

Hauraki Plains College


Community Newsletter



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Our Community Newsletter combines news from Hauraki Plains College, The Haurakians (past pupils and teachers) and the Haurakian Charitable Trust. If you would like to sponsor our newsletter email:

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WHATS ON:

Year 8 Orientation:

Wednesday 20 November 6-8pm

HPC Community Open Day

Tuesday 26 November 10am - midday

Year 9 Certificate Prize Giving:

Thursday 28 November 10:30am

Year 10 Diploma Prize Giving:

Friday 29 November 10:30am

Junior Camps:

Monday 2 December to Friday 6 December

Year 13 Leadership Camp:

Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 December

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Than
A School**



Hauraki Plains College

The Hauraki Connection

Two HPC teachers, Ryan McIntyre and Toni Brewer have recently discovered their strong family connection and ties to the Hauraki area. Ryan's grandfather and Toni's grandmother are siblings from the Reidy family of Kaihere.

The connection goes back four generations when Edmond Arthur Reidy (Ned) moved to Kerepehi where he managed a flax mill. It was in Kerepehi that Ned met and married Moengaroa Matahaere of the Ngati Hako iwi. The couple were successful in the 1913 farm ballot and moved to Kaihere. Eddie Reidy, Ryan's grandfather, was born in 1918, the year that eight of his siblings died in the flu epidemic and Maggie Reidy was born several years later (Toni's Grandmother).

Kaihere Primary was built on land originally owned by the Reidy family and while Eddie loved school, the road was too rough and the distance too long to attend high school in Ngatea. All of Eddie's six children attended Ngatea District High School / Hauraki Plains College as did ten grand children and three great grand children.

Ryan is Eddie Reidy's youngest grandson and the son of Eddie's daughter, Sharon who attended HPC from 1972 to 1975. "My family was super excited to hear that I was coming here. I guess with our whakapapa tied to the Hauraki region and the Reidy family being a big part of the history in the area, especially Kaihere, it is nice to give back to the families that my mum and late grandfather grew up with and know."

Ryan was Head Boy at Morrinsville College in 2006, leaving there to study music and sport at Waikato University. He taught at Western Heights High School at Rotorua before deciding to return closer to family after losing his sister in a car accident.

Meanwhile Toni Brewer's grandmother is Maggie Reidy the youngest child of Ned



Ryan McIntyre



Toni Brewer

and Moengaroa Reidy and Eddie Reidy's youngest sister, Maggie attended Kaihere Primary before moving to Thames.

Toni recalls her connection to the Reidy family: "Maggie or Makurangi was my nana, my mum's mum. She went to Kaihere school, lived on a farm and then moved to Kirikiri (Kopu) where my Koro and her raised their family of six. She was very staunch about her roots and where she came from but as she lived in Kopu and my Koro was Ngati Maru she spent a lot of time at Matai Whetu Marae. When she passed away our whanau drove her around Kaihere in convoy and went to all of the places that she had a connection to. She was laid to rest at Kerepehi Marae for a night before returning to Matai Whetu. I actually didn't realise my connection to Ngati Hako was what it was until this time. Taking my Maori Culture Studies class to Kerepehi Marae when we were gathering the stories of the Hauraki area for the resource book was a really special moment. Seeing the photographs of my whanau on the walls of the wharenuui gave me goosebumps. Now having the opportunity to teach here at HPC and knowing I have a connection to the area through my nana is pretty cool and gives me a sense of pride that I have a place here and belong."

Toni teaches Mathematics and Maori Cultural Studies at HPC, having taught in several Waikato schools as well as in London and Australia. She represented New Zealand this year at the World Dragon Boat Racing Championships.



The Reidy Family (from left): Dave, Delia, Kate, Maggie, Ned, Moengaroa and Eddie.



From the Board Chair

We are proud of the diverse opportunities we have on offer at HPC for our students; be that academic, cultural, work experience opportunities or sports. All of these help develop well balanced young adults.

In addition to our PE programme and lunchtime Give it a Go clubs, we offer more than 25 different sporting codes, giving students the chance to try a new sport they may not otherwise have exposure to.

Over 70 percent of our students are involved in sports whereas the average participation across NZ in extra-curricular sporting activities is 50 - 55 percent. As we all know, involvement in sport is not only beneficial for students' overall health but if they become part of a team, there is the opportunity for learning many social skills as well as developing friendships which make them feel part of something bigger than themselves and gives them a sense of belonging. So any sporting activity is great.

