


Hauraki Plains College

Community Newsletter



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Police Studies Programme Underway

The Police Studies pathway programme, a first at HPC, is underway. The aim of the Year 13 (7th Form) programme is to provide students with a foundational level of understanding of the knowledge, skills, attributes and attitudes associated with the Police and Policing in Aotearoa New Zealand. Although the course is specifically aimed at encouraging students to consider policing as a career, much of their studies are applicable to other services such as army, ambulance and fire.

The course, taught by Pauline Ikinofu, is designed to help students understand the roles and responsibilities of a Constable of the NZ Police. Some of the topics covered include basic investigative interview skills; application of appropriate law and legislation to various policing tasks; knowledge of NZ Court procedures and processes; physical attributes required for a Police Recruit and leadership requirements of a police officer.

The programme was developed in collaboration with The Royal New Zealand Police College (RNZPC) and Unitec Institute of Technology.

Throughout the duration of the Police Pathway Programme, students have access to support from local Police. Constable Rose Rakich is one of those involved: "I'm thrilled to be a part of the new police studies programme. On our first day we have already noticed how enthusiastic the class is, and look forward to working alongside them. The course will provide a significant career pathway for those interested in policing."

"As I am looking into applying to Police College when I finish year 13, I thought it was a great head start into the career path of Policing, as this particular course endorses you for a 12-week portion of the application process into Police College. It's an amazing chance to grow as a person, and learn many new skills, both mentally and physically," commented Jaimee Stevens on the programme.

WHAT'S ON:

10th March

River Group and Service
Photos

13th March

Teacher Only Day

19th / 20th March

River Conferencing

8th April

Out of Zone Information
Evening - 7pm in the Hall

9th April

End of Term 1





From the Board Chair

A very warm welcome to all our Hauraki Plains College community, to a new decade and to 2020. A special welcome to new staff, students and parents and whānau. We hope your families have experienced a smooth transition to college life.

Last year the Government announced the opportunity for schools to eliminate the school donation system in exchange for a set amount of money per child. The Board of Trustees chose to take this up, but please note there are still some activities that this does not cover such as participation in sporting teams and overnight camping. We will review how this is working in the beginning of Term 4.

Also announced late last year was a one-off grant for building upgrades and maintenance. HPC received \$400,000. While we are still deciding what our priorities will be, an upgraded Learning Support space is underway.

Each year there are certain policies we need to review; this year we are looking at Curriculum (Nag 1) and Self Review (Nag 2) policies. Normally we don't make big changes to policies but it is a good time to ensure modern day learning and expectations are being covered.

Andrew Gordon
BOT CHAIR



Chasing down the good life is the theme for this term's Monday morning assemblies. The idea came from feedback we received in a student and parent / whānau survey last year around education and how it is seen and valued. When asked the question, about the importance of school, we expected and received responses like to gain qualifications, to get a good job and to learn about things that interest them. What was surprising about the number of parents and students who felt that education was important because it would help them to have a "good life."

While we all need to define our own version of the "good life", there is general agreement that positive and warm family relationships, health, being financially secure, having friends, doing meaningful work and living life to the fullest including leisure activities.

The key message about *Chasing down the good life* is that it is not handed on a plate; we are not entitled to one. Our part is to figure out what a good life means, and then go after it, make decisions inline with it, track it down, follow after it, work for it, chase it down.

Ngaire Harris
PRINCIPAL

Give it a Go

Know how to knit, pull an engine apart or speak a foreign language?

Give it a Go is a short course programme to keep students busy at lunchtime.

Currently we have a number of clubs running such as Chess, Badminton, Bowls, Photography, Colouring Club, Japanese Culture Club, Impact (Christian Club), Junior Young Farmers and Photography.

We are keen to expand these opportunities. If you have a skill or interest you would like to share with a small, interested group of students, we would love to hear from you. Each group is assigned with a teacher or senior student so that you have a 'go to' person.

The clubs can work for three or four or more lunchtimes only (or longer if there is interest) and on days and weeks that work for you. We would love to hear from you.

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Careers Central

2020 means a change of role for teacher, Mr Stu Green, who is now HPC's new Careers Co-ordinator, following the retirement of long serving teacher Mr Peter Keith last year. Although, still teaching Year 9 Music, Mr Green is looking forward to the new challenge:

"Working as a Dean has shown me the importance of developing pathways for our students. I think that all of our young people have potential and it will be great helping our students into career pathways. It's an exciting time for careers as there are so many new directions and opportunities. Some of these careers and jobs didn't even exist 10 years ago.

