

# Hauraki Plains College

*Excellence is our Tradition*

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Dear Parent / Caregiver  
*Kia ora Koutou*

Welcome, especially to new families and whanau, to our first newsletter for 2018. Despite media reports of staffing shortages across the country, we have started the year fully staffed, including several new staff. A warm welcome to Hauraki Plains College.

We were happy with NCEA results from 2017 with a 99% pass rate in NCEA Level 1, 100% at Level 2 and 99% in Level 3. 153 students also were awarded with Merit or Excellence endorsements. Congratulations in particular to these students.

This year, several new courses have been introduced as we endeavour to meet the diverse interests and strengths of students. These include Psychology, Agribusiness, Electronics, Robotics and Earth Science.

One of our priorities this year is PB4L or Positive Behaviour for Learning. This initiative endeavours to ensure a consistent school wide approach to managing student behaviour in a proactive and positive manner, drawing largely on our school values, commonly known as RMK:

- Rangatiratanga - best work and best self
- Manaakitanga - respect and kindness
- Kaitiakitanga - having pride in and taking care of our place

This week we introduced a common classroom code, to support clear and consistent standards across the school.

Part of our PB4L drive is towards more consistent homework practice where students are expected to record homework in their diaries. We encourage parents, particularly at junior level, to check your child's homework diary and contact the River Guide if you have any concerns.

Over term one, a number of forums will be held to ensure parents / caregivers are well informed on particular issues. These include a Year 9 evening, a Year 11 evening in which we explain how NCEA works and River conferencing for all students / parents to meet individually with River guides. A warm welcome to these events.

Newsletters come out twice each term and a shorter e-bulletin each week is also emailed out to alert parents to school happenings.

All the best for the coming year.

Ngairé Harris  
PRINCIPAL

## KEY DATES

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

Waitangi Day

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

Understanding NCEA (Year 11) 7pm

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

HPC Swimming 3.30 – 7pm

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

Year 9 Meet River Guide Evening 7pm

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

HPC Athletics

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> March

Out of Zone Information Evening

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> and Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Apr

River Conferencing

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Apr

End of Term 1



# Student Leaders 2018

Congratulations to the following Year 13's who have been awarded with student leadership responsibilities.

Head Boy – Luke van Vliet

Head Girl - Grace Ngataua

Deputy Head Boy / Sports Leader – Lewis Goldby

Deputy Head Boy /Senior Academic Leader - Hayden Turlington

Deputy Head Girl / Community Liaason – Georgia Barriball

Deputy Head Girl / Social Leader – Bryleigh Gordon

Senior Academic Leader – Talia Siddins

Junior Academic Leaders – Carson Shea and Lauren Austin

Sports Leader – Alyssa Thompson

Social Leader – Katie Williams

Cultural and Arts Leaders – Joshua Gill and Waikakara Teo Paipa

Events Leader (Hospitality) – Paige Warburton and Aydan Golby

Inter Hapu Leaders – Devon Shirley and Breanna Baker

Hapu Leaders

- Ohinemuri – Mitchell Berridge and Alysha Rennie
- Waihou – Josiah Strange and Morgan Peterson
- Tikapa – Liam Tansey and Lana Pompey
- Piako – Jacob Sutton and Alex Pere

Kiwi Sport Leaders – Cameron Gordon and Savaan Ballantine

Media Leader – Trinity O'Callaghan

ICT Leaders – Kennidy Jenkins and Issac Astley

Environmental Leader – Paige Agent

Peer Support Leader – Devon Banks

Multicultural Leaders – Michael Trow and Mary Honasan

Prefects

- Amy Goodwin Gamble
- Jessie Chamberlain
- Ehlana Blissett
- Indya Champion
- Jacob Wales
- Gabrielle Leonard Hansby
- Madison Baker

As indicated we are re-introducing a prefect system with specific duties including prefect patrol at interval and lunchtimes and helping staff with organisations such as assemblies and bus lines.



## THINGS YOUR TEENAGER NEEDS TO KNOW

The start of school can be an exciting and a frightening time for many teenagers. Here are five things you should tell your teenager.

### 1. "Everyone else isn't doing it."

There's a lot of talk about all the things teens claim to be doing—drinking, using drugs, and having sex to name a few. The truth is, many of those claims aren't true. Teens who believe the popular kids are using drugs or having sex or staying out late are more likely to engage in those activities. The notion that 'everybody's doing it' can fuel poor choices in high school. Set the record straight and explain how some adolescents exaggerate and fib to be perceived as cool.

### 2. "I expect good grades from you."

While it's not healthy to put too much pressure on your teens, it's important to set your expectations high enough that you'll encourage them to do their best. Reassure them that the workload will be manageable. Stay involved in your teen's education and take steps to ensure they motivated to get good grades.

