

8 March 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Kia ora koutou

- **River Conferencing:** These are for all students and 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 their 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.

To make an appointment, either return the appointment notice which students will be issued with next week or book online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (using the code 3pakc). Alternatively contact the office (07 867 7029) who will make an appointment for you.

- **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)
- **Winter Shoes:** We understand that some providers of school sandals e.g. The Warehouse and Number One Shoes do not have them in stock anymore due to the seasonal clothing change-over. If your child's sandals are broken and you cannot find sandals anywhere, our expectation is that he/she goes into winter shoes and socks/stockings. These are in stock now at all shoe and department stores. That is the only acceptable alternative to the summer uniform footwear. We understand that in the short term your child may be in non-regulation footwear until winter footwear is purchased, however, we do need your child in the correct footwear as soon as possible.
- **Netball Fitness:** Students wanting to start some fitness/skills in preparation for the netball season, be at the courts by 5pm on Monday, 11 March (open to all players).
- **Out of Zone Ballot:** The ballot closes Thursday, 4 April at midday. A reminder that out of zone families who already have a child at school is still required to apply to enrol through the ballot system although these go on a priority list.
- **Momo Challenge:** Netsafe has received reports relating to young people who have been exposed to a harmful online "game" known as the Momo Challenge. Although we have **not** received any reports of young people in New Zealand taking part in the "challenge", we are aware that some young people have seen content relating to Momo and have been very upset by the content and imagery. Netsafe encourages anyone that comes across content relating to the Momo Challenge (or other similar challenges) to immediately report it to the social media site or website that it's on. If somebody is targeting a young person to play this "game", you should contact the Police and Netsafe for help, and a mental health service for support. Netsafe can also provide advice for any parents who are concerned about this challenge.

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- Text 'Netsafe' to 4282
- Email: help@netsafe.org.nz
- Call toll free on 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723)
- Online report form at netsafe.org.nz/report

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