



6 July 2018

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

- **Mahurangi Exchange:** Well done to the students who represented HPC in the recent sports exchange with Mahurangi. Nine teams participated and the feedback from staff who went with students was positive about the superb behaviour and presentation of all our students. Well done also for bringing back the *Mahuraki Trophy* for eight years in a row.
- **BOT News:** We have received two funding grants (First Sovereign Trust \$25,000 and NZ Community Trust \$35,000) which will enable the back courts to be resurfaced with artificial turf. The BOT has contributed the balance of \$70,000. The surface will be suitable for Tennis, Basketball, Netball, Football and Hockey. We have received a further grant of \$26,000 from Trillian Trust for equipment such as basketball and netball hoops for this project.
- **Junior Credit Updates:** Years 9 and 10 will receive Junior Subject Reports for their Term 2 work on Wednesday, 1 August 2018. This will be followed by a credit update on their Junior Certificate or Junior Diploma.

Senior reports will be issued later in the term.

- **Student Behaviour Focus:** An orderly environment where students are expected to manage their behaviour is vital to positive learning outcomes. Next term all staff are participating in a series of workshops to continue to develop skills to manage challenging student behaviour.
- **Year 10 Vision Screening Information:** Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school on Thursday, 26 July 2018. The objective of the vision check is to identify previously undetected vision defects.

All Year 10 students will be screened. If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision defect, they should let the school know.

This will not be a complete vision examination, but a simple screening test. When an unsatisfactory result is obtained, it will be necessary for the Technician to obtain personal details i.e. home address and date of birth, and parents/caregivers will be asked to seek further advice. The Service may share health information gathered in this way with other Health Professionals involved in the student's care.

- **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.

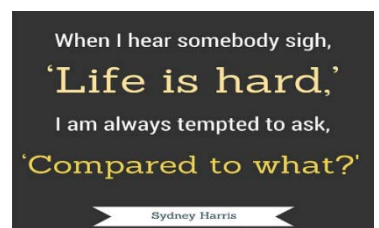
Financial assistance is available to qualifying families. Application forms are available at the Student Centre or by using the electronic [Financial Assistance](#) form and must be returned to the College by Thursday, 23 August 2018.

- **Farewell to Mr Garrett:** This week we farewelled Mr Keith Garrett who has given over 30 years service to this school as a classroom teacher and Head of Science. Mr Garrett is well respected as a superb educator in the classroom and curriculum leader. We wish him all the best for his retirement and thank him for the significant impact he has had on the lives of many students and staff alike.

Also taking leave for the next two terms is Whaea Debbie Major who is completing her degree at Waikato University.

Wishing students and staff a good two week break.

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