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Dear Parent / Caregiver

Kia ora Koutou

Schools are about learning for teachers as well as students. As the 2017 school year is rapidly drawing to a close, we have learnt and re-learnt some vital lessons this year.

First, sometimes you have to step out on a 'maybe' - an idea, an impression that begins to grow and strengthen and take shape and persist - with no real guarantee of success. The restructuring of learning into collaborative hubs at junior level and semesters at senior level was one such 'maybe'.

We are judged by the decisions we make, yet we often have to make a decision and stay with it, without the security of being absolutely sure that the right call has been made. In farming talk, by the time our crop comes in, it is too late to change what we have planted. While we appreciate that some adjustments will be made for next year, the focus on making the learning more real, more relevant to students' lives, more connected across learning areas and at the same time keeping learning and career pathways broad enough to be flexible but focused enough to have value will continue to be a priority through the hub and semester structure.

We were also reminded that while equal contribution is not always possible, there must be equal commitment. This year, the Board revisited our charter and while many elements of our former river charter remains very much part of who we are and what we stand for, our revised vision as printed in this newsletter reflects an evolving sense of identity as a school. Though our contributions may differ according to our roles, responsibilities, circumstances and capabilities, to really have the sort of school that our charter aspires to will take 100% commitment from everyone.

The third lesson we have learnt many times over is that nothing great is easily won. Currently we have an opportunity to expand our primary industries programme to set up a model working farm which could include for example beekeeping, lifestyle block management, fencing, landscaping, turf management, orchardry, cheese making, poultry farming and agribusiness. This is possible with the purchase of a section of the Hayward Farm where students currently learn practical agricultural skills. To date \$355,500 has been offered to the college through the Haurakian Trust to make this a reality and a fundraising effort will soon be underway. No doubt it is not going to be easy to get the remainder of the funding but like anything worthwhile, we know that nothing great is easily won and we are up for the challenge.

Ngairé Harris
PRINCIPAL

KEY DATES

Friday 10 Nov
NCEA Exams Start

Monday- Friday 13-17 Nov
Y10 Careers Week

Wednesday 15 Nov
Subject Info Evening for Y10

Sunday 3 Dec
Y13 Graduation Dinner

Monday- Friday 4-6 Dec
SOS Camp

Monday-Friday 4-8 Dec
Y9 Activities Week
Y10 Camp Week

Monday 11 Dec
Y9 Junior Certificate Prizegiving
10:30am

Tuesday 12 Dec
Y10 Junior Diploma Prizegiving
10:30am

Wednesday 13 Dec
Holidays start for Students

2018

Tuesday 30 January
First Day for Y9 & Y13

Wednesday 31 January
Whole School Back

Senior Academic Prizegiving 2017

ACADEMIC SPECIAL AWARDS

Isaac Heron	School Dux (Lynn Penrhys-Evans Memorial Prize & Leonard Cup)
William Park	Proxime Accessit (Hauraki Plains Jaycee Cup & Ngatea District High School Award)
Keegan Harris	All Round Excellence in Academic, Sporting, Cultural and Leadership (Stuart Hamilton Memorial Award); Head Boy (Plains Ward Council / Ngatea Stationery & Post Shop Medal & Book Prize)
Courtney Berridge	Head Girl (Plains Ward Council / Ngatea Stationery & Post Shop Medal & Book Prize) Service Blue
Frances-Rose Ross	All Round Excellence as a Maori Student (The Vee Port Trophy)
Inuri Kuruppu	Contribution to Multi-Culturalism in the School (The Norman Pratt Award)
James McDuff	Contribution to the Corporate Life of the School (Tennent Prize); Service Blue
Shaun Bourhill-Jane	Good Citizenship (Hauraki RSA Book Prize)
Sebastian Kerebs	Most Outstanding Student Work (Scoggins / Handcock Trophy)
Annabelle Prescott	Supreme Effort (Joint) (Delia Cullen Memorial Cup)
Matthew Broadbent	Supreme Effort (Joint) (Delia Cullen Memorial Cup)
Lewis Goldy	Y12 Academic Blue
Naamah Cheiban	Y12 Academic Blue
Charlotte Horder	Y12 Academic Blue
Talia Siddins	Y12 Academic Blue
Rachel Goodin	Y11 Academic Blue
Brittney Ratcliffe	Y11 Academic Blue



**Isaac Heron
2017 DUX**

Primary Industries – Assistance Needed

The Primary Industries department is fully engaged in the planting of a variety of 900 blueberry plants. This is an exciting venture for the school and students will certainly benefit through most subjects as this project develops over the years. Future planting, maintenance, machinery involvement, development of land, picking, marketing and selling will involve a large range of students.

