

# Hauraki Plains College

Community Newsletter



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Our Community Newsletter combines news from Hauraki Plains College, The Haurakians (past pupils and teachers) and the Haurakian Charitable Trust. If you would like to sponsor our newsletter email:



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## Tangaroa Walker

Thanks to sponsorship from P3 (Profitable, Progressive Plains), Hauraki Plains College students had the opportunity to hear Tangaroa Walker tell his story. Walker is living proof that a bad start in life need not determine destiny. In 2012, he won the Māori Young Farmer of the Year and is currently contract milking 550 cows in Southland. He has also represented Bay of Plenty and Southland Māori at rugby. Currently Walker is touring the country encouraging young people into farming.

Tangaroa is of Ngāti Pūkenga and Ngāti Ranginui descent, tribes from the Tauranga area. As a toddler he was shuffled around in foster homes, moved into 16 different houses and went to six different schools before the age of six. Eventually he was taken in by an aunt and uncle on their lifestyle block at Whakamaramara.

When he was 15, he attended Tauranga Boys' High. Tangaroa went on a school to work programme to transition students into jobs and he began working three days a week on a farm, with two days at school. Until then his farming experience beyond his parents' place was limited to a job in a nearby piggery and a spot of relief milking. This enabled Tangaroa to play in the First XV and be part of the school social life while figuring out a career direction for himself.

Tangaroa has the bearing of a hard case joker – an unaffected bloke who survived a mixed-bag of an upbringing and fell in love with farming. On his Farm 4 Life LinkedIn page he acknowledges the responsibility on his shoulders. “Seek opportunities and take risks even if it means failing forward, ask questions, set your own tone, be yourself and don't be a victim of your environment,” were some of the key messages from Tangaroa while he told his story.

Year 10 student Zyon Ford was just one of many students who benefited from the opportunity to hear Tangaroa. “He was inspiring, especially when he talked about when things are messing with your head; we took away a lot of wisdom what he said.”



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## Principal's Comment



The opportunity given by P3 caused me to think about the importance of heroes for our young people.

Researchers in moral development say children's heroes follow a fairly predictable pattern. Young children often choose their parents or teachers as heroes, because the immediate caretaker has the greatest moral authority. As children move into adolescence, they often choose

someone closer to their own age who has "made it big" as a rock star or sports figure. In adulthood, there is often a renewed appreciation for family heroes, those who have guided, worked

hard and sacrificed to help them on the way.

The stories we tell in school and the heroes we put in front of our young people are important. They need to be not so much about stories of wealth and fame but offer our students a more realistic definition of life, one that includes a recognition of challenges, obstacles, weakness, reversals and disappointments. Being a hero is not just an event or an achievement that happens. It is the sum of a life, the mistakes as well as the successes. They need to be real people who are complex and familiar with doubt and sadness. They suffer. They fail. But they get up again. These kinds of life stories teach us to see life not only as it is, but also what it could be.

Ngaire Harris  
Principal



## Board of Trustees Update

We are taking time to look at how we manage communication between families and the school in a positive way rather than negatively or aggressively. This year has been tough on many of us and our families so when an issue arises on top of this it can be easy to lose patience, especially if your child is involved. The school rules around behaviour and uniform are there for a reason – behind each rule there is a reason, be it to grow our students to be the citizens we would like them to become, for the protection of our students and their families, or to preserve the good name of our school. Each time we waiver on a rule, there sets a precedent around that rule for future students and it then becomes flexible.

We want to preserve the tradition of Hauraki and the reason why people choose Hauraki for their children, is not just because of the educational/sporting opportunities we provide, but also the traditions in place and the clear guidance we have for our students. Although our foundations are steeped in tradition, we are a progressive school and open to productive ideas and discussions going forward, but we ask that these be given in a constructive way. This year we have had to deal with lot of confrontation. Sometimes there is never an easy solution to an issue, but we need to be able to sort things through in a calm and rational way as this approach is far more beneficial for us all.

The school has been overwhelmed with students wanting to enrol next year. We are comfortable with the our current roll and know that we can accommodate this number.

