

1 March 2019

- **Athletics Day:** Good to see a number of parents at our recent Athletics Day and well done to students for their give it a go attitude.
- **River Conferencing:** For all students are scheduled to take place on Thursday 21 March (4-8pm) and Friday 22 March (9am - 3pm). This is an opportunity for you to sit down with your child and his or her River Guide to discuss the year ahead. Progress reports from each teacher will be available and can be collected from the main foyer. Twenty minutes are scheduled for each River Conference. An online booking system will be available from Monday 11 March.
- **Teacher Only Day:** Friday 8 March is set aside for a Teacher Only Day. Students are not required to attend school. As the first term is a particularly long term (11 weeks), this is intended as a mid term break and some relief after a busy and hot start to the year.
- **River Photos:** River group and service photos are scheduled for Tuesday 5 March. Students will need to be in summer uniform for these photos. Students will be able to order these photos through the school.
- **School App:** To download our school app, search for Hauraki Plains College in the Apple App store or the Google Play store. Information via the app contains daily notices, a school events calendar, contact details of all staff links to website and a parent portal for academic results. For more assistance, contact our e-learning co-ordinator Jonathan O'Neill ([jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz))
- **Give it a Go:** We have a number of Give it a go activities for students at lunchtime including Choir, Stage Band, Tennis, Yoga, Miniball, Futsal, Bowls, Tramping Club, Diversity Group, Christian Group, Colouring Club, Chess, Te Reo, Chinese, Enviro Club, Japanese, Coding, Photography, Movie Club and Creative Writing with more to come.
- **Out of Zone Information Evening:** Thursday 7 March 7-8pm in the College hall. Ballot for 2020 closes Thursday 4 April at midday. Out of zone families who already have a child at College will also need to apply at this time.
- **Sports Bulletins:** From this week, we are sending out mid week bulletins to keep parents / caregivers up to date with what's happening in sports.
- **Lions Family Fun Day:** This Sunday 3 March 10:30 to 1pm in the college grounds. Everything from pony rides to sausage sizzle is free. All welcome.
- **Fundraising Opportunities Wanted:** 25 Year 13 students and 6 staff are heading to Tonga in July this year to continue our support of Viani School who were devastated by a recent hurricane. This is a follow up to the Tonga trip from two years ago when a group from HPC worked with young people in the school and provided much needed supplies. Please assist us in this venture by offering jobs for us to complete. Contact Miriam Courtney ([miriamc@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:miriamc@haurakiplains.school.nz))

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