware of some of the down sides of social media.

- FOMO (Fear of missing out) leads to constantly checking phone/facebook and anxiety around popularity or being left out of something.
- Social media is highly addictive behaviour, and especially as the power of the written word is a huge factor. It is easier to walk away when someone is talking to you, but the "I've got to see it" feeling is strong.
- The addictive nature of social media means many teens are online in the early hours of the morning. Sleep deprivation is common and must interfere with the capacity to function the following day.
- For those highly addicted to social media, the virtual world takes over and they lose the ability to function effectively in the real world ie in face to face interaction and reading social cues.
- Multi-tasking is largely a myth. While we may be able to do two things at once, such as text and do homework, in reality our attention is divided.
- If constantly distracted by social media, we can't be in the moment ie being fully tuned into a conversation or enjoying an experience.
- We lose the capacity to deal with free time and disengage from other activities – both social and active – that are important for overall wellbeing.
- Other concerns include access to pornographic and violent materials, which push back on what is 'normal'. Exclusive and cliquy behaviour; online bullying, dramatizing everything and the I-hunch (physical problems with back caused by bending over devices) are becoming increasingly common.

What can parents do?

- Ensure a balance of activities, especially physical activities.
- Establish tech-free times and limit wi-fi access.
- Model managing devices eg putting away the cellphone during dinner time.
- Teach the dangers of being online – particularly giving out passwords or sending inappropriate or harmful messages.
- Put some rules in place eg switch off all devices after 9pm.
- Expect backlash when you endeavour to take (back) control of your child's digital devices.

Note: Under the Harmful Digital Communications Act, passed last year, it is an offence to send or publish threatening messages or material. Eight people have been charged by police under the act and one person was jailed for four months.

If you receive messages via text or other social media means that are derogatory and/or offensive, this can qualify as harassment. NZ Police recommend that you do not respond to these messages (not even to say "stop"). Instead save them or screen shot them. If then you take this to the police that person could be charged with the crime of harassment.

Please feel free also to contact school counsellor Scott Henry with any concerns: scotth@aurakiplains.school.nz

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

- The PB4L Ministry team recently collected baseline data (School Wide Evaluation Tool or SET) from management, staff and students for PB4L.
- The survey highlighted some areas we need to work on ie clarifying core expectations, teaching expectations and developing a reward system.
- As a staff we are drafting up what those 3 or 4 core expectations might be and then going through a consultation process with parents / caregivers and students.

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