

8 February 2019

Dear Parent / Caregiver  
Kia ora koutou

- Thank you for your patience as classes and numbers are still settling and we cope with a number of late re-enrolments. If you have any concerns about your child's class, please do not hesitate to contact either your child's Dean or Mrs Denise Casey or Mrs Joy Carter (Academic / Career Deans).
- **Want to keep up with what's happening in the classroom?** An email will be sent out next week inviting parents and guardians of new students to 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@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz)

- **Understanding NCEA for Year 11 Students and Parents:** Thursday 14 Feb 7pm to 8pm in the college hall. The NCEA system is new for both students and many parents. This evening is about providing information as to how NCEA works and giving an opportunity to have questions answered as well as tips for parents.
- **Swimming Champs** are being held on Monday 11 Feb after school approximately 3:30 to 8pm. Parents welcome. The relay champs will be held on the following Monday 1:30 to 3pm.
- **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.
- **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@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:studentservices@haurakiplains.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@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz))

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