We cannot offer sports without the support we receive from parents and we are fortunate to have a wealth of sporting knowledge within our community. Everyone wins when a parent gives up time to make a sport or team happen.

Andrew Gordon
BOT CHAIR

Winter Sports Coaches 2020

If you are interested in coaching a Sports team in 2020, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Sports Director: Ian Clark

Email: sportsdir@haurakiplains.school.nz
or 027 493 0348

HPC Dux 2019

This year's Dux and top academic student is Rachel Goodin. Rachel studied English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Health, Media and Primary Industry Studies. Beyond the classroom, Rachel is Junior Academic leader, chairs the Teen Ag Club and is also involved in the Sign Language, Breakfast and Christian Clubs at school. She also tutors younger students and enjoys playing the piano and photography.

"I feel very honored to be the recipient and stand in the place of those who have previously received the award. The attention is not something I would normally seek as it makes me feel uncomfortable and I have found it a bit overwhelming, however it is nice that my effort has been acknowledged." Rachel plans to study at Victoria University next year undertaking a conjoint degree of a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Psychology and Education alongside of a Bachelor of Health Science majoring in Health Promotion.



My advice would be to stay focused but also remember to have fun and enjoy yourself. There is no point working yourself to the point of exhaustion because it won't give you the results you want. Find out what works for you and how you personally can achieve the best outcome of your ability. You are not going to learn the same as someone else and therefore there is no point in trying to study, be like or compare yourself to them.

I am particularly grateful for everyone who has supported me throughout my whole schooling, at Waerenga School, Ngatea Primary School and Hauraki Plains College. There is a saying that success can be lonely, however I am extremely fortunate and grateful to have continued support and encouragement from those around me. My parents, grandparents, friends, teachers, extended family, work colleagues, and classmates have always been there for me and I have never once felt that it was a solo effort.

On this, I would like to acknowledge and give thanks to everyone who has supported me, most of all, my close family and friends alongside of all the teaching and support staff at Hauraki Plains College, specifically Mrs Mathiesen, Mr Dreyer, Mrs Casey, and Mrs Harris.

Other Senior Academic Prize Winners:

Service Blues

Sheree Walsh

Academic Blues

Level 1 Academic Blues:

Jameena Aralar
Morgan Harris
Bree McCowatt
Sophie Scott
Danielle van Vliet

Level 2 Academic Blues

Kaylah Hood
Aria Kerebs
Daniel Mounsey
Bailey Morrison

Haurakian Scholarships

Jesse Clubb, Brittney Ratcliffe and Jannik Schmidt

Rangatiratanga Awards

Ella Cooper-Levin and Xavier McIntosh

Manaakitanga Awards

Trey Rata and Holly Wilson

Kaitiakitanga Awards

Jessie Gibberd and Micah Fielden

Outstanding Piece of Student Work:

The Scoggins Handcock Trophy
Dar'ya Starykova

All Round Excellence as a Maori Student: the Vee Port Trophy

Jasmine Wales

The Norman Pratt Award for Contribution to Multi-culturalism

William Reid

The Delia Cullen Memorial Cup for Supreme Effort

Cyrus Paynter

The Tennant Prize for Contribution to the Corporate Life of the School

Brittney Ratcliffe

The Hauraki Returned Servicemen's Association Award for Good Citizenship

Jannik Schmidt and Isabella Cusack

The Stuart Hamilton Memorial Prize for All Round Excellence

Liam Tully

The Ngatea Stationery Book Prize for Head Boy and the Plains Ward Book Prize for Head Girl

Duran Weaver-Smith and Sarah Kruger

Prime Minister's Vocational Pathway Award

Campbell Trousdale

Hauraki Plains Jaycee Cup and Ngatea District High School Prize for Proxime Accessit

Jasmine Wales



Runner up Dux
Jasmine Wales



Principal's Piece

We have for a long time had an understanding at HPC that there are many ways of being smart in the world. Some people are good with reading, writing and maths; others with hands on work and others are 'people persons'.

In the past, the common perspective has been that those on a university pathway are somehow on an upper tier of education. Seeing vocational pathways (Trades and Services) being given due recognition through the recently established Prime Minister's Vocational Award is a long overdue statement about the importance of all contributions to the economic wellbeing of the country.