BUT we need assistance. We need to smooth out the land (peat) so the rows are relatively flat. Maybe a small ripper to dig up the top 100 mm of peat could be a start. Next we have to run over the area with a levelling bar. If we could lease a rotary hoe and a small mower, we could use our 50HP Kubota tractor to tidy the area up. The rows are close to 2.5 m apart so we are only after small gear. I cannot find any of the gear we need in the local hire centres so may have to venture to Hamilton.

Phone Logan Taylor if you could assist us. 0275361000. Any help will be greatly appreciated

Sports Prizегiving 2017

SPORT SPECIAL AWARDS

Keegan Harris	Sports Person of the Year (Flint Cup)
Stella Clayton-Greene	All Round Sporting Excellence (The AV O'Brien Cup)
Courtney Berridge	Leadership Contribution Award
Shooting Team	Team of the Year (Mahurangi College Cup)
Corbin Reeve	Fair Play (Phillip Halden Memorial Award)
Max Vesper	Achievement in Minority Sport (Tina Dickin Cup); Sport Blue Inline Hockey
Keegan Dickey	Sporting Service Blue
James McDuff	Sporting Service Blue
Guy Johnston	Junior Merit Award (Mountain Biking)



Keegan Harris
Sports Person of the Year

Wall of Fame:

Congratulations to the following students who have represented NZ in the past year and are added to our *Wall of Fame*. Apologies to Graham Welch whose achievement was overlooked at our sport prize giving.



Micheal Trow

NZ U21 Colts
Woodchopping Team



Graham Welch

Member of the New Zealand Junior Shooting Team



Max Vesper

Captain of NZ U16
Inline Hockey Team

Coaches and Managers 2018

Applications are now open for
2018

Coaches and Managers
for the following Sports Teams
Rugby, Football, Hockey
Basketball & Netball

Please contact sport@haurakiplains.school.nz
for an application form

Applications close 30th November 2017

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to the following HPC Year 13 students who have been awarded scholarships to assist with their tertiary studies in 2018.

Isaac Heron	Otago University Academic Excellence Scholarship (\$40,000) , Auckland University Excellence Scholarship (\$20,000) and also Victoria University Scholarship (\$5,000). Isaac has also received a Russell McVeagh scholarship for mentoring and academic assistance with his law degree.
Courtney Berridge	Waikato University Te Pae Wai scholarship (\$25,000 over three years of study). She has also been offered an AUT Vice Chancellors Scholarship (\$6,500) for each year of study at AUT.
Keegan Harris	Waikato University Sir Edmund Hillary scholarship (\$40,000 - \$10,000 a year for the duration of his studies)
William Park	Otago University Academic Excellence (\$40,000)
Ingrid Hurle	Otago University Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship (\$4,000)
Corbin Reeve	Otago University Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship (\$4,000)
Natasha Shand	Waikato University School Leavers Scholarship (\$4,000)
Sophie Merrett	Waikato University School Leavers Scholarship (\$4,000)
Inuri Kuruppu	Waikato University School Leavers Scholarship (\$4,000) , Haurakian Scholarship (\$200) and the Ngatea Lotto Scholarship (\$1,000)
Angel Cairns	NZ School of Tourism (\$500)
Ashleigh Bridle	Massey University School of Business Scholarships, two to the value of \$3,000
Will Smit	Canterbury University School Leavers Scholarship (\$2,000)
Ashleigh Tuala	Waikato University School Leavers Scholarship (\$4,000)
James McDuff	University of Waikato School Leavers Scholarship (\$7,000)
Briony May McNaught	University of Waikato Te Ara Ki Angita Scholarship (\$5,000)
Jana Merz	David Johnstone Charitable Trust Scholarship (\$6,000) and the Waikato University Te Ara Ki Angitu Scholarship (\$5,000)
Kyle Bax	The Bill Mulak Family Scholarship (\$5,000)
Cheyenne Clarkin	Haurakian Scholarship (\$200)

Junior Academic

Subject Selection Evening for Year 10

Current Yr 10's will be issued with the Year 11 2018 Subject Selection Guide early next week. A subject selection evening is being held on Wednesday 15 November at 7.00 pm in the Centennial Centre to help students and parents choose subjects. We will start the evening with a brief overview of NCEA Level 1. Careers staff and a number of teachers from various subject areas will be available to help students make subject choices for next year.

Junior Certificate and Diploma Updates

Years 9 and 10 students have received a progress update towards the Junior Diploma of Learning (Y10) and Junior Certificate of Learning (Y9).

There is still time for students to ensure they have achieved sufficient credits and have the grade point average needed to complete the certificate or diploma. The key is for students to submit assessments as required. Most NCEA standards are internally assessed, and as such, require an effort for students to get their assignments or reports to their teacher on a due date. Failure to do so results in lost credits and makes NCEA Level 1 harder to achieve.

