

Kia ora koutou

Dear Parents and Whānau

We continue to be mindful of families and students in the Auckland area impacted by lockdown and trust you are going okay. If you are having any issues please feel free to contact myself on principal@haurakiplains.school.nz

Senior Subject Selection Evening: We have delayed the Subject Selection Evening until **Thursday, 28 October** so that Auckland students are able to participate. The evening is informal but gives students and parents the opportunity to speak one on one with careers staff and subject leaders for advice around courses for 2022.

Uniform Transition Period: From the start of Week 9 (Monday 20 September) we will go into the transition period from winter to summer uniform. This period ends at the end of Week 2 of Term 4 (Friday 20 October) and all students are expected to be in full summer uniform by Monday, 1 November. This gives families/whānau 6 weeks to get their children's summer uniform sorted out.

Summer Shoes: The only acceptable summer school shoes, as indicated under our uniform requirements in the HPC Prospectus, are black Roman Sandals or McKinlay Safari Sandals as advertised on our uniform web page (see images). There are a number of students wearing non-regulation shoes as a substitute for our summer footwear, but they are not acceptable under our policy. The only exception to this will be granted to Year 13 students leaving at the end of Week 5 of Term 4, who would like to remain in regulation winter shoes instead of buying sandals for just a few weeks. Please make sure your children are in the correct footwear.



During term 4 the **Junior Hauora Health Education** focus will be Puberty for Year 9s and Sexuality for Year 10s. Pubertal change and sexuality education is part of the New Zealand Health and PE [Health program](#). If you do not want your son or daughter participating in either of these topics, please email Martina Ash Curriculum Leader of Physical Education and Health martina@haurakiplains.school.nz. In this case, alternative arrangements will be for your son or daughter's learning.

Mobile Dental Service: In order to streamline the use of the mobile dental service as provided by The Tooth Group, we ask that you follow this link and complete the form by either opting in or out of their services at our school. [Tooth Group Enrolment / Decline Link](#)

Dates Ahead:

- Thu 30 Sept Unplugged Concert (*depend on alert levels and the rules around gatherings*)
- Fri 1 Oct Mufti Day
- Fri 1 Oct Last day of Term 3
- Mon 18 Oct First day of Term 4
- Tuesday 26 - Thursday 28 Oct Senior Exams

Ngairé Harris
PRINCIPAL

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Hauraki Plains College

E koekoe te tūi,
e ketekete te kākā,
e kūkū te kererū



(The tūi chatters,
the parrot gabbles,
the wood pigeon coos)

It takes all kinds of people...