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Dear Parent / Caregiver
Kia ora Koutou

Our current Board of Trustees have now met for the last time as a Board. A huge thank you to Andrew Gordon, Melanie Shea, Dana Thompson, Roger Hunter, Jeff Gordon and Jonathan O'Neill who have individually and collectively served HPC well in various roles. From whatever perspective - student achievement and wellbeing, property, finances and opportunities for both staff and students - as Board members they can be justifiably proud of their stewardship and legacy. *More than a school* will provide the new Board with both direction and purpose moving from here. All the best as you take up new challenges.

One of the first tasks for the new Board which will meet for the first time in June, will be considering the strategic direction of the school. As Board members represent the school community, it is important that feedback from students, staff, parents and whanau is considered when establishing the way forward. A feedback form is attached which asks for perspectives on the following:

- What we must keep doing
- Niggles that would be great to sort out
- Bigger issues and important concerns
- New opportunities

This feedback form was available on parent interview night and is also attached. Feedback can be dropped into the college office or emailed to studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz. Once this feedback is gathered, there will be further community consultation to frame up key initiatives for the next three to five years.

Good to see so many parents and students take up the opportunity for a subject teacher conference. If you were unable to take up the opportunity at this time, but wish to make contact with a subject teacher, please email studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz

Enjoy the long weekend.

Ngairé Harris
PRINCIPAL

Board Election: Board election voting papers have been posted out. These need to be returned to the school by Friday, 7 June at noon. In accordance with legislation, a voting paper received after noon on Election Day is invalid, unless the voting paper was posted and the date stamp on the envelope shows that it was posted before noon on Election Day. NZ Post can no longer guarantee that all envelopes will be post marked. To ensure your vote is counted, voting papers can be returned with your child to the ballot box in the front foyer.

Term Dates:

Monday 3 June:
Queens Birthday

Tuesday 4 June:
Year 9 Rostering Home

Tuesday 11 June:
Te Kuiti Exchange (away)
Year 10 Rostering Home

Thursday 13 June:
Mufti Day – Fundraising for Tonga

Friday 14 June:
Assessment Catch-up Day

Monday 17 June:
Rolling Strike

Tuesday 25 June:
Year 11 Rostering Home

Tuesday 2 July:
Year 12 Rostering Home

Tues 2 & Wed 3 July:
Mahurangi Exchange

Friday 5 July:
End of Term 2

Monday 22 July:
Start of Term 3

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IN THE CLASSROOM

Congratulations to the following students who have completed NCEA Level 2 since our last newsletter: *Great Effort!*

Kyle Allen, Amy Gielen, Tarrin Strange, Flynn Purnell-Williams, Eli Tahitahi and Jenssen Biddle.

Also congratulations to: Brandon Greer and Shivarne Wikaire who have passed NCEA Level 1. Well done!

Finally a massive effort by Jayden Corbett has seen him passing NCEA Levels 1 & 2 this past week. Outstanding work!

The HPC Junior Science Fair 27th June 2019.

Viewing from 10am – 1.30pm at the School Hall

Our Year 10 students will be showcasing their ability to perform investigations, explain scientific models OR invent a new theory or model by scientific innovation. In addition to that it will be a test of their ability to manage-self, follow a learning plan and collaborate constructively in a group. This is a learning opportunity for them to develop critical thinking skills, extend their formal science education and have a chance to confidently present their project to a variety of audiences. We hope you can support us to make this a positive learning experience for our students.

An "Assessment catch up Day" is being held on Friday 14th June for Senior Students who have not completed work or assessments. Those students whose work is all up to date will not be called back in for this day and will be able to enjoy a long weekend or a trip to the Field Days.

Eat that Frog

The most difficult thing for many students to manage is their time. Often we leave things until it becomes urgent and then we put ourselves under a lot of stress. 'Eating the Frog' is to do the worst thing first i.e. start with the most difficult thing and get that over and done with.

Some other techniques for students to eat that frog:

- *Five minute plan:*
Tell yourself you are going to do just five minutes on your work. Once you do five minutes, you realise it's not that bad and more times than not, you will do more.
- *First work then play:*
Select an activity that you really like doing e.g. shooting hoops. Tell yourself when you have finished your assignment or whatever, that you will then do what you really want to do.
- *Take charge:*
Take charge of your cellphone and Facebook. Switch off if you are tempted to get side tracked. This is a big call. If need be, get your parent to help. This takes lots of self-discipline but over 70% of Year 10s in a class survey last year said they wish they had done this more often.
- *The good and the bad:*
Make a list of all the good things that will happen if you get on with your assignment and all the bad things that will happen if you don't. Read through the list often. Pin it up on the wall.
- *The Knock out Technique*
Do the worst first. The harder and more boring the work, get it done straight away. Get it on to it. Eat that frog!



