



Dear Parent / Caregiver
Kia ora Koutou

Our term theme has been around “choose kind” as seen through the eyes of Auggie who was born with a severely disfigured face from the book *Wonder* written by RJ Pacio. As we followed the story of Auggie and his experiences at school for the first time as a 5th grader, the key messages were:

- When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind.
- When you judge a boy by his face or a book by its cover, we may miss out on an amazing story.
- When we give out kindness it is returned to you.
- Be kind for everyone is fighting a hard battle.
- It's not enough to be friendly, you have to be a friend.
- Everyone in the world should get a standing ovation at least once in their lives.

On standing ovations, the team and those who have contributed towards the opening of the Hayward Farm project definitely deserve a standing ovation. The original Hayward Farm belonged to William and Dora Hayward who settled on the Hauraki Plains in 1914. William Hayward served on the school committee when the Dog Box came into being and son, Hugh Hayward, also served on the board of governors for a total of 34 years. Their eight children all attended this school.

A 22 acre remnant of the Hayward Farm belonging to the Haurakian Charitable Trust has been made available for the college to develop into a site for Primary Industries education through the generosity of the Trust, Ken Jones and family and Lorraine and Phyllis Hayward and other members of our community. The farm will be used for a range of activities including an orchard, grazing cattle, sheep, bee keeping, poultry farming, landscaping, building and agribusiness to name a few.

Finally thank you to Mrs Melanie Shea who has filled the chairperson's role on the Board of Trustees for several years. Mrs Shea's sound financial acumen and grounded understanding of the governance role has ensured the board has functioned effectively over this time and we wish her all the best as she takes up new challenges in her work. Mr Andrew Gordon is the new Board chair and he brings with him a wealth of board experience and knowledge of the education system.

Wishing everyone a restful and safe term break.

Ngairé Harris
PRINCIPAL

Term Dates:

Monday 29 April:
First Day of Term 2

Tuesday 7 May:
HPC Tertiary Preparation
Evening 7pm

Tuesday 14 May:
HPC X-Country Champs

Thursday 30 May:
Subject Teacher Interviews
4-8pm

Friday 31 May:
Subject Teacher Interviews
9am-3pm

Monday 3 June:
Queens Birthday

Tuesday 11 June:
Te Kuiti Exchange (away)

Thursday 13 June:
Mufti Day – Fundraising for
Tonga

Friday 14 June:
Assessment Catch-up Day

Tues 2 & Wed 3 July:
Mahurangi Exchange



ACADEMIC NEWS

Learning Survey

Thank you to those parents who have responded to the *Learning, Succeeding and Thriving in Education* survey. The survey will help us to find out more about how our students develop positive attitudes, engagement and aspirations towards school, and who their role-models for success are. The survey is conducted by Dr Melinda Webber from the University of Auckland and she will be giving feedback to our school community at a parent evening in Term 2. The survey is open until early next term. The online link is: https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8FWVPKvH0HmYKTb

School Leavers Toolkit

We are one of four schools that the Ministry of Education is working with to develop a school leavers 'toolkit'. As our River programme is designed to ensure students are learning ready, life ready, work ready and world ready, the Ministry is undertaking a case study of our River programme as a model for how such a programme may be integrated into the school curriculum. The Ministry initially identified three key themes for the toolkit: employability skills; financial management and civic education.

We will be holding a meeting in Term 2 to which employers, parents, students, local government, iwi and staff will be invited to provide feedback on what would be useful to include in our own toolkit.

Key Factors in Academic Success

While this research (Todd Pittinsky, 2017) was focused on why Asian students do well in education, the following factors make for interesting reading about the sort of attitudes that support academic success:

- A growth mindset i.e. attributing achievement to effort not innate intelligence
- Education as a priority – families making significant sacrifices to ensure that their children have every opportunity to do well at school
- Respect for teachers – children getting clear message about this from home
- The student's main task is to succeed in school because it is the pathway to a successful life
- Self esteem is earned – praise is given for excellent results, not just effort

Congratulations to the following students who have recently passed NCEA Level 2:

Jayne Edwards
Tristan Tahitahi
Graham Welch
Piper Pere

Entering NCEA and NZ Scholarship

At the start of Term 2, students will receive a booklet addressing the processes around entering NCEA. The booklet also provides information to students who intend to apply for and enrol in NZ Scholarships. Please ask your child about the booklet if you have any questions.

Below are links to a user-friendly NCEA brochure in both English and Te Reo Māori:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/About-us/Publications/Brochures/A-Guide-to-NCEA-ENGLISH-March-2018.pdf>

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/About-us/Publications/Brochures/A-Guide-to-NCEA-brochure-TE-REO-MAORI-September-2018.pdf>

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PARENT PAGE

Correct Winter Uniform

As we move closer to winter, we have been transitioning from summer into winter uniform. This transition period will end on Friday, 10 May 2019 – this would have given families/whānau 7 weeks to sort out winter uniform requirements for their children. During the transition period, students may wear winter or summer uniform, but not a combination of, e.g. grey socks with sandals. The only acceptable winter shoes are black leather, lace up standard school shoes (as shown in the image). Hammer Hardware stock good quality winter shoes with a one-year guarantee.



