



Dear Parent / Caregiver  
*Kia ora Koutou*

Welcome to our first full newsletter for 2019. We warmly welcome four new staff: Mr Pieter Aucamp (Teacher Engineering), Mr Matthew Duncum (Digital Technologies, Science), Ms Kiera Pennell (Health and PE) and Whaea Angela Reynolds (Student Support Co-ordinator).

Board of Trustees and staff have been identifying our priorities for the year ahead. While student learning, achievement and gaining qualifications remains at the core of what we do, we are also mindful that the wellbeing of our young people is central to their success especially as in a complex and changing society, adolescents face an increasing number of issues that can seriously impact on wellbeing and learning. With this in mind, we have identified three priorities:

1. Engaging students in work that matters.
  - Intended outcome: capable learners who are engaged, motivated and pursuing purposeful pathways.
2. Supporting learners to navigate the 'River journey' i.e. secondary schooling.
  - Intended outcome: Socially and emotionally resilient young people who are confident in their identity and enjoy a sense of belonging and wellbeing.
3. Developing Turangawaewae (our place)
  - Intended outcome: We take pride in HPC as our place and accept responsibility for it.

Over term one, we are holding a number of forums to ensure that parents and caregivers are well informed. These include the Yr 11 NCEA information event and a Yr 9 evening for new parents / whanau. River Conferences are held later in the term which is an opportunity for the parent and student to meet one on one with the River Guide. A warm welcome to these events. Parents / Caregivers should also be receiving weekly updates from classroom teachers so that you can keep up with what is happening in the classroom.

While newsletters are once per term, e-bulletins are sent out weekly. *What's Happening* on our website and our school app are also available for keeping up to date with news and events.

Ngaire Harris  
 PRINCIPAL

**Term Dates:**

**Tues 26 Feb**  
 HPC Athletics Champs

**Thurs 7 March:**  
 Out of Zone Info Evening 7pm

**Fri 8 March:**  
 Teacher Only Day  
 (Students not required at school)

**Thurs 21 March:**  
 River Conferencing  
 4pm to 8pm

**Fri 22 March:**  
 River Conferencing  
 9am to 3pm

**Thurs 4 April:**  
 Out of Zone Ballot  
 closes midday

**Fri 12 April:**  
 Last Day of Term 1

**River**

**Conferencing**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**



# ACADEMIC NEWS

## NCEA Endorsements

To achieve a Merit or Excellence endorsement in NCEA, students need to achieve a minimum of 50 merit and / or excellence credits. Congratulations to the 132 senior students who achieved endorsements at either Merit or Excellence level. Students are awarded with NCEA achievement badges in recognition of their efforts.

NCEA L1 Merit	NCEA L1 Excellence	Kaira Gordon	NCEA L3 Achieved
Courtney Agent	Paul Ahn	Erina Harrison	Corbyn Patterson
Shannon Aislabie	Shontelle Aitchison	Samantha Harvey	Justize Thompson
Dane Austen	Faith Ball	Caitlin Kelly McGaffin	NCEA L3 Merit
Jason Barker	Imani Beams-Ford	Marcel Maroni	Gemma Ashford-Beck
Lydia Beaver	Ceilidh Brown	Teresa Martinovich	Lauren Austen
Jamie Berridge	Kayla Bull	Savanah McKenzie	Ehlana Blissett
Samuel Broadbent	Zoe Craggs	Cyrus Paynter	Kaela Camacho
James Charteris	Levi Dyer	Renee Pratt	Christopher Dawson
Ayla Churcher	Matthew Flooks	Rebecca Rees	Courtney Flooks
Jenna Doherty	Zac Hemmings	William Reid	Joshua Gill
Natasha Forsythe	Kaylah Hood	Jannik Schmidt	Aydan Goldby
Leila Gibbons	Connor Howard	Adine Sharrock	Bryleigh Gordon
Amy Gielen	Gabriella Hughes	Cole Stephenson-Havord	Caitlin Jackson
Blake Hart	Tristin Hull	Erinn Teulon	Sophie Mischefski
Jack Hodder	Aria Kerebs	Sheree Walsh	Jesse Rangi
Lewis Horder	Evana Main	Duran Weaver-Smith	Shaela Rook
Kristen Irwin	Bailey Morrison	Vanessa White	Alyssa Thompson
Tom Leonard	Libby Morton	Holly Wilson	Luke van Vliet
Lily Maitland	Daniel Mounsey	NCEA L2 Excellence	Katie Williams
Oliver Marshall	Holly Murray	Danielle Aitchison	NCEA L3 Excellence
Benjamin McIntosh	K-Lianne Pomana-Reti	Sally Barrier	Paige Agent
Ellie Meale	Jordyn Rangi	Jesse Clubb	Ashleigh Anderson
Eleanor Merchant	Monique Shirley	Ella Cooper-Levin	Savaan Ballantine
Dominic Merz	Adam Starkey	Natasha Forsyth-Lees	Georgia Barriball
Piper Pere	Donelle Steer	Jessie Gibberd	Jessie Chamberlain
Payton Petersen	Jaimee Stevens	Rachel Goodin	Naamah Cheiban
Abby Reader	NCEA L2 Merit	Aimee Harris	Lewis Goldby
Molly Reader	Grace Allison	Xavier McIntosh	Charlotte Horder
Alexandra Reynolds-Shepherd	Nikki Church	Brittney Ratcliffe	Yvonne Schouten
Satine Sara	Joel Clayton-Greene	Oscar Smit	Carson Shea
Bryn Simpson	Isabella Cusack	Dar'ya Starykova	Talia Siddins
Nathan Starkey	Zansi Dewe-Henry	Liam Tully	Letitia Taylor
Maria Tibby	Caitlin Doddrell	Jasmine Wales	Micheal Trow
Mackenzie Watson	Olivia Fisher		Hayden Turlington
George Wright	Jessica Fitness		
	Elizabeth Gordon		