We encourage all junior students to 'finish strong' in term four. Receiving your Diploma or Certificate of Learning at prizegiving, knowing you have worked hard at achieving to the best of your ability, is a very proud way to finish the school year.

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Sports

Rugby Sevens

Congratulations to HPC students who competed at the Thames Valley Secondary Schools Sevens Competition at Te Aroha recently.

The 4th Grade and Under 17 teams finished first in their comps with the 1st XV coming Runner Up. Great results!!



4th Grade



Under 17



1st XV

Nailing the Peat 5

Amanda Fitzpatrick

October 20th HPC MX Team A hosted Nailing the Peat 5. Cars and trailers started arriving at 6.30am and although a lot of the 126 riders looked half asleep they all had smiles on their faces.

The day was almost perfect weatherwise for which we were truly grateful after having a year of just about rain every week. The peat is such an awesome venue for all levels of riders starting from the beginners through to the very competitive riders. It was great to see again riders from Gisborne and Wairoa along with Mahurangi and Opunake. Huge thank you to the Spreuwenberg family who are so accommodating of our team.

Once again the supporters race was big with a few ex HPC MX members turning up to support. Katrina Taylor made a beautiful cake to raffle off for the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation with \$600 being raised. A huge thank you to all the sponsors and supporters on the day who helped us once again host a very successful event.

School team results were 1st; Te Kauwhata College 2nd equal with Trident High and Hamilton Boys, 3rd equal with Mahurangi College and Tauranga Boys, 4th Gisborne Boys, 5th Opunake High, 6th HPC.

Well done to the HPC MX team, supporters and parents for being awesome hosts - bring on October 2018!



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Sports

NATIONAL SHOOTING RESULTS

Congratulations to all students who competed at the recent South Island and New Zealand Secondary Schools National Shooting Championships. Results are:

Lauryn Bond

South Island SS Champs 1st Girls Single Rise
North Island SS Champs Single Rise Championship – Girls 1st
Single Rise Trophy Championship – Girls 1st
National SS Championships Kilwell NZ SS Postal Shoot Individual – Girls 1st
Fish & Game NZ Single Barrel Championship – Girls 1st
NZSS Skeet Girls 2nd place

Hannah Thorburn

North Island SS Champs Points Score Championship – Girls 1st
Single Barrel Championship – Girls 1st
North Island Championship High Gun
National SS Championships Fish & Game NZ Single Rise Championship – Girls 1st
Fish & Game NZ Single Rise Trophy – Girls 1st
New Zealand Secondary Schools Two Day High Gun
NZSS Skeet Girls 1st place

Hannah was also selected for the North Island vs South Island Girls Teams Match, and her North Island team secured the win with Hannah the top scorer between both teams on 44 points.

Bryleigh Gordon

National SS Championships Fish & Game NZ Single Barrel Championship – Girls 3rd

Graham Welch

South Island SS Champs Rooney Family Trophy: HOA including Skeet
Fish & Game NZ Cup: HOA DTL
1st Boys Single Rise

Corbin Reeve

South Island SS Champs HOA Single Barrel
1st Boys Points Score
National SS Championships Fish & Game NZ Single Rise Championship – Boys 2nd
Fish & Game NZ Single Rise Trophy – Boys 2nd

Jacob Coldicutt

North Island SS Champs Skeet Boys 3rd place
Aggregate Rooney Family Trophy High Overall High Gun including Skeet
North vs South 3 person Skeet Teams Event – 2nd place

Aidan Harrison

Fish & Game Regional DTL Teams Challenge – Auckland/Waikato Open Team 1st place

Boys Team Results

South Island SS Champs: HOA Two Person Skeet Team Paterson Shield (Graham Welch & Jacob Coldicutt)
HOA Open Team Fish & Game NZ Cup: A Squad (Graham Welch, Jacob Coldicutt, Corbin Reeve, Josh Perrin, Ethan McCabe)
National SS Championships: Fish & Game NZ Points Score Teams Boys 2nd (Graham Welch, Corbin Reeve, Ethan McCabe, Josh Perrin, Jacob Coldicutt)
National SS Championships: Kilwell NZ SS Postal Shoot Teams Boys 2nd (Graham Welch, Corbin Reeve, Ethan McCabe, Joshua Perrin, Jacob Coldicutt)
Fish & Game Regional DTL Teams Challenge Auckland/Waikato Open Team 1st place

Girls Team Results

South Island SS Champs: HOA Girls Team Fish & Game NZ Cup (Lauryn Bond, Hannah Thorburn, Bryleigh Gordon)
North Island SS Champs: Points Score Team Championship Girls 2nd (Lauryn Bond, Hannah Thorburn, & Bryleigh Gordon)
National SS Championships: Fish & Game NZ Points Score Teams Girls 1st (Lauryn Bond, Hannah Thorburn, Bryleigh Gordon)
Fish & Game Regional DTL Teams Challenge Auckland/Waikato Girls Team 1st place

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Cultural Arts

CHESS Nationals Sunday 29th October

Amanda Fitzpatrick

NINE games of chess is hard work on the brain.... but they did it!

