



9th February 2018

Dear Parents and Whanau
Kia ora Koutou

These e-bulletins are sent out each Friday and intended to be a brief communication regarding what's happening at HPC.

- On Thursday 15 February 7 - 8pm we are holding an NCEA meeting in the college hall particularly for Year 11 parents who would like to understand more about how NCEA works. Students are welcome to attend with parents.
- 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.
- 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!
- Managing technology and in particular personal devices is always a challenge for schools. This year we have made intervals and lunchtimes a red zone i.e. no personal devices allowed. This is to encourage students to communicate face to face and to make good use of the lunchtime sport and recreation programme on offer.

However if a student needs a computer to complete homework or an assessment, students are able to use the computers in the Careers Centre or in The Hub. We also have a Homework Centre where we will make chromebooks available.

- Parents will soon be 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. More information will be provided shortly about how to receive these summaries.
- This week, students were given a list of co-curricular opportunities available. We encourage all students to give at least one of these opportunities a go. The full list is on our Website: *What's Happening*. If you have any questions regarding sporting opportunities contact Cindy Berridge (email: sport@haurakiplains.school.nz). For questions about cultural activities contact the Arts Co-ordinator Trish Smith (email: trishs@haurakiplains.school.nz)
- Apologies for any problems with shortages of uniform. Hammer Hardware are working on this as a matter of urgency. Students are reminded that correct uniform (apart from items not currently available) is a condition of attendance.

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