We are always looking at new opportunities for our students. If you find yourself in a position where your work load is reduced and you have a specific skill that would be beneficial for our students to learn, we would be very happy for you to talk to us.

Andrew Gordon  
(BOT Chair)

## Stationery and Uniform

**Uniform:** The following is information regarding the new online system which will go live 7 December. We will announce this in our e-bulletin and on our Facebook / Website page.

The Hauraki Plains College uniform is available to purchase from Argyle Schoolwear online, go to [www.argyleonline.co.nz](http://www.argyleonline.co.nz) and select **Hauraki Plains College** under **Shop ArgyleOnline**.

Orders can be made at any time and there is a 24/7 customer service available via phone 0800 110 059 or the online Answer Bot (click the help button on the bottom right of the page). Argyle's live chat team are also available Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm.

To find the correct size, measure your child following the online [size guide](#). Compare the measurements with the corresponding size chart online.

Check out the [FAQ page](#) to find out about ordering online, payment options, sizing, delivery and returns.

**Stationery** arrangements are as follows - Stationery will be available online through the 'Back to school' programme through Officemax (hyperlink still to come). This site is currently being put together.

**Payment options for uniform and stationery listed below:**

Direct debit, account to account, credit card, 6 week payment plan and WINZ payment over the phone.

**Subject & Camp Contributions:**

Automatic Payments will still be available at the college for subject and camp contributions, these need to be arranged with the office and a 10% deposit will be required. Those parents who already have automatic payments set up will still need to re-arrange these for 2021, some parents currently have large credits with the college and may not need to continue paying the amount set up, if you would like your credit refunded, please email Carolyn Purcell at [exec@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:exec@haurakiplains.school.nz) with your bank details and child's name.



## Parent Page



### School based Health Service Underway

Susan McInnes is a recent addition to HPC staff, running a full time school based health clinic funded by the Waikato District Health Board through Pinnacle Health Network. The clinic has been established to remove barriers for youth in accessing Primary Health care services.

The clinic will provide many of the services you would expect to receive from a general practice. There is a strong focus on preventative services to keep young people healthy, including screening vision and hearing, advice on nutrition for injury prevention and treatment services. This may include treatment for sore throats, stress, acne,

headaches, earache, sexually transmitted infections, tiredness and or general feelings of being unwell. Appropriate referrals are also made to other services including mental health and social services.

The main aim of the clinic is to improve the health of our students so they come to school well and able to learn and students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own health.

There are important laws that govern the sharing of information a school nurse gathers from a student; if a student wishes to keep their clinic visit confidential, then the school nurse must respect their wishes. They always encourage students to discuss any health issues with family and whanau.

The service is free to all students enrolled at Hauraki Plains College.

“ I qualified as a Registered Nurse 27 years ago in Scotland and later went on to do a Bachelor of Nursing. I specialised in Child and Adolescent Mental Health and when I moved from Scotland to New Zealand that is the area I worked in. I have worked within the Thames / Hauraki area since arriving in New Zealand 16 years ago. I have worked in a variety of youth based settings and during this time Hauraki Plains College was one of the schools I visited regularly and built up a good working relationship with. I worked at Thames High School prior to taking up the position of school nurse so I am familiar with working in an education system.

My role as school nurse is very rewarding. It is a diverse role looking after students physical and mental wellbeing. A particular highlight for me is meeting with the year 9's to carry out HEADS assessments. This allows me to build up relationships with the year 9's and breaks down any barriers to healthcare. The school nurse role is a new concept to Hauraki Plains College so the challenge for me has been to set up a new clinic and promote the service. I believe the clinic will grow from strength to strength and students will benefit greatly from having an accessible healthcare facility. ”

## Te Māngai Kōrero o Puhangateuru

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**Taonga Whakairo:**

The following whakataukī speaks about the carver being the one that brings the meaning and understanding to their piece of work. It is their knowledge and connection to their tupuna that brings life to the creation of their art.

### Whakataukī

Ehara i a te rākau te whakaaro, kei ā te Tohunga tārai i te rākau te whakaaro - It is a carver, not the wood that has the understanding - if you forget your ancestors, you too are forgotten.