## ACADEMIC NEWS

Special mention and congratulations to Year 9 student **Jared Sewell** who last year gained Level 1 Digital Technologies with Merit and Level 1 Mathematics with Excellence by Correspondence Schooling. Also to **Karl Thorburn, Liam Holtham** and **Tennessee Tipene** who achieved NCEA Level 2 as Year 11 students.

### Tutorials

If you would like your child to have one on one tutorial help in a particular subject, please contact Academic Dean, Denise Casey (email [denisec@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:denisec@haurakiplains.school.nz)) who will organise this with student Academic Leaders. Many teachers also run tutorials especially prior to an assessment.

### Student NCEA Handbook 2019

By now all student in NCEA subjects would have received the NCEA Handbook 2019 through their River Guide. This handbook is specifically designed for students to understand their responsibilities in meeting NZQA assessment requirements. It is highly recommended that students go through the booklet carefully in order to avoid confusion if something may arise. Students who did not receive this booklet, please see Mr Dreyer for a copy. If you or your child have any questions or queries about NCEA/NZQA matters, please contact Mr Dreyer (Principal's Nominee) [jacod@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:jacod@haurakiplains.school.nz)

## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF



**Angela Reynolds**  
Student Support



**Julz Williamson**  
Student Centre



**Kiera Pennell**  
Health & PE



**Matthew Duncum**  
Science / Digital  
Technology



**Pieter Aucamp**  
Engineering



**Keegan Aislable**  
Mathematics /  
Humanities

**Balloons  
Over  
Thames**

Free Admission

Fun Fare at the Thames Racecourse  
Friday 22nd March  
3.30pm - 8pm  
A family evening of entertainment  
Hot Air Balloons  
Foodstalls galore  
Free Kite Flying

Thames Business Association  
LOCAL BUSINESS  
Balloons Over Thames  
Facebook

### Hayward Farm

The school farm has a large number of tyres which have been used on silage stacks previously. As the school will not be doing silage stacks from now on, we are offering these tyres to be removed free to a good home. We may be able to help load tyres with help from the rugby teams if times are suitable. The sooner the better. Please contact Jonny Williams ([jonnyw@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:jonnyw@haurakiplains.school.nz))



## PARENT PAGE

### School Support Network

HPC has been lucky enough to employ Angela Reynolds who is a registered social worker to join our student support team. Angela brings with her a wealth of experience in child and family social work and child and adolescent mental health. She also training as a child centre and person centred play therapist.

Scott Henry, our Guidance Counsellor, will be working alongside Angela and the Deans Team to ensure that students are getting the support they need to succeed both in and out of school.

