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- **Sports Annual Prizegiving:** Thank you to those who supported our annual Sports Prize Giving this week and especially to those members of our community who have volunteered in various ways over the year to enable sporting opportunities to happen for students.
- **External NCEA Exams:** Those sitting external exams need to make sure they bring their Admission Slips to every exam session they have. They are also reminded to read the Examination Instructions and Expectations. It is very important for exam students to be at school on Monday, 30 October as after school they will meet with our Exam Centre Manager to go over NZQA's exam expectations.
- **Junior Certificate and Junior Diploma Update:** All Year 9 and 10 students will receive an update on credits towards their Junior Certificate and Junior Diploma this coming week. A reminder that grades and written comments about each assessment are online. If you have not accessed these before, contact the office (078677029 or studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz) who can guide you through the process.
- **Last Day for Seniors:** The last day for seniors who have completed their NCEA qualification and who do not have external exams is Wednesday 1 November. Students who have not completed their qualification will need to continue at school. The last formal day of teaching for students who have external exams is Friday 3 November although tutorials are offered for these students in negotiation with the teacher.
- **Senior Academic Prizegiving:** Friday 3 November 7pm in college hall. All welcome. Students who are receiving prizes will be given invites early next week.
- **Out of Zone Ballot:** The 2018 out of zone ballot closes midday Wednesday, 1 November.
- **CD Release Concert:** happening next Tuesday evening 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the music room deck. Gold coin entry.

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Tips for students studying for exams

1. **Lean into the challenge:** When facing a challenge, we have three options - run away, admire it by talking endlessly about it but not actually doing anything or leaning into the challenge by making studying the priority. It has to come before everything else. That includes cell phone, computer, friends and ports. Study comes first. It is your job right now.



2. **When you are studying, you must write.** Reading isn't enough. In an exam you have to write your answers down so practising writing is really important. Write down what you are looking at. Cover the page and write down what you remember. Rewrite your notes. Write down the bits you find trickiest. Write! And keep on writing. Remember, the more you write the better you will write in exams. And the more you will remember.

3. **Make the most of time in class and with your teachers.** Talk about what you are studying. Talk about key points. Ask questions. Practise test questions and old exam papers. Brainstorm. Discuss your answers. Share model answers. Take notes! When you are chatting online or in person with classmates, focus on study. What are they doing? What have they learned? What is working for them? What do they think will come up in the exam? How would they answer it? Where are they getting stuck? The more you all focus on studying, the better you will all do. You owe this kind of focus to your friends and you owe it to yourself.

4. **Take a break.** Yes, you must take breaks, get some exercise, drink water, eat properly and get enough sleep. But all of these are important because of your priority – study! You need a healthy mind and body to study well. This is your life right now.

5. **Keep your eye on the prize.** Keep reminding yourself about what you want to achieve in your life and the future that a good qualification will open up for you. There's also the feeling of finishing the year well, knowing that nothing great is easily won.

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