Even through the situation with the Covid restrictions in our school, our students in all three classes have been diligently and resiliently getting things done. Matua Darren has been working with our students to teach them the knowledge and skills about whakairo.

The students are putting together their taonga Level 1 are completing their Whakarei boards. Level 2 a Wheku and Level 3 a Manaia.

### Whānau Hui

Kia ora, koutou

We are looking at holding our hui early next term on Thursday 11 February at 6pm-7pm. This will be an opportunity for Whānau to have input into the strategic direction of our kura.



## Senior Academic Prizegiving 2020

**Kaylah Hood - DUX (Lynn Penrhys - Evans Memorial Prize, Leonard Cup and Medal)**

**Matthew Flocks - Proxime Accessit (Hauraki Plains Jaycee Cup & Ngatea District High School Award)**

Lewis Horder - All - Round Excellence: Academic, Sporting, Cultural (Stuart Hamilton Memorial Prize)

Karl Thorburn - Top Vocational Pathway Student (Vocational Excellence Award)

Levi Dyer - Contribution To Corporate Life Of The College (Tennent Prize)

Jason Barker - Head Boy (Plains Ward Council Medal & Book Prize)

Bailey Morrison - Head Girl (Plains Ward Council Medal & Book Prize)

Lydia Beaver and Connor Howard - Good Citizenship (Hauraki R.S.A. Award Book Prize)

Libby Morton and Ben McIntosh - Supreme Effort (Delia Cullen Memorial Cup)

Adam Starkey and Monique Shirley - Kaitiakitanga Award (Kaitiakitanga Trophy)

Amy Gielen and Aria Kerebs - Manaakitanga Award (Manaakitanga Trophy)

Anthony Makiha and Bailey Morrison - Rangatiratanga Award (Rangatiratanga Trophy)

Zoe Craggs - All-Round Excellence - Māori Student (Vee Port Trophy)

Marianne Fernandes - Contribution To Multi-Culturalism in the School (Norman Pratt Award Book Prize)

Tristin Hull - Most Outstanding Student Work (Scoggins Handcock Trophy)

Daniel Mounsey - Haurakian Scholarship

Shannon Aislabie, Abby Reader and Molly Reader - Service Blues

Morgan Harris, Bree McCowatt, Joseph Goudie, Emma Gordon and Ava Heaven - Academic Blues Year 12

Ania Ballantine, Alesha-Ann De Penning, Michael Ellis, Hunter Crowe, Molly Maitland and Kayley Gibberd -

Academic Blues Year 11



The Supreme Award at the Senior Academic Prizegiving is the Leonard Cup, Lynn Penrhys-Evans Award and Medal for the School Dux. This year's Dux, **Kaylah Hood**, reflects on her year. "My goal this year was to achieve NCEA level 3 with Excellence and set myself up well for university next year.

The most challenging thing for me this year would have been the impact Covid had upon my learning as I had to manage my own learning a lot more than I ordinarily would have. This was especially disruptive because I had to go back into a second lockdown shortly after I had readjusted to normal school routine when Auckland went back into Covid Level 3. However, I did find that having a timetable or to-do list definitely helped me manage my time and learning.

Next year I am going to Otago to study a Bachelor of Applied Science majoring in Forensic Analytical Science with a minor in Pharmacology.

I would just like to thank my family and friends for encouraging and supporting me with everything and to all the teachers who helped me along the way.



## Senior Academic Prizegiving 2020



**Proxime Accessit - Matthew Flocks**  
(Hauraki Plains Jaycee Cup  
& Ngatea District High School Award)

Runner up to Dux, **Matthew Flocks**, came from Hikuai Primary, skipping Year 8. About this year, Matthew comments that he found it challenging to continue to be motivated to submit work to the highest quality, especially during the weeks of lockdown. "I enjoyed most aspects of school particularly playing football for the First XI, and being given the opportunity to learn what I want to."

Matthew is planning to head to Auckland University studying a Bachelor of Engineering, specialising in computer or software engineering.

Matthew's sister Courtney, Father Michael and Aunt Karen Flocks, all attended HPC. A further connection is the Haurakian Trust Farm which once belonged to grandparents Barry and Jan Flocks.