The Careers team includes Joy Carter (Academic and Careers Dean) and Lesley Spencer (Gateway Liaison) are keen to hear from anyone who would consider helping a student with a Gateway placement. Gateway is a structured workplace learning programme, designed to support school students' transition into the workforce by offering them workplace experiences while at secondary school. Over 80 HPC students are placed on Gateway each year, with a significant number of students looking for a placement in the trades, hospitality and retail.

The team is also looking to introduce *Careers Central* this year, an online learning tool which encourages students to research jobs they think will suit them, create a CV, explore resources, opportunities and links to useful websites for further information and set personal, educational and careers goals. Parents also have anytime, anywhere access to their child's responses and are able to participate in career conversations at home as well.

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Lesley Spencer (lesleys@haurakiplains.school.nz)



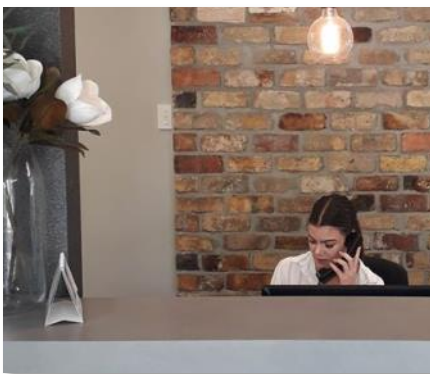
Mr Stu Green



Mrs Joy Carter



Miss Lesley Spencer



Gateway Placements

< **Jemma-Rose Grant** is really enjoying her placement at Purnell Lawyers in Thames. It is great to be working with such helpful, friendly people, particularly Hayley Green who is being immensely supportive.

Jemma-Rose has spent time on Reception, gaining experience and skills in archiving, telephone work, emailing and other office admin work including sending and receiving the law firm's mail.

She is gaining knowledge in different areas of law as she is working alongside solicitors as well as support staff. She is enjoying learning about law as she is interested in joining the police force or pursuing a career in forensics.

This placement has also given her an interest in exploring study in the legal field; particularly prosecution or becoming a Legal Executive.



< Connor Woolston: Placement at Graeme Wright Transport Limited

What aspects of the work placement did you enjoy the most?

Working on the trucks. The placement was very good experience and I got to work with truck engines. There was nothing I didn't enjoy and I know how to wire lights on and have an idea on how the motor works.

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Students in the Lead



Bailey Morrison and Jason Barker are coming to grips with their new role as Head Girl and Head Boy at Hauraki Plains College.

“I hope to have a positive impact on the people around me, I value inclusiveness and hope to have a positive impact on people around me. I believe that listening to the suggestions, interests and opinions of others is an important part of my position. I feel very humble that I have been selected to carry out the duties of head girl,” commented Bailey on hearing she had been selected for the position. Bailey is a keen rower and is intending to go into the medical science field.

Like Bailey, Jason Barker attended Netherton Primary and is keen to inspire students to take up opportunities that come their way. “I am intending to volunteer for events and be involved in the local community as much as I can. The main thing I like best about our school is what we have on offer; there is such a wide range of sports and academic opportunities available that covers all abilities, commented Jason. After his final year at college, Jason is looking to study a Bachelor of Construction at Massey University, with a view to entering the construction industry as a project manager.

Altogether there are 68 students, who are working with Bailey and Jason in student leadership roles. These include Academic Leaders, Sports, Cultural, Student Support, Community Liaison, Hospitality, Student Voice, Environmental, Social, Services, Inter Hapu, ICT and Media.

Student Voice Leaders: Acting Locally Thinking Globally

2020 Student Voice leaders, Zoe Craggs and Connor Howard, are keen to hear from past HPC students about their pathways since leaving college. “We know there are so many Hauraki students around the world, doing great stuff and it would be good for our current students to know what is possible,” says Zoe. It’s important to broaden our students world view by exposing them to what is out there.

If anyone is in contact with past pupils, either at home or abroad, we are keen to hear from you and show case different pathways, Zoe can be contacted on 16129@haurakiplains.school.nz and Connor on 16126@haurakiplains.school.nz



Zoe and Connor also have the job of leading the Student Council, which is represented by each River Whānau (form class) within the college.

