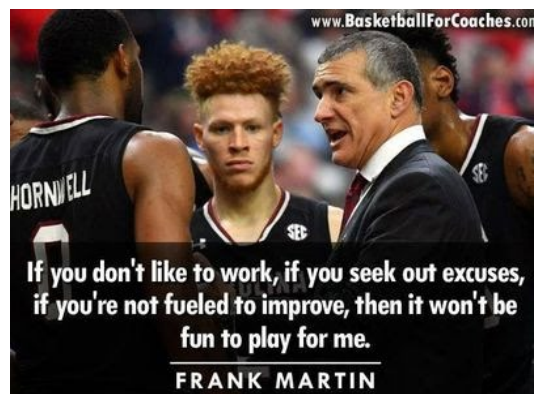


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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

- **Congratulations to the following students who medalled at recent events:**
 - Zyon Ford at the Waikato Athletic Champs.
 - Luke Bowman, Bree McCowatt, Lucas Dowty at the Division 2 Swimming Championships in Dunedin recently.
 - Shooting: Brady Coldicutt, Aidan Harrison, Katrina and Lauren Bond, Hannah Thorburn at the Pukekohe Shoot.
 - Well done also to the large team who attended the Thames Valley Athletics event and particularly our relay teams who came in first or second in every relay.
 - Congratulations to the Touch teams who competed at the Thames Valley Competition yesterday. Junior Boys placed 1st, Junior Girls 3rd and Senior Mixed 2nd. A big thank you to their coaches Shyanne Thompson, Alan Ballantine & Kiera Pennell.
 - Congratulations to Ava Batie & Charlotte Foster-Ellis who won the Waikato Secondary Schools Junior Girls Doubles Tennis Championship.
 - Great to see the Year 9s participating well and enjoying the great Baton Relay last week.
- **Code Handbooks:** A reminder that all codes should have returned their completed handbook by 31 March. Thanks for the effort the code committees are putting into these documents.
- **Fitness Trainings:** While the skills trainings have gone ahead, we have experienced some difficulties with the Friday fitness training owing to the teacher only day and River conferencing this coming week. However we will have fitness trainings on Friday 29 March, Friday 5 April and Friday 12 April for all students who are keen to trial for a first team. These will take place on the school field 3:45 to 5pm. A roll will be taken.
- **Communication:** A HPC staff member will be designated to each Code Committee. The staff member may or may not be a sitting member of the Code Committee ie may be a liaison person only. All code committee minutes and correspondence is to be forwarded to the teacher liaison.
- **Communication via School App:** The school is implementing a consistent mode of communication for sports teams via the school app. Jonathan O'Neill will be running two workshops for coaches and managers of winter sports codes at 7pm on 1 April and 4 April in the Centennial Centre. The same content will be covered at each workshop so that people will only need to attend one of these evenings to gain the skills required to use the app.



The focus of these workshops is to train coaches and/or managers in using the 'alerts' feature of the app, whereby they can send out push notifications to players' and parents' phones. This is a handy real-time solution for communicating important information for specific teams such as cancellations, meetings, changes to match day details and general reminders.

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Please RSVP to jonathano@aurakiplains.school.nz by 31 March with:

- The full names of any coaches and/or managers who would like to administer the push notifications for their team
- The team they represent (if currently known) e.g. 1st XV, College A netball, Junior Girls' football
- The date of the workshop they will attend

Jonathan will need this information to create user accounts prior to the workshop. You will also need to ensure that you have the school app downloaded onto your phone and/or tablet. You can do this by searching for 'Hauraki Plains College' in the Apple App Store or the Android Play Store. It would also be advantageous if attendees can bring their own laptop or tablet. School WiFi will be available.

If there is further demand, one more workshop will be scheduled in early term two.

- **Coming Up:**

- Waikato Athletics Champs - Saturday 23rd March at Hamilton
- Thames Valley Triathlon - Thursday 28th March at Cooks Beach
- NZSS Rowing Champs, Maadi Cup: 25th-30th March at Lake Karapiro
- NZSS Waka Ama Champs: 26th-30th March at Rotorua
- Waikato Swimming Champs - Tuesday 2nd April at Hamilton
- Thames Valley SS Pairs Bowls Champs - Wednesday 3rd April at Matamata

- **Let us know:** If your child has achieved something of note, please let us know. We want to both celebrate achievements and keep everyone informed of what's happening in sports@hpc.

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