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Dear Parent / Caregiver
Kia ora Koutou

Over this term, in both school assemblies and River Time, we are focusing on those capabilities that our young people will need to prepare themselves for work and life beyond the school gates.

There are two key factors we need to keep in mind when talking about future career preparation:

1. A person now has an average of twelve job changes in his or her lifetime as many employees spend less than five years in a job.
2. According to a recent report by PWC Researchers, 40% of jobs may disappear over the next decade as robots and other technologies take over more and more of the work especially in the transportation, storage, manufacturing and retail sectors.

This means that we need to teach our young people not only how to make good career decisions, but also focus on fostering the attributes employers and society will value in an increasingly unpredictable employment context. Having a positive mindset, good communication skills, the ability to work in a team, willingness to learn new things, to problem solve and make thoughtful decisions, to be reliable with a good work ethic and resilient when things do not go well are all very human capabilities which will future-proof young people as they head to a very different world of work.

Many of these capabilities develop through opportunities outside the classroom such as doing work experience or volunteer work, playing sport or a performing art activity, taking on leadership roles and responsibilities and being expected to help out at home.

As part of the Hauraki Community of Learning (11 primary schools plus HPC), we are working with principals and teachers across our school community to consider how we can develop their capabilities from 5 year olds to 18 year olds.

We have a well qualified Careers team, which students and parents are welcome to access. A good website to check out is www.careers.govt.nz

Ngairé Harris
PRINCIPAL

KEY DATES

Wed 9th May

Junior Reports issued

Wed 16th May

Reader/Writer Festival Trip

Mon 21st May

Mike King speaking in assembly

Wed 23rd May

Mufti Day

(Shave for a Cure, Pink Shirt Day)

Fri 25th May

Senior Reports issued

Thurs 31st May & Fri 1st June

Parent Interviews with

Subject Teachers

*Details for making appointments
for subject teacher interviews
will be in the next e-bulletin.*



Academic News

Congratulations

to the following students who have already achieved NCEA Level 2 this year:

Kahn Anderson-Gillies
James Knight
Trey Rata
Luke Duggan
Lauryn Bond
Tayla Gerritsen
Kane Flooks
Spencer Martin
Finley O'Callaghan



Junior Certificate and Diploma

Junior reports were issued on Wednesday 9th May. Students will receive an update and an explanation of the Junior Certificate (Yr 9) and Junior Diploma (Yr 10) on Friday next week. The update will include the student's credit tally, with *RMK* credits (and credits for co-curricular activities included); the Grade Point Average to date and how the student is tracking e.g. achieving with Merit or Excellence.

A reminder that students need a 90% attendance unless ill health or family circumstance prevents this.

For those students who are achieving at an extended level in a particular subject i.e Curriculum Level 5 for Year 9 and Curriculum Level 6 for Year 10, the credits are counted as Excellence regardless of the actual grade achieved.

Senior Reports

These will be issued on Friday 25th May (note the change in date). The subject reports will include a comment on what the student needs to focus on to achieve a good outcome for this semester's work. All standards, along with credit value, are noted on the report so students and parents are aware of what work is needed to be completed.

Subject Teacher Interviews

These take place on Thursday 31st May and Friday 1st June for both Junior and Senior students. We encourage students to attend with parents; students do not need to come in school uniform for subject interviews. While buses will run as normal, students are not required to be at school on Friday 1st June (unless they have booked an interview). We will supervise any students who attend and some students may be asked to attend by the Academic Dean to catch up on work.

Booking details in next week's e-bulletin.



Parent Page

Strep Throat

We have been advised from Ngatea Pharmacy that Strep Throat is making the rounds. They offer free throat swabs to 4 - 19 year olds and also can dispense antibiotics if a Doctor is not available.

What are the Symptoms for Strep Throat?

A variety of things -- including overuse, a common cold, a serious virus, or allergies -- can cause a sore throat. Another culprit, especially in children and young adults, is the bacteria that creates strep throat. *Streptococcus A bacterium* is the formal name.

But how can you tell if it's strep and not something else?



What Are the Common Symptoms?