In fact, the Ministry recognises six broad career pathways: Primary Industries, Building and Construction, Manufacturing and Technology, Services, Social and Community Services and Creative Industries. A key task for students is to figure out in what ways they are 'smart' and then choose courses and take up opportunities that will develop their skills and talents into a purposeful and enjoyable career pathway.

Of equal importance are the so called employability skills needed regardless of one's career pathway: work ethic, communication, the capacity to work in a team, show initiative and be self managing.



Muudi Cup on the Piako

The rowing event of the year is Maadi Cup - the New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Championships held in alternate years at Karapiro or Twizel. The history of the Maadi Cup itself dates back to World War 2 when the cup was donated as a token of friendship by the Cairo Rowing Club (Maadi Club), Egypt, to the winners of a points competition between kiwi rowers from the New Zealand Expeditionary Force and the Cairo Rowing Club. The Kiwis won this competition in 1943 and from there the Maadi Cup itself was gifted to the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association.

Early in the rowing season, the local club holds its own Muudi Cup on the Piako with Hauraki rowers competing against Takapuna Grammar and St Peters Cambridge. This year the event will be held on Sunday 8th December.



Community Open Day / 10am - midday / Tuesday 26 November

An opportunity for locals to wander around the College and see the opportunities available for students including the Lodge, house project and Hayward Farm (transport provided from school).
The day will start with refreshments in the College hall.



Got a Trade Got it Made

Year 13 student Campbell Trousdale was the recipient of the inaugural Prime Minister's Pathway Award at the recent senior academic prizegiving. The award carries with it a \$2000 scholarship and aims to raise the status of trades and services pathways and recognises the achievements of students excelling in vocational education.

Campbell has achieved NCEA Level 3, studying both Building and Construction and Primary Industries. He has contributed many hours on the Hayward Farm project and particularly enjoyed building the house which is soon to be completed for sale. Campbell was a student leader on the Events Management team this year and also took part in the Tonga service trip. Earlier this year, Campbell was in a team with Finn Patterson who won the Waikato Bay of Plenty Junior Young Farmer of the Year. Outside of school, he was a member of the Coulter Cup winning First XV rugby team and also serves with the Kaiaua Volunteer Rural Fire Force.

With school now behind him, Campbell is heading off to a building apprenticeship with Jed Claude, a past pupil of HPC.

Georgia Navigates Her Way to the Bar

Recently admitted to the bar, Georgia McCormack-Goeth, who attended HPC from 2010 - 2014, recently graduated with a Bachelor of Law (First Class Honours). Georgia's initial plan was to study Law and Criminology at Waikato but after receiving a Significant Student Scholarship from Auckland University of Technology, (AUT), which paid for three years of university fees, meant a change of direction.

While studying, Georgia worked in a range of part time jobs including swimming coach, life guard, retail assistant, tutor for disabled children, baby sitting, waitressing and making flower bouquets in a gift shop. Georgia considers these jobs all part of her pathway and exposed her to working with a range of different people of all ages and abilities.

Georgia has returned to the area and currently works for Miller Poulgrain in Thames.

"My advice to students is to continue with interests outside of study. Being able to manage my time was one of the most important skills I learnt at HPC both while I was studying and in my job today as a solicitor. Finding the courage and belief in yourself, will help you to navigate whatever career pathway you choose."



Sew Lovely Scrunchies Win Award

Young Enterprise is about inspiring young people unleash their entrepreneurial spirit. With this in mind, Year 13 Business Studies students formed into teams to develop a product then present a sales pitch and marketing strategy in a Dragon Den style presentation to a panel of professionals. Two HPC teams, *Sew Lovely Scrunchies* and *Sweet Valley Vegan Icecream* were selected out of forty across the Waikato to compete in regional finals, being judged on innovation, environmentally sustainability and benefit to the local community.

The *Sew Lovely Scrunchies* team (Cole Stephenson, Samantha Harvey, Rebekah Williams and Sally Barrier), using old uniforms to make scrunchies to complement the college uniform, earned a runner up placing in the event with an Excellence in Financial Management Award. Commenting on the win, team leader, Cole Stephenson said the idea was to use recycled materials for a product that would be popular with students. "Finding the time to sew the scrunchies was challenging but great to get the support of students from within the school. Also on the day of sales seeing how fast they sold out and how excited everyone was, was probably the most rewarding thing."



