

Kia ora koutou  
Dear Parents and Whānau

**Call Back Day Friday 23 October:** Next week is **senior exam week**. Students will follow the normal timetable. On Friday is a call back day for seniors. We will let those students and their parents / whānau know if a student is required to attend. Juniors are not required to attend school on this day although supervision is available. Buses will run as normal.

Students should take advantage of this opportunity to complete work and assessments. Students who have not completed their qualification will be expected to remain at school after seniors leave, until they have passed.

**Year 10 Subject Selections:** Good to see a good turn out to this evening. Subject Selection forms are due in on Monday 19 October. If any students are unsure of their selections, please see either Mrs Carter or Mr Green in the Careers Centre who can give advice on this.

**Subject Selection Evening for Years 11 and 12 from 6:30pm:** Years 11 and 12 students will have the opportunity to attend an evening on Thursday 22 October regarding subjects for next year.

A number of teaching staff will be available from various learning areas to answer any questions students or parents / whānau might have.

**Year 10 Mates and Dates:** We are offering Year 10 students a programme that has been run previously with positive feedback from students. The programme is aligned with the Health and Physical Education learning area and intends to build strength based skills around five key themes:

- Healthy relationships
- Skills and consent
- Identity, gender and sexuality
- When things go wrong
- Keeping safe together

The programme runs for an hour each week over five weeks. If you do **not** want your child to attend, can you please let the Year 10 Dean Alissa Place know ([alissap@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:alissap@haurakiplains.school.nz)) or if you would like more information, please contact School Counsellor Angela Reynolds ([angelar@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:angelar@haurakiplains.school.nz))

**Junior Credit Update:** All Years 9 and 10 students will receive a credit update for their Junior Certificate / Junior Diploma on Thursday 22 October.

**Uniform Transition Period:** We are in the transition period from winter to summer uniform. This period started at the beginning of Week 9 of Term 3 and ends at the end of Week 2 of Term 4 and all students are expected to be in full summer uniform by then. This would have given families / whānau almost 6 weeks to get their children's summer uniform sorted out.

#### Key Dates Term 4:

##### Thursday 22 October

Subject Selection Evening 6:30pm College Hall

##### Thursday 29 October

Sports Prizegiving 7pm College Hall

##### Friday 6 December

Senior Academic Prizegiving 7pm College Hall

##### Monday 16 November

NCEA Exams start

##### Thursday 3 December

Junior Certificate Prizegiving for Year 9s 9:30am College Hall

##### Friday 4 December

Junior Diploma Prizegiving for Year 10s 9:30am College Hall

##### Friday 4 December

Year 13 Graduation Dinner 5:30pm

##### Mon 7 Dec to Wed 9 Dec

Years 9 and 10 Camps. This is the last day of school for Juniors

Ngairé Harris  
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