

HPC e-Bulletin

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Kia ora koutou

Dear Parents and Whānau

A reminder how online learning will look like as we head into Term 2 tomorrow. We are really mindful that this is not an easy time for parents as well as students. If there are any issues which is making it difficult to manage the learning at home, please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's Dean.

- Teachers will use Google Classroom to post learning tasks for the next three days. After that, all learning activities and resources will be added to Google Classroom by Sunday 5pm before the week gets underway.
- It is up to students and how it works for your family how to manage the time needed to complete set tasks. We have asked teachers to use a 'less is more' approach and to cut back on the expected work load for students.
- Teachers will respond to any emails within 24 hours and will be online to answer questions each day for 30 minutes at these times when the class is normally taught.
 - Period 1: 9:30 to 10am
 - Period 2: 10:30 to 11am
 - Period 3: 11:30 to 12 midday
 - Period 4: 1:30 to 2pm
 - Period 5: 2:30 to 3pm
- Juniors can expect around 2 - 2½ hours of study per subject per week which contributes towards their Junior Certificate and Junior Diploma.
- Seniors can expect to do more, around 15 or more hours per week in total, depending on their subjects and year level.
- River Guides will keep in contact with students and have some short life skills activities each week.
- More Chromebooks are being couriered out to students today. Please contact Jonathan O'Neill (jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz) if you have any concerns about devices or online learning.
- We will have learning support staff available to give more help to those students who are struggling with the work and encourage students and Parents / Whānau to contact Brian Woolcock (brianw@haurakiplains.school.nz) for senior students and Tracey Vanhoovels (traceyv@haurakiplains.school.nz) for junior students if help is needed.
- Our School Counsellors Angela Reynolds (angelar@haurakiplains.school.nz) and Michelle Jones (michellej@haurakiplains.school.nz) are available for parents as well as students for support.
- We are very mindful that this is not an easy time for students or parents, especially if you are also working from home. A not-negotiable routine where students are required to do some work before time on leisure activities is one way to manage it. We will also be sharing learning tips with students two or three times each week.

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