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Te Māngai Kōrero o Puhangateuru (Nga Ate) The Mouthpiece of Puhangateuru

Kia ora koutou nga whānau o Hauraki

Ko Normie Tautoru Te Whanake Anderson ahau (my name)
Nō Waingaro me Whatawhata, Kawhia, Taharoa ahau (where I am from)
Ko Pirongia me Taupiri nga maunga (the mountains I identify with)
Ko Waikato, Waipa nga awa (the rivers close to my place)
Ko Te Papa o Rotu me Waingaro nga marae (my marae)
Ko Tainui iwi tōku (my tribe)
Ko Ngāti Mahanga Hourua, Ngāti Tamainupo, Ngāti Te Huaki nga hapu (my subtribe)
Tainui te waka tupuna (my ancestral canoe)



My name is Normie Anderson; I'm also known as Matua Normie.

I have been teaching at Hauraki Plains College since 2006. My role at the school is teacher of Te Reo (Māori language) and Māori Studies. My other role is to work with our contributing Primary Schools as part of our Community of Learning or Kaahui Ako. This role involves supporting the schools with developing and implementation of their own Maori kaupapa and initiatives.

“The name of our whānau page means the mouthpiece of Puhangateuru. Puhangateuru is the Maori name for this area and refers to the position we are situated which is at the heart of Hauraki (Nga Ate).

One of our goals this year is to get Kapa Haka up and running again. We are calling our Kapa Haka group “Te Wao Kahika”.

This year we are looking at learning and putting together a mix of traditional and contemporary performances. The aim at this stage is to learn two to three items each term which we will hope to perform at our school and community events. *Te Wao Kahika* is open to all students and we also hope to introduce performances from other cultures that we have in our school such as Tongan and Japanese.

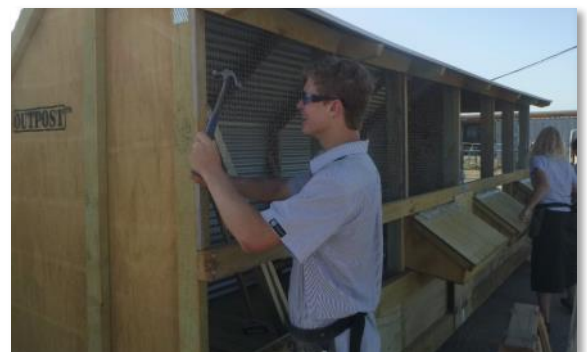
Hayward Farm News



The hen run on the Hayward Farm is now complete and waiting for our first batch of hens. Many thanks to Millsbury Free Range Eggs Ltd for the generous offer of a supply of chickens.

Late last year, just under 2 acres of sweetcorn were planted with the idea of offering it to a sporting or cultural team for fundraising. The Netball Aussie trip group has picked this up. It also formed a focus for a research project for the Year 12 Agribusiness class.

We are in the process of completing fencing to introduce a small flock of sheep to the farm.



HPC Swimming Champions

	Champions	Runners Up
Junior Girls	Emma Morrison	Melissa Barker
Junior Boys	Jayden Kuter	Jake Te Huia
		Allan Barriball
Intermediate Girls	Sophie Perry	Ruby Forsman
Intermediate Boys	Miles Sargent	Lucas Dowty
Senior Girls	Bree McCowatt	Tori Barriball
Senior Boys	Samuel Broadbent	Connor Woolston



Records Broken in 2020			New Record	Old Record	Previous Record Holder	
Intermediate Girls	33 1/3 Freestyle	Sophie Perry	16.81	17.67	Rachel Ward	
	33 1/3 Backstroke	Sophie Perry	20.75	20.75	Bree McCowatt	2019
	66 2/3 Freestyle	Sophie Perry	37.72	38.19	Saacha McCormack-Goeth	2014
	200 Freestyle	Sophie Perry	2.11.30	2.13.28	Bree McCowatt	2018
Intermediate Boys	100 Breaststroke	Miles Sargent	1.14.28	1.15.23	Martyn Taka	1993
	66 2/3 Backstroke	Luke Bowman	38.03	40.78	Luke Bowman	2019
	133 1/3 Medley	Luke Bowman	1.27.19	1.27.51	Joshua McCormack-Goeth	2013
Senior Girls	33 1/3 Breaststroke	Bree McCowatt	24.62	26.00	Raewyn Brooks	1976



Senior Mixed Touch Team

The Senior Mixed Touch team were placed in the top 20 at Nationals late last year, giving them an automatic qualification to compete at nationals in 2020. Given the number of younger students in the team, this was a great result. The team's manner, awahi and general attitude was commented on by a number of Touch NZ officials.



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Success for Rowers at North Island Club Champs

Rowing has a long and proud tradition at HPC since the club was formed in 1974, punching above its weight at national level. Last year was no exception with the rowers coming in at 4th equal out of 100 schools in the North Island Champs and 13th from 129 school at the New Zealand Secondary School Champs (Maadi Cup).