When you have strep, you'll usually find that your throat is quite raw and it really hurts to swallow. You'll find that it comes on very fast, not gradually like many other kinds of sore throats. Other symptoms often include:

A fever of 101 F or higher

Swollen lymph nodes on your neck

Really little red spots on the back part of the roof of your mouth

Red and swollen tonsils (two round lumps in the back of your throat; they are types of lymph nodes). You may also see white patches on them or elsewhere in your throat.

Headache, sometimes with pain in the gut or vomiting.

You might also see a red, sandpaper-like rash on your neck, underarm, or groin, shortly after symptoms begin. This could be a sign of scarlet fever. You should call your doctor if you or a child in your care show any symptoms of strep or you see this rash.

It's Easily Spread

The bacteria that cause strep are highly contagious. You can spread it by close contact -- including sneezes and handshakes -- or sharing someone else's personal items.

Be sure to wash your hands often and be cautious about touching objects when someone in your house has strep.

Paeroa Swimming Club prizegiving and special meeting is on Tuesday 29th May at 7pm at the Paeroa Gospel Hall, Wharf St, Paeroa. Parents of all current and intending swimmers for next year please attend to discuss programme for next year.



Careers News

Careers Upcoming Events

- Friday 18th May – Waikato University Open Day
- Friday 25th May – WINTEC Open Day
- Monday/Tuesday 28th/29th May – Gateway Health & Safety Course, Centennial Centre
- Tuesday 12th June – Tertiary Preparation Evening, 7pm in the College Hall
- Thursday 14th June – Victoria University Liaison Person Seminar, 1.30pm Careers Centre
- Monday 25th June – Learner Driver Licence Course, Centennial Centre
- Thursday 7th / 14th / 21st / 28th June – AA Defensive Driving Course, 7pm, Centennial Centre

Polytech/University Open Days

Open days are a great way of getting to know more about possible courses of study
 *indicates HPC organised trips

Polytech	Open Day	Website
*University of Waikato	Friday 18 th May	www.waikato.ac.nz
*Wintec	Friday 25 th May	www.wintec.ac.nz
University of Canterbury	Thursday 12 th July	www.canterbury.ac.nz
Lincoln University	Friday 20 th July	www.lincoln.ac.nz
Massey University (Manawatu Campus)	Wednesday 1 st August	www.massey.ac.nz
Massey University (Auckland Campus)	Saturday 11 th August	www.massey.ac.nz
*AUT	Saturday 25 th August	www.aut.ac.nz
University of Auckland	Saturday 25 th August	www.auckland.ac.nz
Massey University (Wellington)	Friday 31 st August	www.massey.ac.nz
Victoria University	Friday 31 st August	www.victoria.ac.nz



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WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2018
 FROM 5:30PM AT THE THAMES CIVIC CENTRE

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- Caring for a child in your own home
- Financial support, level reflective of child's complexity
- Generous allowances
- On-going training available
- Clinical supervision from a team of social workers or psychologist.

We are looking for people from all walks of life: couples, singles, families, city and rural dwellers. Providing connections to culture is vital so we are looking for caregivers for a range of cultural backgrounds, who can provide care for children aged 8 to 18 years who have experienced loss and trauma in their lives.

The types of care our children need are:

- Daytime care
- Home for life
- Respite care
- Long term
- Weekend care
- Short term
- Emergency overnight care

If you would like to know more, please contact:

Joel Hastings 029 341 3765 or Joel.Hastings@ot.govt.nz or 0508 (FAMILY)
 Rhonda Mitchell 029 472 7371 or Rhonda.Mitchell@ot.govt.nz or 0508 (FAMILY)
 Or contact the team on Regional_Caregiving_Team@ot.govt.nz





Guidance Page

Procrastinating and demotivated, 2 in 3 NCEA students cite anxiety or stress

Two-thirds of New Zealand secondary students identify stress and anxiety about assessments as a challenge to learning, according to a new survey of nearly 6000 students. At Hauraki Plains College, we try hard to prepare every student for these situations. I will be trialling a class/counselling group of Y11s to provide support with relief from excess worrying, anxiety and study preparation. This is in addition to working with individual students with this issue. If reading this article, it seems like your teenager might be struggling with anxiety, than please encourage them to see one of the counsellors.

The online survey of 5,761 New Zealand secondary school students aged between 15 and 18, by NCEA study platform StudyTime, was conducted between August and October 2017.

