

15 February 2019

Dear Parent / Caregiver  
Kia ora koutou

- Good to see a number of parents and students take advantage of the Year 11 NCEA evening. Useful sites for parents / caregivers who missed the evening: <http://ncea.tki.org.nz> and [www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea)
- **Want to keep up with what's happening in the classroom?** Parents and guardians can opt in for weekly email updates that summarise activity from your child's Google Classroom subject pages. This includes new assignments, homework tasks or general posts from teachers. More information will be provided at the Year 9 Parent evening on 19 February.

Parents and caregivers who received these Google Classroom email summaries in 2018 will not need to register again to receive these. Please contact Mr Jonathan O'Neill if you have any questions: [jonathano@aurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:jonathano@aurakiplains.school.nz)

- **Year 9 Parent Evening:** Tuesday 19 Feb 7pm to 8pm in the college hall. Now that Year 9s have had a taste of college life, this is an opportunity to hear more about how college works and ask questions about anything you as a parent are not sure about. There will also be an opportunity during the evening to meet as a group with your child's River Guide.
- **Winter Sports:** for those interested in coaching, managing or being on a Code Committee for winter sports. Wednesday 20 Feb 6:30pm in the Centennial Centre, Hayward Road.
- **Year 10 Vision Screening:** Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school on Tuesday, 19 February 2019. The objective of the vision is to identify previously undetected vision defects. All Year 10 students will be screened.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want your child to be checked, or your child is currently under specialist care for a vision defect, please contact the college office (078677029) or email [studentservices@aurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:studentservices@aurakiplains.school.nz)

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 advised to seek further advice.

Community and Southern Rural Health services may share health information gathered in this way with other Health Professionals involved in the student's care.

- **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@aurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:jonathano@aurakiplains.school.nz))
- **Athletic Champs:** Tuesday 26 Feb all day. Parents welcome. Students must come to school in uniform and get changed into their hapu colours. If your child says that no other parent comes along, don't believe them!
- **Out of Zone Information Evening:** Thursday 7 March 7- 8pm college hall. Ballot for 2020 closes Thursday 4 April. Out of zone families who have a child at college also need to apply at this time.

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