Other members of our student support network include:

- Guidance Counsellor, Scott Henry ([scotth@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:scotth@haurakiplains.school.nz))
- Learning Support Co-ordinator, Nicky Farrant ([nickyf@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:nickyf@haurakiplains.school.nz))
- Careers Co-ordinator, Peter Keith ([peterk@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:peterk@haurakiplains.school.nz))
- Academic Dean, Denise Casey ([denisec@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:denisec@haurakiplains.school.nz))
- Careers and Academic Dean, Joy Carter ([joyc@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:joyc@haurakiplains.school.nz))
  
- Deans
  - Year 9: Alissa Place ([alissap@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:alissap@haurakiplains.school.nz))
  - Year 10: Jan Paton ([janp@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:janp@haurakiplains.school.nz))
  - Year 11: Stu Green ([stug@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:stug@haurakiplains.school.nz))
  - Year 12: Toni Brewer ([tonib@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:tonib@haurakiplains.school.nz))
  - Year 13: Nick Joynes ([nickj@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:nickj@haurakiplains.school.nz))

### Internet Safety:

- Taking away internet and social media from young people is unrealistic in the long-term as it is now part of our world.
- Treat webpages and internet social media sites as (real) physical sites. Would you let your young person go to a strange building with many adults and others present that you did not know unsupervised?
- Include the family, and close friends into every social media site. As the parent you should have access to everywhere that your child goes (online). Make sure that you have access to see their communications. This is also a preventative to people looking for a target. Having family online provides more protection.
- Encourage your young person to only become “friends” with people that they actually know (online).
- Encourage your young person to not broadcast themselves in a private place (you would not let strangers into your bedroom)
- If you would not let a stranger into your house at midnight—don’t on social media with pictures
- Encourage them to learn to trust their gut-feelings; if it doesn’t feel right, likely it isn’t.
- Parents are ‘guardians’, not friends. Look into their accounts in order to protect them.

If you have concerns regarding your son or daughter’s activity online, you can always call and speak with me to discuss it.

Scott Henry, School Counsellor

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# SCHOOL ROUTINES & PROCEDURES

## Attendance

It is a legal requirement for students who are enrolled to attend school. Current research shows that when a student attends less than 90% of the time, his or her learning is significantly affected. If your child is ill, or is unable to attend school, please let the college office know. Phone 07 867 7029 or email [studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz)

From time to time, personal circumstances arise which may require a child to have extended leave from school of several days or more. We require a letter or email from the family explaining the nature of the leave. Please note that a family holiday is considered an unjustified absence by the Ministry of Education.

## Uniform Passes

Correct uniform is a condition of attendance at HPC. Any additions to our uniform e.g. jackets or jewellery is not permitted. If your child is unable to be in correct uniform, he or she is required to bring a note from home to obtain a uniform pass from the Deputy Principal. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by sell-out of some items. Students are required to be in correct uniform for the entire school day including going to and from school by bus or walking.

## Street Passes

Occasionally a student may need to go down town at interval or lunchtime for a particular purchase. If so, the student must bring a note from home to request a street pass. No street passes are given to purchase food. The exception to this is Year 13 students who have the privilege of being able to do go down town without a pass. This is a trust pass; if the trust is broken, the pass becomes null and void.

## Picking your child up from school

If you wish to pick up your child from school for a medical or other appointment, please check in at the Student Centre.

## School Bell Times

The school day bell time are as follows:

<b>8:40am</b>	River or assembly	<b>11:00am</b>	Interval	<b>1:30pm</b>	Lunch time
<b>9:00am</b>	First class	<b>11:30am</b>	Third class	<b>2:30pm</b>	Fifth class
<b>10:00am</b>	Second class	<b>12:30pm</b>	Fourth class	<b>3:20pm</b>	End of school day

## School Canteen: The Food Truck

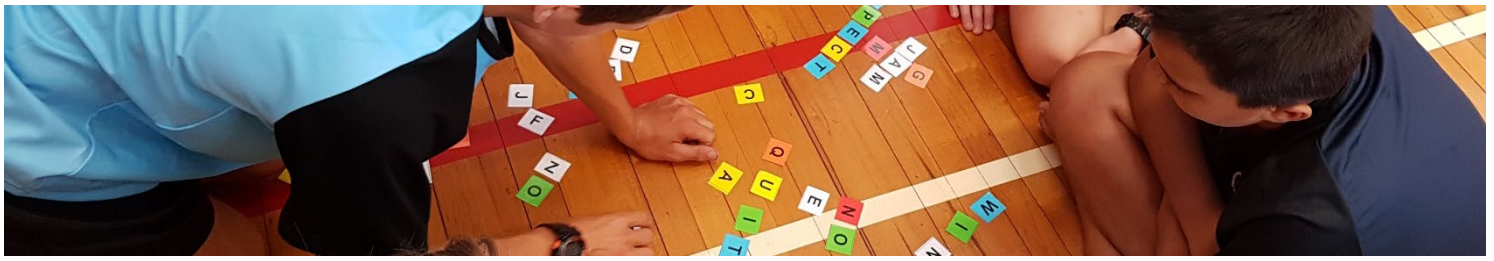
We offer a wide range of healthy options at the food truck which is available at interval and lunchtime.