### 3. "Kindness matters."

Many teens believe their parents want them to be smart, more than they want them to be kind. Talk to your teen about healthy values. Make it clear that you want your teen to be successful, but explain that you want them to show kindness and compassion.

### 4. "You can earn freedom by showing you can make good choices."

Explain they can have more independence but extra responsibility must be earned. They can show you when they are ready for more freedom by doing well with the independence they already have. If they can't arrive home on time, why would you allow them to stay out later? If they can't get their chores and homework done on time, why would you trust them with the car? Explain to your teens that their ability to gain more freedom depends on their behaviour.

### 5. "The decisions you make now can affect the rest of your life."

Teens need to know that many of their decisions can impact them forever. Whether it's an inappropriate post on social media, or a risky decision that doesn't turn out well, there can be serious consequences for their choices. You can't be there to see what they're doing when they are at school or out with friends. Show confidence in them to think before they act and make healthy decisions, regardless of what others choose to do, but don't set them adrift. Be their staunch friend and supporter. (From *Principals' Digest* Volume24)

**Insight Legal**

Phone: 07 867 7014

**Ngatea Milking Machines**

Phone: 07 867 7360

# Parent Page

## PARENT FORUMS

### Year 9 Meet the River Guide Evening: Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb in hall

This is an opportunity for year 9 parents to meet with your child's river guide. We will meet together at 7pm initially in the hall for introductions and then more informally in river groups. The evening will finish around 8.30pm.

### Year 11 NCEA Evening: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

NCEA will be new to both and parents at year 11. This evening is intended to explain how NCEA works and how, as a parent, you can support your child over this important year. Meeting in the hall, 7-8pm.

### River Conferencing

River conferences with student, parent and river guide take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of April. This is an opportunity to sit down for 20 minutes to discuss progress to date and goals for the year ahead. More information in e-Bulletins.

### Lockers

These are available to hire from the Student Centre. A \$20 deposit is required to secure your locker for the year with a \$5 refund when the key is returned at the end of the year.

### Parents at Events

We always enjoy seeing parents at events such as Athletic and Swimming sports. If your child says that no other parents go, do not believe them!

### Newsletters

Full school newsletters are published monthly to the school website. Please contact the office if you would like a copy of the newsletter posted. The e-Bulletin goes out each Friday unless there is a newsletter.



A warm welcome to a number of new staff to HPC:

Mrs Amanda Sayer (Mathematics)

Mr Hermann Harmzen (Arts)

Mr Doug Creswell  
(Social Science)

Ms Eve Downing  
(Mathematics & Social Science)

Whaea Carrie Taipari  
(English and Mathematics)

Miss Linda Merimann  
(Accounting and Mathematics)

Mr Vic Nikitin  
(Digital Technologies)

Mrs Alissa Place (English)

Ms Rachael Clelland (Science)

Ms Hannah Stone  
(Teacher Aide)

Mrs Sarah Tully  
(Gateway Liaison)

Mr Jonnie Williams  
(Primary Industries)

Mrs Deborah Thorburn  
(Student Centre)

Ms Amber Friis  
(Administrator)

Ms Crystal Taki  
(Guidance)

Mr Tony Stillwell  
(Technology)

**Hauraki Plains Motors**

Phone: 07 867 7021

**Hauraki Vets**

Phone: 07 867 7056

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# School Routines and Procedures

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## Attendance

It is a legal requirement for students who are enrolled to attend school. Current research shows that when a student attends less than 90% of the time, his or her learning is significantly affected. If your child is ill, or is unable to attend school, please let the college office know. Phone 07 867 7029 or email [studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz).

From time to time, personal circumstances arise which may require a child to have extended leave from school of several days or more. We require a letter or email from the family explaining the nature of the leave. Please note that a family holiday is considered an unjustified absence by the Ministry of Education.

## Uniform Passes

Correct uniform is a condition of attendance at HPC. Any additions to our uniform e.g. jackets, jewellery is not permitted. If your child is unable to be in correct uniform, he or she is required to bring a note from home to obtain a uniform pass from the Deputy Principal. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by sell out of some items.

Students are required to be in correct uniform for the entire school day including going to and from school by bus or walking.

## Street Passes

Occasionally a student may need to go down town at interval or lunchtime for a particular purchase. If so, the student must bring a note from home to request a street pass. No street passes are given to purchase food. The exception to this is Year 13 students who have the privilege of being able to do go down town without a pass. This is a trust pass; if the trust is broken, the pass becomes null and void.

## Picking your child up from school

If you wish to pick up your child from school for a medical or other appointment, please check in at the Student Centre.

