

5 April 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Kia ora koutou

- **Mufti Day:** Well done to students who organised and participated in Shave for a Cure and thanks for the students who responded to wear mufti for this worthy cause. We hold mufti days once per term and student leaders decide where proceeds will go to. Next term the mufti day funds will go for resources for Viani School in Tonga where a group of our students will be doing community work for several days.
- **Board of Trustee Election 2019:** The triennial election for five parent representatives on our Board of Trustees is happening this year. Nominations will be called for by 10 May. Nominations close 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 Board of Trustees is holding an information meeting on Thursday 2 May 5pm - 6pm in the Hub for any one interested in standing for the Board.
- **School Survey:** students are taking information home this week regarding our learning survey around how students learn, succeed and thrive at school. The project is being conducted by Dr Melinda Webber from the University of Auckland and has been funded by the Royal Society of NZ. Parents can take the survey online or in hard copy and takes around 15 minutes to complete. To do this online, go to the following link:  
[https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8FWVPKvH0HmYKTb](https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8FWVPKvH0HmYKTb)
- **River and Service Photos:** River Group and Service photos are now able to ordered through the school. Envelopes and money to be returned to the Student Centre by the end of the term. Students have received the envelopes via their River Guide however there are spares in the Student Centre.
- **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)
- **Winter Uniform and Shoes:** A reminder that students need to be in winter shoes by Friday 10 May. The only acceptable winter shoes are black leather, lace up standard school shoes (as shown in the image) not sports type shoes. Hammer Hardware stock good quality winter shoes with a one year guarantee.
- **Careers Notices:**  
Mon 8th and Tues 9th April Health and Safety course  
Massey Liaison visit Tues 9th April 1:30pm  
Victoria Uni Liaison visit 1:40pm



Ngairé Harris  
PRINCIPAL

Heard recently: *"No point draining a harbour to save a sinking ship"*



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