## Lockers

These are for hire for the school year. A \$40 deposit is required. Once the key is returned at the end of the year, a \$10 refund will be given.

### ***Give it a go***

Every lunchtime we offer a number of sporting *Give it a go* activities, ranging from indoor bowls to tennis to futsal. We want to extend the *Give it a go* programme to cultural and recreational activities. So far Chinese culture and chess are up and running. The intention is that these small group lunchtime clubs run for around 5 weeks - one lunch hour per week. If you have an interest you could share with students, please contact Amanda Fitzpatrick (email: [amandaf@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:amandaf@haurakiplains.school.nz)).



## SCHOOL ROUTINES - BUSES

Our Bus Operator (Murphy Buses) is directly appointed by the Ministry. Safety of students is a key responsibility and to this end, students who travel on a bus are expected to behave in a reasonable and safe manner. The following expectations for behaviour are based on guidelines from the Ministry and adapted for HPC. Students who compromise safety through inappropriate behaviour may be stood down from the bus either by Murphys or the school.

1. All students must be in correct uniform before getting on the bus.
2. Seated passengers sit down straight away and remain in their seats for the whole journey.
3. Standing passengers stay behind the driver at all times, stand quietly, and do not push or move around the bus.
4. Passengers do not eat or drink in the bus.
5. Passengers do not throw objects inside or out of the bus.
6. Passengers use socially acceptable language when talking to the driver and/or other students, and speak quietly so they do not distract the driver.
7. Passengers respect the Bus Operator's property at all times (i.e. refrain from standing on seats or vandalising the bus in any way).
8. Passengers do not harass, bully, or abuse other passengers or the driver in any way, whether verbal or physical.
9. Passengers respect others' property and do not interfere with it in any way.
10. Passengers listen to and follow the requirements and instructions of the bus driver and the teacher/s on duty at all times.
11. Passengers do not engage in any behaviour that could put other passengers, the driver, or themselves at risk. This includes any behaviour that is distracting to the driver such as loud music.
12. Remember that no skateboards, scooters, balls etc. are not to be carried on the bus – unless it is fully contained in a school bag.

If you wish to travel on a bus other than the one that takes you home you must have a note signed and dated by your parent / caregiver and you must have it counter-signed by Miss Isbister or a Deputy Principal before you are allowed on. If the bus is full you will not be permitted to get on it and must arrange your own transport. This does not apply to the Thames or Paeroa buses which are private so will need to be contacted directly. (See Miss Isbister or the office for contact numbers).

### Thank you to our Sponsors:

#### Ngatea Milking Machines

Phone: 07 867 7360



#### Hammer Hardware

Phone: 07 867 7393



#### PJO Lawyers

Phone: 07 868 8680



#### Hauraki Veterinary Services

Phone: 07 867 7056



#### Hauraki Plains Motors

Phone: 07 867 7021



#### Insight Legal

Phone: 07 867 7014





## CAREERS NEWS

### Upcoming Career Events

- Monday / Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> March - Gateway Health and Safety Course at Centennial Centre
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Learner Driving Licence Workshop at Centennial Centre
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Lincoln University Seminar 1.30pm at Careers Centre
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - AUT Seminar 1.30pm at Careers Centre
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - University of Otago Seminar 1.30pm at Careers Centre
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April - University of Waikato Seminar 1.30pm at Careers Centre

## FROM THE CLASSROOM

We would like to welcome you to the Humanities Hub. You will see your child is delivered a combined program in Humanities and English for the year. The students are split into learning groups (classes) whereby your child will have a teacher who is responsible for them during their allocated time in the timetable. However, across both learning areas the teachers will work as a team to ensure collaborative learning for your child - as if looking through the world through two different lenses, but seeing the same picture.

