

Kia ora

Dear parents and whānau

Thanks to everyone who has let us know your intentions for your child for next week in particular as we endeavour to get things ready for the return of students.

As stated, the distance learning will continue as we are aware of some families needing to keep their children at home.

Junior Reports: We have had a number of calls regarding Junior Reports and apologies for the confusion. Hopefully the following information will be helpful. Steps to access reports:

- Go to www.haurakiplains.school.nz
- Hover over the tab at the top of the page that reads Parents and Whānau; click on the Parent Portal
- Click on the maroon coloured box that reads Parent Portal
- Enter your username and password in the box on the right
- Click on the tab at the top that reads Reports
- Click Download button

Grades are allocated as follows:

N =	Not Achieved, often because the student made little effort to complete the assessment
A =	Achieved
M =	Merit
E =	Excellence

The same number of credits are given for Achieved, Merit and Excellence grades, but they have different Grade points. For example an Achieved grade carries a grade point average of 50, Merit 75 and Excellence 100. Next week, students will be given information of their Grade Point Average across Term one.

Physical Distancing at School: The Ministry has deemed that Physical Distancing means that children, young people and staff “did not touch or breathe on each other”. So in a school setting, if you can smell the person’s breath or feel that you are in that “moist breath” zone, move a little further away. Avoid touching others and for adults, it is recommended that “where practical you keep a metre distance between you”. We are setting out classrooms to enable physical distancing or ‘breathing space’ and where possible shifted larger class groups into bigger rooms. Note also that physical distancing is not required in Early Childhood, Primary schools or on school buses.

Please talk with your teenager about the importance of “Hands Off”. We appreciate that many are looking forward to being with friends and mates again but we need to observe no high fives, no hugs, no hongis, no handshakes. As per yesterday’s bulletin, we need to maintain a zero tolerance stance on this. None of us want to be responsible for going back to Level 3 or 4.

Sports Update: Frequent updates and changes in the rules goes with the current situation and that is true of Sports. While we would love to get Sports underway as soon as possible, it

comes with it a considerable responsibility to play it safe. We have been advised late yesterday that contact team sports and physical activities can resume only if fewer than 10 people are participating, good contact tracing is possible and hygiene measures, particularly washing and drying of hands, and regular sanitising of equipment and surfaces are in place.

Schools have therefore been advised to hold off until further advice so there will be no organised code trainings next week. We expect to receive further advice midway through next week.

When we are able to resume sport, it will be phased in as follows:

1. **Get Ready:** Plan for a return to training and playing. Put in place protocols and practices to meet health requirements including hygiene (washing of hands and sanitising of equipment), contact tracing, facility access and physical distancing.
2. **Prepare to Play:** Resume training, utilising the appropriate protocols and practices. NSO guidance around this, particularly in reducing the risk of injury for students will be a valuable guide.
3. **Play:** Return to play when it is safe to do so ensuring that any public health requirements, particularly for interschool resumption which will involve people from outside your school bubble, are in place.

School Devices: For those students who have been issued with an HPC or Ministry of Education supplied device, we need these returned as soon as possible. We have sent out 200 devices to families and need as many of these ready-to-go period 1 on Monday in different classrooms. They can be returned on Friday 15 May, Saturday 16 May or Sunday 17 May from 9am to midday at the college hall. Please enter through the doors at the northern end of the hall by the Student Centre. This will enable time for staff to clean and recharge Chromebooks ready for Monday. Please remember to return the charger. Students should be prepared to login to the device on arrival in the hall so that we can identify any potential technical issues. Please be patient during this process.

We also encourage students to bring their own device (Chromebook, Windows or Apple laptop, tablet) from home to use on our WiFi network. Students will benefit greatly from having access to their own device all day.

Timetable Next Week: The first week back at school will be structured as a ‘[Block Week](#)’ where students still have the same amount of hours during the week in each subject, but in larger blocks of time compared to the regular 1-hour periods. Students should be prepared on Monday for spending half the day in the subject which they would normally have Period 1 Monday, and the other half of the day being spent in what they would normally have Period 2 on Monday

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