**Head Boy Jason Barker and Head Girl Bailey Morrison**  
(Plains Ward Council Medal)



**Lewis Horder**  
All Round Excellence:  
Academic, Sporting, Cultural  
(Stuart Hamilton Memorial  
Prize)



**Levi Dyer**  
Contribution to Corporate  
Life of the College  
(Tennent Prize)

## Cultural Arts Prizegiving 2020



**Levi Dyer** - Contribution To The Arts At HPC  
(Rhodes Green Trophy)

**Saffron Wickliffe** - Best Overall Contribution To  
Maori Cultural Arts

**Anna Tukuitoga** - Cultural Blue

**Levi Dyer, Monique Shirley, Adam Starkey and  
Daniel Mounsey** - Cultural Service Blue

Back L-R: Levi Dyer, Daniel Mounsey  
Front L-R: Anna Tukuitoga, Adam Starkey,  
Monique Shirley. Insert: Saffron Wickliffe.



# Sports Prizegiving 2020

## Oscar Hutt - Sports Person Of The Year (Flint Cup)

Anthony Makiha - All Round Excellence (A V O'Brien Trophy)

Samuel Broadbent and Tom Leonard - Team Of The Year - Boys U18 Rowing Double (Mahurangi College Cup)

Lewis Horder - Outstanding Leadership In Sport (James McDuff & Stella Clayton-Greene Trophy)

Natasha Forsythe - Achievement In Minority Sport (Tina Dickin Cup)

Jason Barker - Fairplay (Phillip Halden Memorial)

Bree McCowatt (Surf Lifesaving) and Zoe Craggs (Rugby) - Service Blue

Brooke Douglas (Football), Anthony Makiha (Touch), Nicholas Hutt (Shooting), Oscar Hutt (Shooting), Katrina Bond (Shooting), Evana Main (Rowing), Tom Leonard (Rowing), Samuel Broadbent (Rowing) - Sporting Blue

Junior Achievement Award Merits -

Rebecca Adams, Hayley Mackay, Lucas Dowty, Callum Lang, Hamish Bean, Ethan Claridge (Rowing), Hunter Crowe, Nihindu Wickramathunga (Cricket), Charli Forsythe (Netball), Ania Ballantine (Touch), Dylan Ost, Harrison Ost (AFL), Nathan Everett (Shooting), Levi Waller (Surfing)



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Sports Person of the Year (Flint Cup)



**Anthony Makiha**  
All Round Excellence  
(A V O'Brien Trophy)

Past pupil Mr Graham O'Brien was an invited guest to this year's Sports Prizegiving and took a few moments to explain the history of the **A.V. O'Brien Award** for All Round Sporting Excellence. The trophy was donated by his father Mr Bert O'Brien who was Principal of HPC from 1967 to 1980. A keen sports person, Mr O'Brien was responsible for getting a number of sports off the ground including Rowing, Cricket and Hockey.



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## Breakfast Club

Everyday the warming aroma of toast and melted butter fills the halls and a crowd of smiling faces gathers in the Food Technology room at Hauraki Plains College. Thanks to a handful of dedicated volunteers, a range of generous donations and the Kickstart Fonterra Breakfast Programme, more than 50 students a day are provided with toast, a variety of spreads, cereals and, depending on the season, hot chocolate or flavoured milk. The aim? To ensure that all aspects of our students' well-being is catered for and that they are empowered, in every way, to maximise their learning and potential.

Research has long commented on the negative correlation between hunger and learning with multiple studies proving that hunger modifies behaviour, changes neural pathways and affects decision making. We all know how hard it is to concentrate when you are hungry and hangry is definitely a very real, very serious condition that impacts relationships everyday. So, when staff quietly bring in home baking or specially bought treats, donate their mornings and prepare breakfast, they are not only bringing smiles to faces, but also ensuring that our next generation is given every possible chance to develop friendships, learn and succeed. It is always a pleasure to see students enjoying breakfast and taking a moment to catch up with friends in the morning and, knowing that the benefits of this will extend throughout the day, makes this programme that much more integral.



