



16 November 2018

Dear Parents / Caregivers  
Kia ora koutou

- **Back Courts Upgrade:** This week has seen the transformation of the back courts with the laying of tiger turf over the whole area. This makes it a much more flexible space both for PE and lunchtime or community activities. Thank you One Foundation for your generous support.
- **Yr 10 Option Choices:** Early next week current Year 9 students will receive some information regarding option choices for next year. Students are able to choose a range of options including: Art, Drama, Dance, Music, Media, Building and Construction, Computing, Design and Visual Communication, Entrepreneurship, Engineering (Metalwork), Digital Technologies (Robotics, Electronics), Food Technology, Woodwork, Agriculture and Horticulture, Te Reo and Spanish.

Students will complete four option courses from this list over Year 10.

- **1737: Need to talk?** 1737 is a new, free 24/7 digit phone and text number to help people connect with mental health professionals in the National Health Telehealth Service. 1737 is designed to meet the needs of anyone who wants to talk to a counsellor. 1737 is not tied to a specific mental health issue or condition.
- **Paid Union Meeting:** You may have heard that a paid union meeting will be held in our area on Monday 19th November. This does not impact on HPC - it is business as usual.
- **Year 8 Orientation Evening:** For in-zone students will be held on Wednesday 28 November from 6 to 8pm. This is an opportunity for Year 8s and parents to meet River Guides and the Dean in preparation for next year.
- **Dates Coming Up:**
  - Junior Prize Givings: Year 9 Thursday 6 December 10:30am  
(To fit everyone in the hall and enable all teachers to attend,  
Yr 10s not required at school this day)  
  
Year 10 Friday 7 December 10:30am  
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Year 9's not required at school this day)
- **Camps:**
  - Year 9 Camp Port Waikato 9 - 12 December.  
Email Jan Paton ([janp@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:janp@haurakiplains.school.nz)) for any questions
  - Year 10 Camp Opoutere 8 - 12 December (2 groups 3 days each).  
Email Mike Hallett ([michaelh@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:michaelh@haurakiplains.school.nz))

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