



2nd March 2018

Dear Parents and Whanau
Kia ora Koutou

- **Tonga Fundraising:** the response of our school community to the Tonga fundraising effort is impressive from bringing stationery to supporting multi day. It is hard to imagine how difficult it is for the teachers and students of Vaini Government School after losing 7 out of 9 buildings, along with what little equipment they had. Thanks to everyone involved.
- **Athletic Sports:** Good to see a number of parents attend athletic sports and well done to students who took an active part, whether competitive or just giving something a go.
- **River Conferencing:** Important change of date notice. River conferences (for parents, students and River Guides) will now be held on Thursday 22nd March 4 - 8pm and Friday 23rd March 9 - 3pm. Parents will receive progress reports for each subject immediately prior to the meeting with your child's River Guide. Next Friday's bulletin will have information on how parents can make appointments.
- **Weekly Subject Notices:** On Friday, each teacher is sending out brief summaries of what's happening in class and what students need to be reminded of. This will include notifications about new assignments that have been set by the teacher, homework tasks, new learning resources and missed deadlines for assignments.

Parents are able to opt in to receive weekly summaries, via email, on your child's Google Classroom activity. All parents/caregivers should have received an email inviting them to opt in to this service. Please contact our teacher in charge of e-Learning, Jonathan O'Neill, if you have any queries: jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz. Thanks to the many parents who have already responded to this.

- **Out of Zone Ballot 2019:** We are holding an out of zone information meeting on Tuesday 20th March 7pm in the college hall, followed by the ballot for 2019 enrolments which closes midday on Thursday 29th March. If you already have a child at HPC, and you wish to enrol a further child, this still needs to go through the ballot process, although the application goes on a priority list. Depending on numbers in this ballot, we may well not hold a second ballot this year.
- **Bus Expectations:** We are reminding students about the importance of appropriate and safe behaviour on buses. Should there be an incident, the bus company contracted to the Ministry, has the authority to put a student off the bus, either for a fixed number of days or permanently. It is therefore in the students' best interests to follow the company's and drivers' expectations.
- **Whooping Cough Notification:** We have had one confirmed case of whooping cough. Whooping cough is a serious and highly infectious disease and is spread by direct contact with fluids from the nose or mouth of infected people. If you have any suspicion that your child has whooping cough, please see the doctor as soon as possible and let the school know.
- **Growth Mindset:** We are currently focusing in assembly and river times on what it means to have a growth mindset. One significant contribution teachers and parents can make to a growth mindset is praising effort rather than talent.
- **Whooping Cough Notification:** We have to inform our school community that we have had one confirmed case of whooping cough from our student body. This student is currently at home on medication. Whooping cough is a serious and highly infectious (communicable) disease and is spread by direct contact with fluids from the nose or mouth of infected people, i.e. sneezing and/or coughing. **If you have any suspicion that your child and/or children in your care could have whooping cough, see your doctor as soon as possible.**
- **Community Notices:**
 - Lions Free Family Fun Day Sunday 4th March at HPC 10:30am to 1:30pm.
 - Hikutaia School Trail ride Sunday 11th March 10am to 3pm Revel Farm State Highway 26 between Hikutaia and Puriri.
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Ngairé Harris
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Growth Mindset Quote: The power of yet
"I don't get it ... yet." "I can't do this ... yet" "This doesn't work ... yet"



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