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- **Parent Forum:** Thursday 18 May in The Hub at 7:00pm. Concerned about the impact of social media on your child? What are the issues? How can parents / caregivers and the school manage these concerns? Following a discussion at the term one Parent Forum, this is an opportunity to hear about the downside of social media and how we - school and home - can work to manage the risks. The evening will begin with a presentation from a small group of students who are the experts!
- **Homework Survey:** The Board has recently reviewed our Homework Policy. As part of our consultation process, we have developed a short survey for parents / caregivers that will take a maximum of 5 minutes to complete. Please click on this [link](#) to complete the survey. Your feedback is important to us.
- **Free dental care** is offered to those students who do not have a regular dentist. If your child has a regular dentist and you do **not** wish him or her to be seen by *The Tooth Group* dentist, please contact the school ([studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz)) The service is available for approximately 6 weeks.
- **Junior English:** The homework and literacy focus this term is to help students improve their basic writing accuracy. Years 9 and 10 students are being asked to sit down with parents / caregivers and write a literacy goal (grammar and / or punctuation) for the term. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact English Hub Leader Mrs Amelia Mathiesen ([milliem@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:milliem@haurakiplains.school.nz))
- **Happening soon:** One Autumn Night. Monday 15 May 6pm.  
Chess tournament. Wednesday 17 May at HPC  
Auckland University Liaison Visit Wednesday 17 May 1:30  
Medical doctors career day: Thursday 18 May  
Waikato Uni Open day: Friday 19 May  
Rockquest: Sunday 21 May
- **Community Notice:** Kaihere School Mud Run. Sunday starting 10:30am. Register online: [www.sporty.co.nz](http://www.sporty.co.nz)

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*"Blowing out someone else's candle doesn't make yours shine any brighter." (Unknown)*

