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Dear Parent / Caregiver Kia ora Koutou

Resilience is one of those words which has surfaced in recent times as an important attribute for young people. Resilience is the ability to cope when things go wrong, to bounce back after difficult times, to persevere when the going gets tough.

Whenever we set ourselves a challenging or demanding goal, or start a new project or try to learn something new, it is almost impossible to avoid what James Nottingham calls the Learning Pit.

The Learning Pit looks like this. At first things go ok and we make good progress but then suddenly, it is not as easy as we thought it was going to be. We wonder why we gave it a go in the first place and think about quitting. Just when we think it can't get any harder, we hit the brick wall at the bottom of the pit. The brick wall stands for all the challenges and obstacles that stand in the way of succeeding and reaching the goal. Going into the pit almost always happens when one is trying to learn something new or achieve a goal; if you can leap over the pit, you're probably not learning or it wasn't much of a challenge to start with.

As we near the end of term two, students have been reminded about how to negotiate the Learning Pit.

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- Expect that everything will be hard before it becomes
  easy. Expect challenges. Expect that there will be times when you feel like quitting but keep hanging in there.
  Some days just turning up to give it another go is a victory.
- Learn the lessons from the pit. See challenges, set backs, mistakes and dumb moves on the way as just an inevitable part of learning. When we don't get it right, ask what can I learn from this? The pit is actually the place where we do the most learning, even if it is the hardest.
- Deal to the brick wall. Ask for help; get a ladder to climb over it; find a way around it; break it down one brick (obstacle) at a time. The brick wall is there for a reason, to give us a chance to show how badly we want something.

Well done to all students (and staff and parents) who have shown resilience and persevered to complete over the first half of this year.

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## IN THE CLASSROOM

**Congratulations** to the following students who have completed NCEA **Level 2** since our last newsletter: *Great Effort!* Lydia Beaver, Maria Samuels, Libby Morton, Blake Watts and David Wells.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed NCEA Level 3: Great Effort!

Lauryn Bond, Ella Cooper-Levin, Khyah Crooks, Angel-Bea Ellis, Jamie Frazer, Sam Mischefski, Tiana Reti-Wanihi, Justize Thompson, Campbell Trousdale, Deven Wilson, Kaira Gordon and Sarah Richards.

A big thank you to parents/caregivers for making sure students came in for the call back day last Friday. It was a very successful day with lots of work being completed. Thank you!

#### 2:12 Awards

Well done to students who have earned 2:12 awards for effort and quality work in the classroom.

Julie Church **Emily Wright** Kurt Sedgwick **Eleanor Merchant** Libby Morton Ella Cooper-Levin Logan Wenzlick Rowan Wathen Lutsy Leggett **Brittnev Ratcliffe** Dakota Muir Amalea Mikhailiadis-White Shannon Aislable Jeremy Mann Kaitlyn Jones Jacob Baker Kaelum Birkenhead Elaina Beagley x2 Kayley Gibberd Billie Anderson Aidan Harrison Johvana Hogan Isaac Corbett Elysia Drew Joshua Tagomoa x2 Sam Broadbent Alisha Tribe George Wright Sophia McAuley Rose Macready Jemma Grant Zac Hemmings Monty Doggett

# **CHANGES TO NCEA**

#### **NCEA Review**

The Ministry of Education is proposing significant changes to NCEA at all levels. The following is a summary of what is being proposed.

- No fees (this has already been implemented)
- A 20 credit literacy and numeracy requirement based on adult functional literacy and numeracy
- Standards in each subject rebuilt so there are fewer and each covers a broader range of knowledge and skills
- New achievement standards to ensure Mātauranga Māori is acknowledged
- Each level of NCEA to be 60 credits at each level
- Resubmissions not offered except to take a student from Not Achieved to Achieved
- The introduction of a Vocational Entrance award similar to University Entrance
- NCEA Level 1 to be optional

We will hold a parent feedback meeting during term three although these changes will not be implemented until 2021.

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### **PARENT PAGE**

#### **Property News**

A new six classroom block is underway which hopefully will be ready sometime during Term 3. The new block will replace six prefabs which under Ministry requirements will be removed once the new building has been completed.

The Lodge floor has had a makeover through a grant from One Foundation. As we understand it, the Lodge (originally the Masonic Lodge) is one of the oldest buildings on the Hauraki Plains. Its original polished floor makes a great platform for dance and drama and was good to see it being used for Year 11 Dance and Year 12 Drama performances this week.

