



27 July 2018

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Trust everyone enjoyed the break from the school routines. The term coming up is shaping up to be a busy one with a number of sporting and cultural activities on the calendar as well as students focusing on their academic studies.

- **Technology Zones:** Managing personal devices such as cell phones always poses some challenges for schools. We want our students to be able to use technology confidently and also appropriately, allowing time for being off line, in face to face communication with others or involved in physical activity. HPC has a Red Zone in place (i.e. no devices) at interval and lunchtime while personal devices may be used for learning purposes with the teacher's permission and supervision in the classroom.
- **NCEA Fees and Financial Assistance:** The **NCEA entry fee** is \$76.70 per year. This fee needs to be paid to the College by Wednesday, 5 September 2018. Late fees will incur a penalty of \$50.00 if not paid by 1 December 2018. Please note that this is an NZQA fee; the college collects it on behalf of NZQA. **Financial assistance** is available to qualifying families. Application forms are available at the Student Centre or by using the electronic [Financial Assistance](#) form and must be returned to the College by Thursday, 23 August 2018.
- **Junior Progress Updates:** Junior students will receive Term 2 progress reports and credit updates on Wednesday 1 August. This will include a summary of progress (credits achieved and grade point average) for their Junior Certificate / Junior Diploma.

If parents have any questions, please contact your child's River Guide.

- **Senior credit updates:** With most grades now in from Semester A, senior students have received a summary credit update on progress towards their NCEA achievement qualification. If you have any concerns about your child's learning, please contact your child's River Guide or Mrs Joy Carter, Academic Dean ([joyc@aurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:joyc@aurakiplains.school.nz))
- **Events coming up:**

Careers Events:	Tuesday 31 August AUT trip (North Shore Campus) Tuesday 7 August Careers Expo at HPC Monday 27-28 August: Gateway First Aid course
Rangatahi Summit:	Wednesday 8 August at Ngatea Hall
Chess Paeroa Regional Tournament:	Monday 6 August
Jiading Exchange starts:	Friday 17 August start of visit
Co-curricular (Sports and Cultural) photos:	Thursday 23 August
Waikato Jazz and Stage Band Festival:	Friday 24 August
Showquest:	Friday 24 August
Science Roadshow:	Wednesday 29 August
Tournament Week:	Monday 3 September

Ngairé Harris  
PRINCIPAL

“When the light in most people's faces comes from the glow of their laptop or smartphone...  
we are living in a dark age” (Martin Bernard)