Frances-Rose Ross, Micheal Trow, Shay Lawley, Jackson Hiriwa-Davis, Jared Turlington, Dylan Diamond and David Wells did HPC proud... coming home 7th with 17 points is great amongst some of the top players in NZ... Well done team! Top HPC player for the day was Micheal Trow with David Wells half a point behind. Awesome to spend the day with great kids and extremely supportive parents!!! Bring on 2018!

All results can be found here under the Senior section.: <https://nzjunior.tornelo.com/.../chess-power-national-finals-...>

Thanks Hayden Turlington for taking some of the photos.

Thanks Paul and his team at Chess Power the kids always have a great day - no matter what part of NZ we are in!



CD Release



On Tuesday 31 October, the Year 12/13 Music students put on a concert to showcase the CD's they have been working on all year. These comprised of original music written and recorded by the students. The students also designed and then marketed each individual album with countless hours being put into the production of the final product. With some incredible performances by students of all year levels, it was a wonderful evening spent listening to music.

Arts Festival Day

Congratulations to all of our students who were involved in the Arts Festival on 31 October. Over 400 students from our contributing primary schools were entertained by our kapa haka group, dancers and musicians. Our students also facilitated a number of hands-on workshops including animation production, graphic novel design, painting, ballet and badge making. The feedback from visiting students was very positive and they are already excited about what they might experience at next year's festival.



Purnell Jenkinson Oliver Lawyers – Hayley Green
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Camps

SOS And Leadership Training Camp for 2017

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 4-6 December!

Hauraki Plains College utilizes our SOS Team (Seniors Offering Support), to aid our Y9's transition to high school life. The SOS leaders spend a sizeable amount of time with the new Y9's the first 2-3 days of school. During this time the SOS leaders run fun activities with the Y9s. The aim of the activities includes helping the Y9s get to know some other year 9s, feel comfortable at their new school, and make some connections with Senior Students that can be there to help them in College life.

The activities that the SOS leaders facilitate with the Y9s are also aimed to help the Y9's gain knowledge and confidence in:

- Being a high school student
- Knowing where their classes are and what to expect
- How to work together as Y9's
- Knowledge about Tikanga Maori: Specifically Rangatiratanga, Manaakitanga and Kaitiakitanga
- Knowledge and confidence on how to manage bullying and cyberbullying
- Feeling connected and accepted at College

The SOS leaders will undergo a 'training camp' Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 4-6 December, 2017. This will prepare them to facilitate the activities and sessions with the Y9's. It enables them opportunities to develop and demonstrate their leadership skills, communication skills and abilities to work in a group. It will be a time to prepare to become leaders and prefects. It will be a lot of fun for the Y12's at the camp; as they experience many of the activities that they will be facilitating.

Many messages are more readily received from older students than from teaching staff and even parents. The older students serve as role models and mentors. Well done to all of the Y12's who have volunteered their time and energy to come to camp and to be part of 2018s' SOS team!

If you have any questions or concerns involving the camp or SOS programme, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Henry, School Counsellor at 07 867-7029.

Year 10 Opoutere Camp

Year 10 camp is business as usual in Opoutere. The camp will be split into two: with camp one running Monday to Wednesday and camp two running Wednesday to Friday. Camp one has an early departure 7:30 am in order to work with the tide times. The camp is largely water based but it is challenge by choice. We encourage students attend camp and experience activities like Waka Ama, Sailing, Surf Skills and more.

Year 9 Activities Week

Unfortunately we are not able to run the usual Year 9 camp in the Kauaeranga Valley as the road is still not usable and despite our best efforts, we have been unable to secure an alternative venue. Consequently we are replacing this with an outdoor activity week run from school. We will be doing a range of activities that are as close as possible to what we would normally run at camp.

On Thursday 7th of December we are having an inter-river challenge in which river groups will compete against each other through a range of activities. Parents are welcome to attend. Information has been sent home with the students, so please ask if you have not been shown this.

Hauraki Rail Trail Grand Opening

Pukorokoro-Miranda to Thames: 18 November 2017

- 4.45 am: Starting with Dawn Blessing at Robert Findlay Wildlife Area, Miranda or Kopu Bridge
9.30 am: Rail Trail open for riding. Festival continues. Free shuttle services between Kopu and:
Pipiroa, Waitakauru, and Robert Findlay Wildlife Area
-