The Sew Lovely Scrunchies team answering questions from the panel



Sports Awards 2019

Sports Person of the Year: The Flint Cup

Guy Johnston is this year's Sports Person of the Year following his outstanding success in Downhill Mountain Biking. Guy won gold at the Crankworx International event in Marcy in the Under 17 event. He went on from there to come fourth at the Oceania Mountain Bike Champs, again in the Under 17 event.

Guy's great attitude and skill led to his selection to attend a talent camp in Spain in October this year. He is one of only eight riders chosen from six camps that have been held all around the world. On completion of the week long camp in Spain two riders will be given full sponsorship and support to compete on the World Cup circuit for the next 2 years.



Guy Johnston

All Round Sporting Excellence: The A V O'Brien Cup

Both the range and level of performance across diverse sporting codes is considered in making this award and was awarded to Joshua Barker. Joshua represented HPC across a range of number one sports including the golf team, athletics, mixed touch team, basketball and rugby.



Joshua Barker

Other Awards Include:

HPC Team of the Year: First XV Rugby team
(Coaches Dan Mead and Jonny Williams)

Outstanding Leadership Contribution: Courtney Walsh

Fair Play; Phillip Halden Memorial Cup: Cole Stephenson

Achievement in a Minority Sport; the Tina Dicken Memorial Cup:

Cody MacDonald

Service Blue: Liam Gordon

Sports Blues:

Bree McCowatt (Swimming)

Brady Coldicutt (Shooting)

Cody MacDonald (Tae Kwon Do)

Caitlin Doddrell (Rowing)

Bailey Morrison (Rowing)

Cole Stephenson (Rowing)

Eric Gruythuysen (Rowing)



Courtney Walsh



First XV Rugby Team



Cole Stephenson, Bailey Morrison and Caitlin Doddrell



Cody MacDonald, Brady Coldicutt, Bree McCowatt and Liam Gordon

Haurakian's Support Current Student's



Scholarships to Students

In total, over \$100,000 worth of scholarships have been offered to this year's school leavers from various universities and training institutions around New Zealand. Local community members have also been generous in giving financial support to students.

Mulak Scholarship

William and Margaret Mulak arrived at Torehape in 1974 and generously allowed for a \$5000 scholarship to be presented to a Year 13 Science student for the past five years. When asked about his generosity, Mr Mulak commented: "A graduate from College becomes aware that a great deal of knowledge has yet to be revealed within the greater science community. From youthful energy, the logic of science will continue to provide a secure future for humankind." Mr Mulak continues to enjoy the ongoing contact with the recipients from previous years including attending their graduation celebrations.

Townshend-Thomas Charitable Community Trust Scholarships

The objectives of the Trust, formed by Mark and Diane Townshend, are to serve the Ngatea, Hauraki and wider district communities; to relieve poverty, advance education and provide benefit to the community. The name of the Trust celebrates the earlier community contribution of Mark's family namely his paternal grandparents Charles and Margaret Townshend, maternal grandparents Jack and Jess Thomas and parents Gray and Marie Townshend.

The Townshends arrived in Netherton in 1924 and the Thomas to the family homestead on SH2 Ngatea 1926. Charles Townshend was a long term director in each of the NZ Dairy Co-operative Auckland LIC and Affco spanning

three decades from the 1940s. He was a 'people's person' who had a saying 'Young people should be given every opportunity to prove themselves in life because most people who take on positions of leadership show signs of such capability before the age of thirty.'

Jack Thomas was also actively involved in the dairy industry but always had a particular interest in education. He served as Chairman of the South Auckland Education Board and also Chairman of NZ Education Boards Assn. Too outcomes of notes under his Chairmanship was the establishment of Waikato University and more locally the formation of Hauraki Plains College. One of Jack's notable sayings was 'Life is a fulfilling activity if you can do as much as you can, for as many people as you can, as often as you can.'

Gray Townshend also served the community in numerous capacities and Marie was a Charter President of Ngatea Lioness Club, a Justice of the Peace and was also the first female president of Ngatea Probus.

The Trust is currently distributing \$50,000 each year to community good activities.

Ngatea Lotto

This scholarship is donated by Ngatea Lotto to support a student going to study at tertiary level. This year's winner was Sheree Walsh who is looking to pursue a career in Tourism.

Muudi Cup

Hauraki vs Takapuna Grammar and St Peters
On the Piako
Sunday 8 December.