### **Teacher Strike Action**

As it currently stands, teacher strike action has been called off. You may hear on the news information about stop work meetings happening this coming week. This will not impact on our students - it will be business as usual.

#### **Staffing Update**

We welcome three new staff members: Mr Ryan McIntyre who joins the music department, Mrs Sheryll FitzPatrick our new Gateway Co-ordinator and Anthea Lowry who joins the Learning Support team.

Tracey van Hoovels has taken on the position as Learning Support Co-ordinator. Her email contact is <a href="mailto:traceyv@haurakiplains.school.nz">traceyv@haurakiplains.school.nz</a>







### **Board of Trustees News**

The first meeting of the new Board of Trustees is to take place in late June. Board members include Penny Buchanan, Doug Cresswell (Staff rep), Andrew Gordon, Ngaire Harris, Anita Llwell, Simon Main, Stephen Morrison and Molly Smith-Soppett (Student rep).

We are currently updating our Health and Safety policies. These are on our website. If you have any comments to make about these policies, please email exec@haurakiplains.school.nz

Annual Report 2018: The Audited accounts and statement of variance has been signed off. A copy of this is available on our website.

#### **Term Dates:**

Tuesday 25 June: ShowQuest

Thursday 27 June: Science Fair

Tues 2 & Wed 3 July: Mahurangi Exchange

Friday 5 July: End of Term 2

Monday 22 July: Start of Term 3

Friday 2 August: Junior Reports issued

Tuesday 6 August: HPC Careers Expo -12.30pm in the Hall

Thursday 8 August: **Blood Drive** 

**Thursday 15 August:** Co-Curricular Photos

Monday 19 & **Tuesday 20 August:** Book Fair

Monday 26 August: Te Kura Practice Exams

Wednesday 4 September: Senior Reports Issued

Wednesday 11 September: Subject Selection Evening -7pm in the Hall

Thursday 12 September: Mufti Day

Thursday 19 September: Exam Preparation Evening -7pm in the Hall



## **SPORTS @ HPC**

#### **Sporting Achievements**

#### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to Millar Morton who after placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the Year 9 Boys Grade at the Waikato BOP Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs, was selected to represent the Waikato BOP in the Year 9 Boys Relay Team at the NZSS Cross Country Champs in Timaru. Millar and his team placed 5<sup>th</sup> from 11 teams competing, with Millar having the fastest lap in his team. Millar also competed as an individual at Nationals, finishing 45<sup>th</sup> out of 116 Year 9 Boys, Millar's time was only 1.19 minutes behind the winner. Well done Millar, outstanding achievements.

#### Rugby

Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby Team who are at the top of the table after the 1<sup>st</sup> Round, winning 6 from 6 games. Competing in the Thames Valley Secondary Schools Open Grade Competition, the team already have two trophies in their cabinet, the Provincial Shield and the Graham Watton Trophy (1<sup>st</sup> Round Trophy). Keep up the great work boys and good luck for the rest of your season.

#### Te Kuiti Sports Exchange

Well done to all First Teams who took part in the annual Sports Exchange against Te Kuiti. Winning three games each, we finished with a draw with HPC looking smart, showing outstanding Mana on and off the field. Well done to everyone involved in the 55<sup>th</sup> year of this exchange.

#### Results:

Girls Football: Loss 3-2 Netball: Loss 38-30

Boys Basketball: Loss 74-71

Rugby: Win 78-7 Boys Football: Win 11-1 Girls Basketball: Win 64-55

#### Mahurangi Exchange

Our next exchange is with Mahurangi College which dates back to 1963. The Mahu-raki Trophy is up for grabs in this exchange which works on the school with the most wins. HPC has held the trophy for the last nine years.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Mahurangi Sports Exchange – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at HPC Thames Valley SS Teams Badminton Champs – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at Te Aroha Waikato SS Gymsports Champs – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at Hamilton Coromandel Scholastic Surfing Series - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at Whangamata Coromandel Scholastic Surfing Series - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at Hot Water Beach or Whangapoua

# FROM THE STAGE

#### **Rhythm and Arts**

The recent Rhythm and Arts concert features a range of talent with over 20 performances for the evening as well as visual art works on display.

#### **Big Sing**

A choir of 25 students recently performed at the Waikato / Bay of Plenty schools Big Sing. Many thanks to our choir leader Jane Tankersley for her work with the choir.

### Yr 11 Dance and Yr 12 Drama Production

Well done to students involved in the end of course performances. Hugely entertaining.

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