2:12 Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been "eating that frog" and earned a 2:12 award for outstanding effort or quality of work.

Mathew Flooks
Brittney Ratcliffe
Molly Reader
Samantha Whittington-Slater
Emma Austen
Nikora Derby
Lara Forsyth
Katie-Maree Niethe
Julie Church
Olivia Adams
George Wright

Riley McCaskill
Rachel Goodin
Leila Gibbons
Alysha Read
Chloe Biddles
Maggie Morrison
Michael Ellis
Hamish Corkill
Brenna Flavell
Eleanor Clarkin
Rose Macready

Tristan Hull
Shilene Wells
Libby Morton
Alex Sorensen
Jesse Clubb
Li'ree Cullen
Iesha Beaufoy
Dakota Muir
Bree McCowatt
Hayden Adams
Billie Anderson

Jessie Gibberd
Zoe Craggs
Seth Pascoe
Ania Ballantine
Deighton Munro
Rebecca Rees
Jason Collins
Jarvis Webster
Morgan Harris
Lutsy Leggatt
Eleanor Merchant

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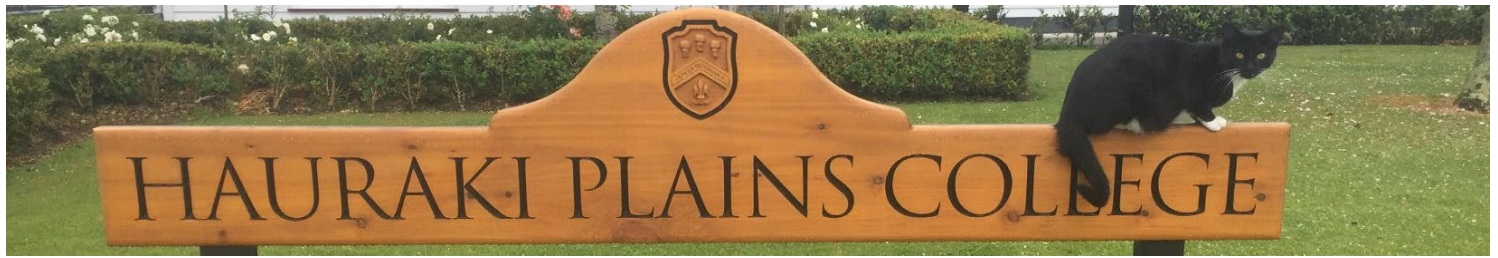
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PARENT PAGE

Further Industrial Action

We have received formal notice that rolling strikes will continue over the next few weeks which affect the following Year levels:

Year 9 - Tuesday 4 June

Year 10 - Tuesday 11 June

Year 11 - Tuesday 25 June

Year 12 - Tuesday 2 July

We are asking that you keep your child home on this designated day; however if any students at these year levels attend school, they will have supervised study. Buses will run as usual. Thank you for your co-operation with this situation.

PPTA teachers will also take part in a rolling strike which will take place in our region on Monday, 17 June. For students who do attend school, there will be supervised study only.

Making Time:

Psychological studies demonstrate in our modern world, with all of our modern appliances and devices that we possess to improve our lives that one of the largest stressors is time.

It cannot be understated how important time as a family is for your adolescent's wellbeing. Making time is hard with busy lives and long work hours. There are 2 main types of time that I am suggesting:

1. **Family Time:** Doing an activity that involves interaction with each other.
2. **Parent-Adolescent Time:** This involves setting up time with your teen to do something together that may allow for them to discuss things that they might not have shared otherwise. Examples are going for a walk together or playing cards together.

The activity is important as many teens find it awkward or difficult to "just talk to their parents about personal issues". So, what are you trying to do is set up time and space that this can occur.

Entries from guidance in our newsletters are aimed to provide information on emotional and mental health issues and prominent issues for your adolescent as well as ideas how to try to manage these. The reason for this entry is that one of the most valuable resiliency factors that a young person can have is if they can openly discuss issues with their caregiver.