## School Bell Times

The school day bell time are as follows:

8:40am	River or assembly	11:00am	Interval	1:30pm	Lunch time
9:00am	First class	11:30am	Third class	2:30pm	Fifth class
10:00am	Second class	12:30pm	Fourth class	3:20pm	End of school day

## School Canteen: The Food Truck

We offer a wide range of healthy options at the food truck which is available at interval and lunchtime.

**Purnell Jenkison Oliver Lawyers – Hayley Green**  
Phone: 07 868 8680

**Rabobank – Mark S Murdock**  
Phone: 07 901 0800

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# Sports at HPC

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## HPC Swimming Sports

First up on our agenda is our school Swimming Sports which is taking place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-7pm. This is a championship event and all students are encouraged to take part and earn points for their Hapu.

Students will complete an entry form in river time next week and all swimmers are welcome to dress up in their Hapu colours. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to come along to spectate.

## HPC Athletics Champs

This event takes place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February and is compulsory for all students.

Students will be emailed an entry form, in the following weeks, which they will complete and submit with the events they wish to compete in on the day. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to come along to spectate.

## Winter Codes – Coaches & Managers

Applications are welcome for Coaches and Managers for the following Sports Teams:

Rugby / Football / Hockey / Basketball / Netball

Please contact [sport@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:sport@haurakiplains.school.nz) for an application form

## Lunch Time Activities

Our lunchtime programme will be up and running next week, with activities running in the gym, on the back courts and fields. Keep a listen out in the daily notices for when these will be happening. Anyone is welcome to join in!!

A range of balls and racquets are available for use at lunchtimes. Come to the gym at the beginning of lunch if you would like to utilise these.

## Cricket

Cricket at Hauraki Plains College for Term one will shortly be underway. Students have been asked to put their names down to Ms Berridge (Sport Co-coordinator) if interested in playing this season. The first training for all boys of all grades will be held Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at the cricket nets 3.45pm. The first game for all grades is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb and Coaches/Managers will inform the boys when the draw is available next week. Fees are set at \$60 for Term One. Girls cricket will get underway the following week. More information for the girls will be in the student notices soon.



## Mountain Biking Success

Congratulations to Guy Johnstone who won the Down Hill Mountain Biking Series late last year. This year Guy is competing in the U17 section and has already chalked up several wins. All the best for NZ Nationals at Cardrona Ski Field, Guy.

**Brett Harris Electrical**

Phone: 07 867 5196

**Ngatea Hammer Hardware**

Phone: 07 867 7393

# School App

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We have a school app that is available for downloading for Apple and Android smartphones and tablets. The app can be found by searching 'Hauraki Plains College' in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. The app is another communication stream between school and families and is a one-stop shop for a range of information:

- Parents/caregivers are able to log their child's absence from school directly from the app
- Contact details of all staff
- Links to websites
- Daily notices
- A map of the school
- School newsletters
- A KAMAR parent portal that allows students and their parents/caregivers access to their academic record and attendance
- A school events calendar



To access your child's academic and attendance record via the KAMAR feature of the app, you can either login as a parent or as a student. To login as a student – the username is the student's unique 5-digit ID number and their password, which they will know. To login as a parent use the student's ID number for the username and your parent password. If you are unsure what your password is, please email student services: [studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz)

For more assistance in using the app please contact our e-Learning facilitator Jonathan O'Neill ([jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz)).

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## Homework Diaries

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Homework Diaries are an important way for students to learn to manage themselves. There is also invaluable information in the diary relevant to learning and life skills which form a big part of our River Time Programme. A regular amount of purposeful home work is required and teachers plus River Guides are more closely monitoring the use of homework diaries this year. There is also a space for parents to check and sign off. Please contact your child's River Guide if you have any concerns regarding homework.



## Give a Little for the Future

The Hayward name has been closely associated with education on the Hauraki Plains from the time when the original school was built over 100 years ago.

Under the Haurakian Charitable Trust, which was formed by a group of past pupils in 2004 to provide support and resources to Hauraki Plains College, a *Give a Little* project is underway to purchase a 8.8 hectare block of the original Hayward Farm for use as a Primary Industries centre for Hauraki Plains College.

The block is just a five minute walk from the college and the intention is to set up a small working farm where students will have the opportunity to develop a range of Primary Industry and related trades including lifestyle block farming, pasture management, animal care, orchardry, landscaping, fencing, poultry farming and beekeeping for example.

Already over \$350,000 of the \$660,000 has been donated. Contributions can be made via *Give a Little* (Google Hayward Farm Appeal - Givealittle) or go to our school website for details.

