



9th March 2018

Dear Parents and Whanau  
Kia ora Koutou

- **River Conferencing:** River conferences (for parents, students and River Guides) will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 4 - 8pm and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9 - 3pm. Parents will receive progress reports for each subject from the main office immediately prior to the meeting with your child's River Guide.

**To make an appointment,** either return the appointment notice which students have been issued with today or book online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) (using the code 2gazw).

The purpose of River conferencing is to discuss with the River Guide each student's progress to date and goals for the year ahead. Each parent and student who attends will go in a draw for a chromebook.

- **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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> March 7pm in the college hall, followed by the ballot for 2019 enrolments which closes midday on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Learner Driver Course:** We have had a large number of students applying to do this course which prepares students to sit the NZTA Learner Driver Licence Theory test. Further courses will be run during the year for those who missed out on a place this time.
- **Tonga aid:** Over 160 kg of goods are now on the way to Tonga thanks to the generosity of our community.
- **Community notices**
  - Hikutaia School Trail ride Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 10am to 3pm Revel Farm, State Highway 26 between Hikutaia and Puriri.
  - Boomerang Bags meeting to reduce use of plastic bags. Glory Cafe March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. Contact Judy Jamieson on 07 867 7966.

Ngaire Harris  
PRINCIPAL

*The only thing that overcomes hard luck is hard work."* Harry Golden