When asked to identify challenges to their learning, 70 percent identified procrastination or lack of motivation; 66 per cent identified stress or anxiety about assessments; 53 percent identified learning how to consistently study; 49 percent identified dealing with exams and exam technique, and 48 percent identified knowing how to study.

Supporting students to develop strategies to deal with anxieties and stress is part of an overall strategy focusing on wellbeing outcomes for our students – including mental, physical and emotional health.

If your student seems to be struggling in some aspect of wellbeing, consider encouraging them to talk to someone at school. We have one full time, two part time and other counselling agencies available.

Ignoring the issue or just getting on with things might provide some immediate relief, but the underlying issue will still be there.

We are here to help.

Scott Henry, School Counsellor

WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW THIS?

In the back of the class, there's that idly waving hand. You've been teaching long enough to be pretty sure that hand is going to go up as soon as you got started on this topic, and so it does, with an annoying indolence. All right. You gesture toward the hand: *Let's hear it.* **And of course, the smarty pants says: 'Why do we need to know this?'** David Perkins calls this question 'an uppity question' because it can be considered a direct challenge to the authority of the teacher. And the usual teacher response of: 'Because it's part of the unit goal.' 'Because you'll need it for the test.' 'Because you'll need to know this for next year' doesn't usually satisfy the questioner. But Perkins sees that question as a very important one. He recalls the classic legend of Pandora who opened the box she wasn't supposed to. **What inspired Pandora to lift the forbidden lid? Curiosity.** And curiosity is part of the foundations of the human condition: humans are always asking questions about how things work; what are the lands and people like on the other side of the world; how can we make this better? Can you find a more important question to ask about education? After all, 'Why do we need to know this?' is an uppity question of one of the most important questions in education, a question with only three words: ***What's worth learning in school?***

Futurewise: Educating our children for a changing world by David Perkins.



Sports at HPC



NZSS Rowing Champs – Maadi Cup

Congratulations to Caitlin Doddrell and Bailey Morrison (coach Ben Board) who won gold in the Girls U16 Double. Fantastic achievement!! Well done to the whole Maadi crew of 11 students who all made 'A' finals.



Thames Valley SS Rugby Sevens Tournament

Congratulations to all students who represented HPC at this competition last weekend, coming away with some great results.

1st XV – 1st place

Development – 1st place

Girls U19 – 2nd place



Inline & Ice Hockey

Congratulations to Max Vesper who is having huge success in the International arena. Max has been selected to compete in three teams this year representing NZ in U18 Men's Inline & Ice Hockey Teams at the World Champs. Good luck Max, we look forward to hearing your progress.

Well done to PJ Uiese and Anthony Makiha who will represent NZ Touch U16 in a series against Australia later in the year.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to PJ Uiese who will be representing Samoa at the International Tag Football World Cup in Australia in November. Earlier this year PJ represented NZ MAORI at the Junior Pacific Cup Tag20 and also Samoa at the NZTFI Oceania Cup where he was named MVP. PJ will also represent NZ in Touch at the Gold Coast in September. Well done PJ, outstanding achievements.

Well done to Danielle Aitchison who has been selected to join the Path @ Podium Programme. This two year programme through High Performance Sport NZ works with athletes who have shown athletic talent and are working towards the International arena. Good luck Danielle!

Congratulations to Hannah Thorburn who represented NZ at the Australian National Champs and 2018 World Champs Clay Target Shooting. Hannah won a Bronze medal at the Australian Champs in the Points Score event followed by a Silver medal in the NZ Number 2 Ladies Team where they beat the NZ Number 1 Team at the World Champs. Great results Hannah!

HPC Basketball

The 2018 Basketball season started with the "Tip Off" tournament in Rotorua. We had lots of new players and an exciting Tip Off Tournament with wins and losses for all teams. All teams made the top 5 in their division. We had several players selected for Thames Valley age group rep teams and they were successful at a regional tournament in Tauranga over Easter.

Fundraising / Golf Day

Special mention of all the families who helped with golf day especially Rachel and Wayne Barker, Leigh and Malcolm Cross. We would like to thank our generous sponsors and community groups who donate goods or services. It was a very successful day and the teams will be able to get some new gear bags, basketballs and drink bottles.