# Contacting the School

It is not always easy to know who to contact. The following is a list of helpful emails:

**Principal:**  
Ngaire Harris  
principal@haurakiplains.school.nz

**Deputy Principal: (Senior)**  
Jaco Dreyer  
jacod@haurakiplains.school.nz

**Deputy Principal: (Junior)**  
Inia Daymond  
iniad@haurakiplains.school.nz

## River Guides:

River guides are a key contact person for parents. The river guide takes an interest in each student and supports them in their learning journey through college. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with River guides at the parent meetings held throughout the year. Email addresses for River guides are available on the school's website. River guides will be in contact with parents/caregivers over the next fortnight.

## Deans: Responsible for the pastoral and academic concerns of a year level.

Yr 9 Dean	Mrs Jan Paton	janp@haurakiplains.school.nz
Year 10 Dean	Mr Stu Green	stug@haurakiplains.school.nz
Year 11 Dean	Mr Michael Hallet	michaelh@haurakiplains.school.nz
Year 12 Dean	Mr Nick Joynes	nickj@haurakiplains.school.nz
Year 13 Dean	Mrs Toni Brewer	tonib@haurakiplains.school.nz

## Leaders of Curriculum and Learning (Senior):

Arts	Mr Jonathan O'Neill	jonothano@haurakiplains.school.nz
Primary Industries	Mrs Bronwyn Dyer	bronwynd@haurakiplains.school.nz
Business Studies	Mr John Tate	john@haurakiplains.school.nz
Sciences	Mr Keith Garrett	keithg@haurakiplains.school.nz
English	Mrs Millie Mathiesen	milliem@haurakiplains.school.nz
Humanities	Mrs Miriam Courtney	miriamc@haurakiplains.school.nz
Health and PE	Mr Peter Casey	peterc@haurakiplains.school.nz
Technologies	Mr Shane Chivers	shanec@haurakiplains.school.nz
Mathematics	Mrs Denise Casey	denisec@haurakiplains.school.nz

## Hub Curriculum Leaders (Junior):

Arts	Mr Jonathan O'Neill	jonothano@haurakiplains.school.nz
Hauora	Mr Chris Allen	chrisa@haurakiplains.school.nz
	Mrs Angela Forsyth	angela@haurakiplains.school.nz
English	Mrs Millie Mathiesen	milliem@haurakiplains.school.nz
Technologies	Mrs Ann Leuthart	annl@haurakiplains.school.nz
Humanities	Mrs Miriam Courtney	miriamc@haurakiplains.school.nz

## Senior and Careers Academic Deans:

Academic Deans	Mrs Joy Carter	joyc@haurakiplains.school.nz
	Mrs Denise Casey	denisec@haurakiplains.school.nz

## Careers:

Careers Co-ordinator	Mr Peter Keith	peterk@haurakiplains.school.nz
Careers Support	Mrs Kate Patterson	katep@haurakiplains.school.nz

## Arts Co-ordinator / International Students:

Contact	Mrs Trish Smith	international@haurakiplains.school.nz
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## Guidance Counsellor:

Mr Scott Henry  
scotth@haurakiplains.school.nz

## Sports Co-ordinator:

Mrs Cindy Berridge  
sport@haurakiplains.school.nz

## Sports Director:

Mr Ian Clarke  
sportsdir@haurakiplains.school.nz

## Learning Support Co-ordinator (SENCO):

Whaea Nicky Farrant

## Bus Controller:

Ms Michelle Isbister

## Student Centre

Mrs Deborah Thorburn

## Board of Trustees

Melanie Shea (Board Chair)  
melanie.shea@korowai.co.nz

Andrew Gordon (Parent Rep)

Jeff Gordon (Parent Rep)

Roger Hunter (Parent Rep)

Dana Thompson (Parent Rep)

Jonathan O'Neill (Staff Rep)

Saffron Wickliffe (Student Rep)

Ngaire Harris (Principal)



## THE HAURAKIAN CHARITABLE TRUST HAYWARD FARM APPEAL



SO FAR WE HAVE RAISED

**\$355,000**



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

**\$690,000**

### THE TIME IS NOW....

The last time that HPC went to the community to give financial support for a project was in the early 1980s for the building of the Sports Pavilion. That followed a significant effort to build a gymnasium for the college a decade earlier.

We believe the time is now to secure 8.8 hectares of the original Hayward Farm for the ongoing development of Primary Industry courses at Hauraki Plains College. The intention is to set up the farm as a working model covering a range of primary industry and related trades activities including orchardry, landscaping, lifestyle block farming and Primary industry and building trades.

## TO DONATE:

Contact: Neil Gray  
Haurakian Charitable Trust

Gill Leonard  
Haurakian Charitable Trust

Ngairé Harris  
Hauraki Plains College

### LEAVING YOUR LEGACY

At some stage, we all consider how we might give back to a community which has offered so many opportunities in life. The Hayward Trust farm project is a chance to do this, not just for current young people but for many generations to come.