While the Breakfast Club programme itself is a long standing tradition at HPC, the last 18 months has also seen this service extended into lunch preparation for students who would otherwise go without. The creation of these lunches, consisting, usually, of ham and cheese sandwiches, a muesli bar, biscuits and fruit, relies entirely on the generosity of staff who - with physical or financial donations - supply all the necessary resources to supply these daily lunches. Again, this supply of good, fresh food, is an integral part of holistic wellbeing and, although none of the staff or students who make this possible do so for the acknowledgment, a huge thank you needs to be given to all the individuals whose time and compassion ensure the programme endures. The feeling of safety created by the knowledge that there is food available, the satisfaction of a full stomach and the connections made over a shared meal are all intrinsic benefits that are impossible to place a value on and an important part of Hauraki Plains Culture that we hope will continue to develop and grow long into the future.

## Sekas Day Out



It was a 'the big day out' for Sekas with mini putt, laser tag, book buying and a tiki tour of around Hamilton on the agenda. Sekas are a team of students who volunteer to help Mrs Fitzpatrick in The Hub. The role includes opening in the morning, putting books away, finding books, doing stock take, cleaning and keeping the shelves looking neat and tidy. It is a popular role with no vacancies for next year.

"The kids are so deserving of a trip as they never moan or whinge about helping, they are always respectful and grateful," according to Mrs Fitzpatrick. "This trip made me feel appreciated after all the hard work the Sekas have done this year, said one enthusiastic Seka Emma Thorburn.



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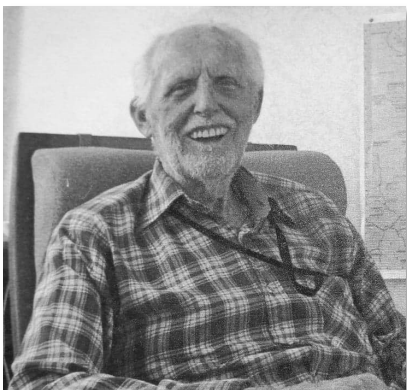
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## The Origins of the Pinnock Cup

The last inter-hapu (house) competition for the year is the Pinnock Cup, which has a long history with the college. Gerard Pinnock (1909 - 1997) donated the Pinnock Cup in 1963 with the intention of fostering and encouraging music at a time when sporting achievement was heavily emphasised.

Gerard Hugh Bertrand Pinnock was born in Surrey, England, travelling to NZ as a young man and settling in Auckland before being enlisted in the NZ Army in WW2. He married Tuppy (Amelia) Paul, only daughter of Robert and Harriet Paul who farmed in Ngatea.



Gerard Pinnock

The Paul farm consisted of 80 acres of land on Orchard Road and another block on River Road. They lived on 10 Paul Drive which now has heritage status for its local historical significance. The driveway to the home from Orchard Road is known as Paul Drive and Pinnock Place is named after Gerard. As Ngatea grew, the farmland was taken for the hall, domain and primary school; the remaining 30 acres was eventually sold to the Council for residential sections.

Although a lay preacher and avid vegetable gardener, Gerard's enduring passion lay in music and the arts with an impressive line up of abilities to his name: a potter, singer, pianist, church organist, musical director and actor. He taught piano, organ and singing.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, he was musical director of several Gilbert and Sullivan productions performed in Ngatea and nearby towns, He loved performing, sharing his rich Baritone voice in many free concerts, most often accompanied by pianist Lynne Mounsey of Mangatarata. Gerard particularly enjoyed evenings at John and Lynne Mounsey's home, and became a much loved honorary uncle to John and Lynne's children who all attended HPC.

A leading light in the Thames Community Arts Society, Gerard continued singing until late in his life, giving his final concert at age 86. He remained every bit the English gentleman throughout his life. He passed away on October 31, 1997 aged 88.

For some time the Pinnock Cup fell away but was revived by HPC music teacher Stu Green.

This year's winner of the Pinnock Cup was Charlotte Macreath from Ohinemuri hapu.

*(Thanks to Catherine Mounsey for this article).*



The Pinnock Cup



Charlotte Macreath winner of  
The Pinnock Cup 2020

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