We are also looking for some referees. If you are a student or interested adult please contact Ann Leuthart at the college during school hours to organise a meeting. We will help you train and provide you with transport to games if required.





Careers News

Career Pathway Programme – Year 13 Planning Checklist

University Bachelor's Degree and Polytech Pre Trades / Certificates & Dip. Pathway

<input type="checkbox"/> CV Completed	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2017 NZQA Results (hard copy) obtained	www.nzqa.govt.nz Student Login – Record of Achievement – Order Document
<input type="checkbox"/> University Entrance Entry on track <input type="checkbox"/> UE Literacy / Numeracy <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Approved subjects x 14 credits <input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 NCEA	See Academic Dean to check progress
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Entry requirements on track <input type="checkbox"/> Rank Score requirements <input type="checkbox"/> School Subjects <input type="checkbox"/> Portfolio / Interview	See Careers Advisor to double-check entry requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> University / Polytech Info. obtained <input type="checkbox"/> University/ Polytech Liaison Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> University / Polytech Open Days <input type="checkbox"/> Careers Centre Resources	Open Day dates on Uni/Polytech websites HPC trips to AUT 25 th Aug / Wintec 25 th May / Waikato Uni 18 th May
<input type="checkbox"/> HPC Tertiary Preparation Evening	12 th June, HPC Hall at 7pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships <input type="checkbox"/> HPC Scholarship Workshop (River Time) <input type="checkbox"/> Online Scholarship Info. viewed <input type="checkbox"/> References arranged / gathered <input type="checkbox"/> Verified copies of Level 2 Results <input type="checkbox"/> Applications lodged	www.universitiesnz.ac.nz – Scholarships www.generosity.org.nz – Login – Give Me www.schoolleaver.nz Check scholarship application closing dates
<input type="checkbox"/> Information / Documentation collected <input type="checkbox"/> IRD Number <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Account number <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate (verified copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Address	www.ird.govt.nz – Individuals – Apply for IRD No. Obtain 5x Passport Photos (+ digital version)
<input type="checkbox"/> Tertiary Accommodation <input type="checkbox"/> School Common Confidential Reference (CCR) requested <input type="checkbox"/> Halls of Residence online Application lodged	Request CCR as part of online Application to Uni / Polytech Closing date for Halls Applications is 15 th Sept
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<input type="checkbox"/> StudyLink (Student Allowance / Loan) <input type="checkbox"/> School StudyLink Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> StudyLink online application lodged	www.studylink.govt.nz Workshop date - 13 th Sept in Room 9 at 1.30 pm



The Arts

Term Two is shaping up to be a very busy time for many of our students engaged in the Arts.

Term One ended on a high note with a range of Arts activities in the spotlight during Arts Week. Lunchtime musical and dance performances, film screenings, art workshops and a Kapa Haka performance were a real hit with our students. Well done to our Arts Leaders, Joshua Gill and Wai Kakara Teo-Paipa, for organising this event.

Over 50 students across 12 teams participated in the national 48 Hour Film Challenge from 11th – 13th May. When the clock started each team was provided with a randomly selected genre and a range of other compulsory elements from which they had to conceive an idea, write a script, shoot the film, and edit their masterpiece within the strict time frame.

We look forward to the upcoming Hamilton area heats where each team gets to see their film played on the big screen and receive audience feedback.

HPC music students have been working hard on their songwriting and performance skills leading up to the Rockquest and Tangata Beats competition. Over 30 of our students will be competing across the solo and group categories during the Hamilton heats on Sunday, 27th May.

Eighteen Art Champs students are currently working on two exciting projects: designing and making a mural for the Lodge Drama space and decorating a friendship chair for the Hub.

Our Year 9 students are producing some really great mixed media artworks based on the theme 'Identity', while the Year 10 Art students are working on some creative street art designs. The best designs will be used as murals to celebrate our community, culture, history and heritage.

All senior Drama students recently went to watch professional stage productions in Auckland. Year 12 students viewed 'The Merchant of Venice' at the Pop Up Globe and Year 11 students enjoyed '1984' performed by the Auckland Theatre Company. These productions provided valuable inspiration as students prepare for their own Drama production this term. Year 12 Drama students recently benefited from a screen workshop with Auckland Actor Alex Tarrant, which focussed on acting for television.

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