It is also an appropriate time now for parents/caregivers/whānau to buy the regulation winter socks and/or stockings and the regulation winter jackets and/or jerseys – there are too many students wearing non-regulation jumpers, hoodies and jackets currently. Garments that are not part of our uniform may be removed for safekeeping and students will only receive it back at the end of the term or when a parent/caregiver comes in to collect it.

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. The App has recently been updated, if you are having trouble, please click [HERE](#) for instructions or contact our e-learning coordinator Jonathan O'Neill jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

- The Ministry PB4L team is keen for HPC to move to Tier 2 of the PB4L programme. While we still have some way towards developing a clear and useful data system, we need to move while there is still the opportunity to do so (funding for next year is not guaranteed).
- The PB4L team under Year 13 Dean Nick Joynes' leadership is currently working on a more effective data gathering system as we focus on the *Hauraki Way*, our non negotiable expectations for behaviour.

Managing the Online World:

The 'online world' is simply a facet of real life for our adolescents. Trying to shelter them from the online world may not be a strategy that is effective or that ultimately serves them.

The online world can be very beneficial to our rural community in particular. It can allow students to be able to 'feel connected' to other students and their friends who may live some distance away, but it brings with it many challenges and areas of risk.

Netsafe is a government agency that provides education and support to parents. It can be stressful for parents if they discover that their child has been exposed to or is participating with inappropriate material online. Equally, it can be concerning if your child has been bullied or have been treated unkindly online.

Netsafe's advice for parents about exposure to upsetting content:

- Have a conversation with young people about what to do if they do come across upsetting content online
- Let your child know that they can come to you when they find something upsetting and they won't get in trouble.
- Stay calm if they come to you. Don't overreact by taking away the technology.
- For young children in particular, consider using parental controls to block out specific keywords
- If you or your child comes across this type of inappropriate content, anything inappropriate or harmful, report it to the platform that it's on
- If your child is expressing any concerning feelings, follow up with notifying the school counsellor, Mr. Henry

Many things that students believe to be 'jokes' or 'just expressing their opinions' may be interpreted as bullying. NZ Police can act on such matters. It is illegal to harass or bully another person on social media in NZ. It is illegal also to send inappropriate revealing images online, with or without consent.

If you are unsure about a situation, contact Netsafe or contact the school.

Mr. Henry, School Counsellor



CAREERS NEWS

Upcoming Career Events

Friday 3rd May – Auckland University Liason Visit, 1.30pm Careers Centre
 Mon 6th and Tues 7th May – Gateway Workplace Health and Safety Course, Centennial Centre
 Tues 7th May – HPC Tertiary Preparation Evening 7pm, College Hall
 Friday 10th May – Wintec Open Day Trip, Wintec Campus, Hamilton
 Thurs 16th May – Medical Doctors Careers Day, Waikato Hospital, Hamilton
 Friday 17th May – Waikato University Open Day Trip, Waikato Uni Campus, Hamilton
 Tues 21st May – HPC Scholarship Workshop, 1.30pm, Room 9
 Mon 27th and Tues 28th May – Gateway Workplace Safety Course, Centennial Centre

Polytech/University Open Days

Open days are a great way of getting to know more about possible courses of study, the Polytech/University environment and Halls of Residence.

Polytech/University	Open Day	Website
University of Otago	5 th and 6 th May	www.otago.ac.nz
Wintec	10 th May	www.wintec.ac.nz
University of Waikato	17 th May	www.waikato.ac.nz
University of Canterbury	11 th July	www.canterbury.ac.nz
Lincoln University	19 th July	www.lincoln.ac.nz
Massey University (Manawatu Campus)	7 th August	www.massey.ac.nz
Massey University (Wellington Campus)	23 rd August	www.massey.ac.nz
Victoria University of Wellington	23 rd August	www.victoria.ac.nz
Massey University (Auckland Campus)	24 th August	www.massey.ac.nz
AUT University	31 st August	www.aut.ac.nz
University of Auckland	31 st August	www.auckland.ac.nz

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

The triennial election for five parent representatives on our Board of Trustees is happening this year. Trustees are active leaders in our schools. They have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

Parents/caregivers and people in the wider community can be school trustees. The trustee elections are the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for children's education.

Nominations will be called for by 10 May and close on 24 May. If there are more than 5 nominations, then voting papers will be posted out by 29 May. Election Day is 7 June and votes will be counted on 13 June.

The current Board of Trustees is holding an information evening on Thursday 2 May 5pm - 6pm in the Hub for anyone interested in standing for the Board or contact the Board Chair Andrew Gordon (email southfarms@xtra.co.nz)

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