



16th February 2018

Dear Parents and Whanau
Kia ora Koutou

- **NCEA Information evening:** Good to see a number of parents at our NCEA evening this week. If you have any questions regarding NCEA please contact your child's River Guide or the Academic Dean Joy Carter (joyc@haurakiplains.school.nz). A reminder that all assessment information and due dates are available on *Google Classroom*. Please contact the Student Centre (email studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz) if you need help as a parent to access this.
- **Weekly subject notices:** From today, Year 9 parents are able to opt in to receive weekly summaries, via email, on your child's Google Classroom activity. This will include notifications about new assignments that have been set by the teacher, homework tasks, new learning resources and missed deadlines for assignments. We will be rolling this out to other year levels in the coming weeks.
- **Year 9 Meet and Greet:** Tuesday 20 February 7-8:30pm. All Year 9 parents are welcome to an evening to meet with your child's River Guide and learn a little more about how HPC works. The evening will be held on Tuesday 20 February 7 - 8:30pm initially meeting in the hall and then breaking up into River groups.
- **Swimming and Athletic Sports:** The annual swimming sports will take place at the Ngatea pool on Monday 19 February 3:30pm to 7pm.

The athletic sports is on Tuesday 27th in the college grounds. This is a whole day event and we encourage students to go hard for their Hapu.

Parents and whanau are always welcome to these events. If your child says that no other parents come along, do not believe them!

- **Buses:** we appreciate that there have been issues with some of the school bus runs. Thank you for your patience with this. The current bus transport provider is Murphy Buses and directly employed by the Ministry of Education. While we maintain close contact, ultimately decisions are made at Ministry/bus company level. The contact number is 078686265 or email info@murphybuses.co.nz
- **Mufti Day:** to be held on Wednesday 28 February to raise funds for Vaini Government School in Tonga. This was the same school that a group of Year 13s students with staff visited last year. Seven out of their nine classrooms have been destroyed along with the loss of all classroom materials. A 'give a little' page is also being set up for them. \$2 for mufti with a 'dress up Island style' theme.

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