At the most recent regatta, the North Island Club Champs, our rowers made it onto the podium seven times, earning 3 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals: an excellent result for only half way through the season.

Head Coach Andrew Gordon has coached for nine seasons and is supported by Mark and Mel Dowty and Tuscany Main who rowed themselves for HPC as students and Franklin Hamilton, who captained Reading University Rowing, rowed with the Great Britain University team and was in the Great Britain Development Programme.

With the Piako River as the training ground, and a number of new boats, the club is well resourced. "Rowing is great for young people. It puts them into a disciplined environment, where they learn the importance of team, and also shows them what it means to have grit.

The club is offering 'Learn to Row' sessions on Wednesday afternoons from 3:20-6pm during Term one at no cost to students. For more information find us on Facebook and Instagram, or email haurakirowingnz@gmail.com

Simon Main - President of Hauraki Plains College & Districts Rowing Club



L-R: U15 Boys—Callum Lang, Ethan Claridge, Evana Main (cox), Hamish Bean, Lucas Dowty



L-R: Hayley Mackay and Rebecca Adams



L-R: U15 Boys with Mark Dowty



L-R: Franklin Hamilton and Bailey Morrison



L-R: Bailey Morrison, Emma Gordon and Andrew Gordon



L-R: Mel Dowty, Hamish Bean and Lucas Dowty

Hauraki Plains Netball Aussie Trip Fundraiser

Help our team get to the Gold Coast in July. If you have any work for fundraising please contact:

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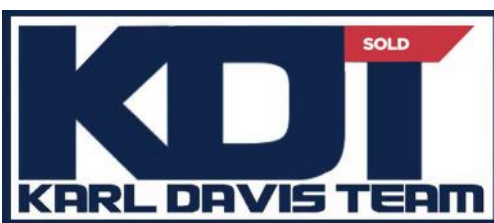
Lee Carter

Ex-student, Lee Carter left HPC in 2003 for Massey University in Palmerston North to study a Bachelor of Technology degree in Food Technology. After obtaining this qualification, he worked at Fonterra's innovations facility in Palmerston North doing dairy research. "From 4 years at university and a 6 month stint in the work force I knew it probably wasn't the thing for me. My take on this was I always had something to fall back on and had proved I had the intellect to obtain a challenging degree. So the big takings from that part of my life were the people I had met and the connections formed (not realising the value of some of these until later in life travelling and now working in the rural sector) as well as the confidence in my abilities to learn and understand."

From there I knew working for a big company with a bunch of individuals wasn't my cup of tea and I basically drifted around keeping an open mind after that. I guess trusting that new opportunities would arise and I wanted to be able to take them as they came.

I returned home for some fun with friends and worked as a building labourer for a year or so. After that I knew a tradesman wasn't what I wanted and during the rugby season at home, I got talking to Dave Dillon and myself and Neil Douglas had the chance to go and play rugby in Scotland.

Once abroad I had multiple jobs and met a whole lot more people – all with access to different career paths and experiences. I ticked a few more off the 'not for me list' which included: administration and data entry, computer programming, forklift operator, and some logistics servicing the oil industry. We met an Englishman who watched one of our games in Scotland and offered us the opportunity to play for his club in Somerset and do some youth coaching. Down there I got back to my rural roots and worked in a small team as a contract fencer throughout the southwest. Again clients we would meet were often in the UK rich list (some pretty weird people) and I had a few offers to get back into Food Tech which I politely declined.



After 5-6 years abroad I had seen many places, formed a lot of good memories (forgotten a fair few) and made some good friends. I knew living in the UK wasn't long term for me so came home with plans of moving to Taranaki and becoming a science or maths teacher using parts of my degree which would have allowed me to get straight in and qualify as a teacher while on the job. More recently, I was shoulder tapped to work at Bayleys based in Ngatea and have happily formed a

good career in the industry so far. Upon returning home and setting some roots in the area was asked if I would consider becoming a trustee of the Haurakian Charitable Trust. I jumped at the opportunity to be able to grow a trust that wants to give back to community and school which has opened so many opportunities for me.



The main piece of advice I would offer students is to keep an open mind. Opportunities constantly present themselves to us every day in different shapes and forms. Being able to view a situation in a variety of ways gives you the best chance of not letting the right opportunities pass you by.

From my experience the best way to broaden your horizon is to travel and experience as many things as you can. Perspective is probably the most valuable skill you can obtain in my opinion. It's the only thing that separates the people who have half a glass full and half a glass empty. The reality is the same – it's only the perception which changes.

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