

HPC e-Bulletin

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Kia ora koutou

Dear Parents and Whānau

Thank you for the feedback we have been getting with regard to how students are managing in the online environment. Appreciate that many students are feeling overwhelmed. Given this, for the week coming up we have asked teachers to be aware of the following:

- To put up just one day's learning at a time so it doesn't seem all too much for students.
- If the lessons go up for the whole week, then teachers will divide them into Day 1, Day 2, Day 3, Day 4 so that students can feel it is manageable.
- Teachers will be putting up only 4 lessons per class next week so students have some catch up space in the week.

A reminder that teachers will be online i.e. able to answer emails for half of the normal timetabled class time. Some teachers will also set up Google Meets but will give students a couple of days notice for this.

Google Classroom Guardian Summaries: If you would like to receive a daily summary of posts made by your child's teachers, rather than weekly, check your most recent summary email, go to the bottom of the email and click 'settings' and change from weekly to daily. You'll notice there is no 'save' button to lock in that new setting. That's OK, just change the setting and then exit.

Years 9 and 10 student change their Arts / Technology options on Monday. Students will have been invited to these new Google Classes and will need to accept to receive the work.

We have learning support staff available to give more help to those students who are

struggling with the work and encourage students and parents 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 also available for parents as well as students for support.

On our website we have set up a COVID-19 section in which we will put important notices.

At this stage, we are waiting for a possible date for moving to Level 3. Under Level 3 schools will reopen for Years 1 to 10, although it will largely be up to parents whether to send their children to school. We will be in touch next week with a survey of parent intentions.

Kia Manawaroa is a new web portal for Whānau Māori that has gone live on education.govt.nz. Kia Manawaroa brings together information from the Ministry of Education and other education agencies, to support iwi and Māori audiences to increase their knowledge about educational choices available.

"Kia manawaroa" is a common phrase in te reo Māori. It is a call to action, to remain strong in the face of adversity. It was used on the battlefield, when paddling and sailing waka, in explorations for new homes or whenua (land), and in settling disputes. It is a call of encouragement and of rising to the challenge.

Kind Regards

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