Scott Henry, M.Ed., Counsellor/Therapist, School Counsellor

FROM THE STAGE

Rhythm and Arts Festival

The Rhythm and Arts Festival will be held in the school hall from 7pm on Wednesday, 12 June. Come and listen to the Jazz Band, Stage Band, Choir, Guitar Ensemble, and Year 10 and 11 Bands. View some art from junior and senior students, music videos from the Year 10 Media Studies class and performances from our dance and drama students. All welcome.

Rockquest

Congratulations to Anna Tukuitoga who won first place and Daniel Mounsey and Charlotte Macreath runner up in the solo / duo section of the Inter-school Regional Rockquest competition. These students will now compete at the regional final in late June.

Year 11 Dance

Year 11 dance production is coming up soon. They have been working on 3 different projects for this production - The first dance that they are working on is a duet based on relationships, the second dance is based around a Kowhaiwhai pattern and how they can weave their family tree through dance and the last dance is a Polynesian dance. There's one show only so don't miss out.

They are required to perform publicly as part of their course assessment. This will take place on the evenings of Tuesday, 4 June and Wednesday, 5 June.

Year 12 Drama Production

The Year 12 class are touring their devising show to Waitakaruru Primary and to St Joseph's in Pukekohe this Tuesday. They had to devise a childrens theatre show based on some of their favourite cartoon characters. Now they are working on a play called "Pollyhood in Mumuland" for their end of semester production. The show has a lot of singing and dancing so don't miss out.



SPORTS @ HPC

Expectations of First Teams

All students representing HPC in a co-curricular activity, whether sporting or cultural are expected to follow the Hauraki Way and uphold the mana of our school. This is particularly so for members of First Teams who need to be role models on and off the field in terms of uniform, behaviour, respectfulness, academic progress and attendance.

First teams also need to demonstrate a good team spirit such as the capacity to manage conflict and work together; they are expected to be competitive through fitness and a high level of skills. If the Sports Executive has concerns about the commitment and discipline of a First Team, then the withdrawal of the team from sports exchanges and / or tournament week will be considered.

As we prepare for the traditional Te Kuiti and Mahurangi sports exchanges, teams are also required to be able to know and perform the school haka and waiata.

There is a meeting for all **First Team Coaches and Managers** at 5:15 on Tuesday, 4 June in the Hub.

Gymnastics

Congratulations to Alysha Read who was placed second overall in Level 8 at the Auckland Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship recently. Alysha was placed 1st in Hoop, 2nd in Ball and 4th in Rope.

CAREERS NEWS

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. The recent school arranged trips to Wintec and the University of Waikato Open Days were extremely well attended with over 65 students going on the University of Waikato Open Day trip.

Polytech/University	Open Day	Website
University of Canterbury	11 th July	www.canterbury.ac.nz
Lincoln University	13 th – 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

There will be no official school arranged trips to the Open Days listed above.

Year 13 Planning for 2020

Year 13 students should now be in full planning mode for 2020 – in particular around tertiary Scholarship Applications.

The recent lunchtime Scholarship Workshop held in the computer Room was well attended by students and received excellent feedback. The key areas covered in the Workshop were how to use the recommended scholarship databases and how to thoroughly research the wide range of scholarships that are available. Also covered was the importance of using appropriately designed scholarship CV's, and scholarship References and Personal Statements, that target and address the specific scholarship criteria and eligibility requirements.

Most 2020 tertiary scholarships are now open for application and some even start closing as early as the end of June. Most scholarship applications are closed by the end of August with late applications not usually accepted.

Mrs Casey (Year 13 Academic Dean) and Mr Keith (Careers Advisor) are available to help students with their 2020 Scholarship applications.

Hauraki Plains Motors

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HPC Community consultation 2019

Please circle as appropriate:

Name: (optional)

Role: Parent / Student / Staff member

Gender: Male / Female

Ethnicity: Pakeha NZer / Māori / Other

Cash cows

What we must keep doing as a vital part of hpc



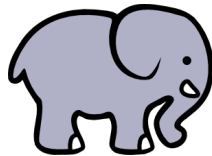
Ants at the picnic

Niggles that would be great to sort out



Elephants in the room

Bigger issues and important concerns that would need significant work to address



Meerkats on the horizon

New opportunities that hpc could look at for the future