Opportunity to Grow Hospitality

The recent hosting of a JP luncheon at the Centennial Centre is a forerunner of things to come. The college recently was given accreditation to offer a Level 2 NZQA approved Certificate in Hospitality. This programme has been crafted by Service IQ to prepare students for future study in hospitality or to go straight into the industry.

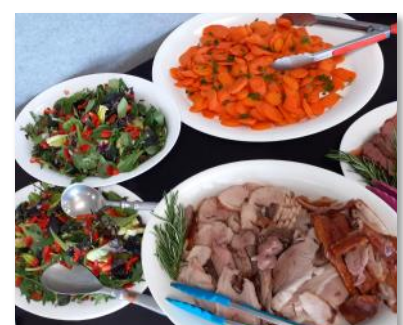
Students will be doing a selection of practical and theoretical learning in the food safety, cookery and service areas.

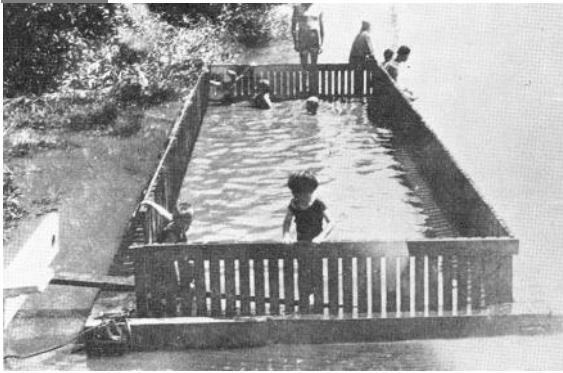
The students will be getting the opportunities to make coffees, and provide real-life restaurant service for groups and special occasions to get more realistic hands on learning much like they would in a real employment setting.

We are wanting to liaise more with local businesses and Gateway to provide clear meaningful pathways with relevant work experience that will complement their learning.

The programme will be taught by past pupil Amanda Sayer who has worked in the Hospitality industry for 15 years as a head chef, events coordinator and Front of House Supervisor.

The course will be run in the Centennial Centre which has a commercial kitchen. The Centennial Centre was largely funded by grants funded through the Haurakian Charitable Trust and was designed to enable Hospitality courses to run.





Swimming Old Style

As summer arrives, students often ask why we don't have a pool.

In the 'old' days pupils used the Piako to learn to swim; a pontoon being created to make it safe for younger ones with the tidal waters. Apparently a bar was put across the pontoon so that the girls could sit without getting their toes bitten by eels.

When Ngatea District High School became secondary school, funding granted to the College for a pool was given to the local Council so that primary and public could share the resource.

(Information supplied by Gray Townshend whose father-in-law was Chair of the South Auckland Education Board and largely responsible for making the project happen).

Beekeeping on the Farm

Ten HPC students are currently participating in a new Bees in Schools program offered by Pacific Coast Technological Institute (PCTI). At the end of the program students will have achieved an industry accredited certificate in Apiculture Level 3 and will also gain NCEA Level 2 credits.

The bee industry is currently experiencing a shortage of young people who are keen and skilled. So far on the course, the students have learned about bee behaviour and characteristics, constructed hives, collected a stray bee hive and established bee hives on Hayward farm.

In the next few months, students will learn about hive management, which includes feeding and pest and disease control, and how to harvest and extract honey.



For Sale: One House

The construction of this year's house is nearly completed - the sixth house to be built by Year 13 Building and Construction students.

The house project enables students to develop real life skills and knowledge that they can take with them into industry," according to project leader Pete Carpenter, who is a licenced building practitioner. "It also gives them a foot in the door for apprenticeships and other trades employment. Benefits for students. The students get a taste of the building process and the collaborative working environment develops communication skills, work ethic and a positive work attitude."

The finished product is a three bedroom 128 square meter house. All works by HPC are inspected and passed with code compliance certificate by the Hauraki District Council. For further details contact Pete Carpenter (petec@haurakiplains.school.nz) or phone 078677029.

Class of 1968


If you were a 3rd former in 1968 (or joined this cohort) along the way, a reunion is to be held on


Sunday 24 November 2019


11am onwards in the Centennial Centre, \$35 for lunch, BYO, Partners welcome.

If you have contact addresses of other students, please let them know. To register, email Mary Aislabie marya@haurakiplains.school.nz

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