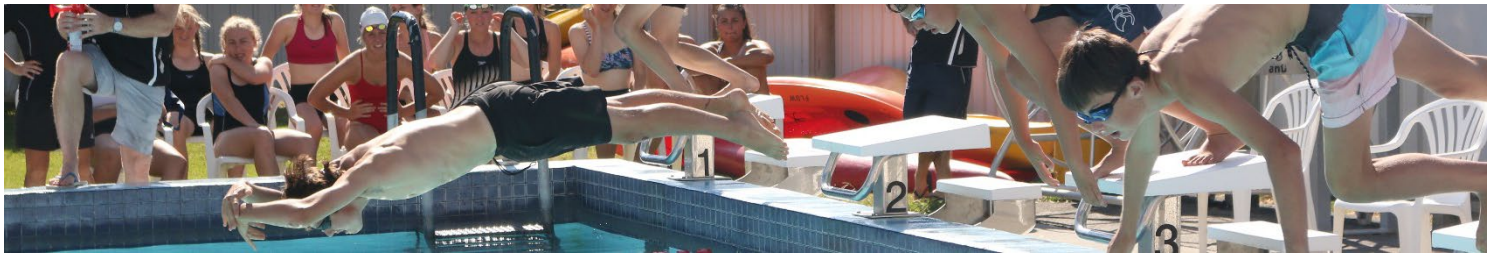
The topics for the year have been designed with real and relevant learning in mind, and the content will be cover current New Zealand and World concerns, learning both English and Humanities skills throughout every topic.

Miriam Courtney  
Curriculum Leader Humanities

Millie Mathieson  
Curriculum Leader English

Here are some photos of current work in this progressive department.





## SPORTS AT HPC

Swimming Sports Champions	Champions	Runners Up
Junior Girls	Sophie Perry	Lily Coats
Junior Boys	Lucas Dowty	Miles Sargent
Intermediate Girls	Bree McCowatt	Teresa Barriball
Intermediate Boys	Luke Bowman	Connor Woolston
Senior Girls	Natalie Coats	Gabby Hughes
Senior Boys	Xavier McIntosh	Eddie Richards

Records Broken in 2019			New Record
Junior Girls	33 1/3 Breaststroke	Sophie Perry	<b>23.00</b>
	33 1/3 Freestyle	Sophie Perry	<b>17.00</b>
	33 1/3 Backstroke	Sophie Perry	<b>20.19</b>
Junior Boys	100 Backstroke	Lucas Dowty	<b>1.07.82</b>
	33 1/3 Freestyle	Lucas Dowty	<b>16.62</b>
	33 1/3 Backstroke	Lucas Dowty	<b>20.10</b>
	66 2/3 Breaststroke	Miles Sargent	<b>48.88</b>
	100 Breaststroke	Miles Sargent	<b>1.16.15</b>
Intermediate Girls	33 1/3 Breaststroke	Miles Sargent	<b>21.03</b>
	33 1/3 Breaststroke	Bree McCowatt	<b>23.91</b>
	33 1/3 Backstroke	Bree McCowatt	<b>20.75</b>
Intermediate Boys	66 2/3 Butterfly	Bree McCowatt	<b>42.31</b>
	66 2/3 Backstroke	Luke Bowman	<b>40.78</b>
Intermediate Girls	33 1/3 Freestyle	Connor Woolston	<b>15.69</b>
	Relay 4x1 Length Freestyle	Tikapa	<b>1.19.44</b>
	Relay 4x1 Length Medley	Tikapa	<b>1.31.75</b>
2019 Swimming Sports Hapu Points			
<b>Piako 603pts</b>	<b>Tikapa 367 pts</b>	<b>Ohinemuri 362 pts</b>	<b>Waihou 291 pts</b>

### Sporting Opportunities

In order to maximise sporting opportunities for students, Code Committees are being established for each code, with 3 to 5 parents / caregivers and a teacher liaison to manage the organisation of each code. A Sports Handbook is available which outlines the expectations of Code Committees.

If you are able to help with coaching, managing or being a representative on a sports code, please contact Ian Clarke, Sports Director ([sportsdir@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:sportsdir@haurakiplains.school.nz)).

### Winter codes

To help winter codes prepare for the upcoming season, each code will hold a skills development programme on a Monday after school and a fitness session particularly designed for those trialing for first teams on a Friday after school. These start on the week of Monday 4 March. Trials for teams will take place after the conclusion of the summer code season i.e. at the end of March.

### Rowing results

Congratulations to the HPC Rowing team who won the point's trophy at the recent Auckland Secondary School Rowing Head of Harbour competition.

### Athletic Champs

Happening on Tuesday 26 March on the college grounds. Parents very welcome. If your child says that no other parents come along, don't believe them!