

Kia ora koutou
Dear Parents / Whānau

Congratulations to all prize winners at yesterday's Senior Academic Prize Giving. Thank you to parents for respecting the school's stance on parent attendance. The students themselves were exceptional in making sure their peers were properly acknowledged. Well done to all.

Years 9 and 10 Students in Auckland Alert Levels 3

Hopefully students will be enjoying being on site at Camp Adair, Hunua as this bulletin goes out. A big thank you to Dave Lockwood for enabling this to happen. A further day will take place on Monday 22 November. Once again staff will be there from **9am until 3pm**. Students from Orere Point will be able to take the school bus from Orere Point where you will be picked up at the normal change over place on East Coast Road.

Years 11 - 13 Students in Auckland Alert Level 3

Students who need to return to school to prepare for exams or sit external exams are able to do so from Friday 19 November. Ministry buses will be running for those students. In order to cross the border, you will require paperwork from the school. Please contact Mary Aislabie (marya@haurakiplains.school.nz) or Inia Daymond (iniad@haurakiplains.school.nz) for the paperwork to be emailed to you and so we have a record of when your child is intending to attend school or an exam.

Tutorials for Exam Students

Tutorials for seniors students will be held at the normal **5x5 timetabled class time**. Please email the teacher directly if you wish to make arrangements outside of these times.

Senior External Exams

Senior exams will begin on Monday the 22 November and will be held in the Centennial centre. Students will enter from the Hayward street side of the building. They must arrive for all their examinations 20 minutes before time. Please make sure your child has everything they need. Good luck to everyone.

Junior Assessments

On Monday the 22 November, Years 9 and 10 students will be doing literacy and numeracy assessments so we can benchmark progress and plan for next steps for 2022. These are **not** exams, but it is important that students have the experience of doing their best work in a formal test situation. Arrangements are being made for students in a lockdown situation to do these from home later in the week.

Year 10 Camp

Owing to a number of factors around COVID uncertainty and safety, and particularly low numbers of students signing up for camp, we have made the hard call to **postpone the camp** until 17th - 20th March next year. The feedback we always get is that this camp is one of the best outdoor experiences our students have the opportunity for with sailing, waka ama and other water activities happening so although these students will be in Year 11, we are really keen for as many students as possible to attend.

Tuesday 23 November Teacher Only Day

A reminder that this day is a Teacher Only Day which has been given by the Ministry for teachers to work on implementation requirements for the NCEA change agenda. Buses will not run on this day.

Sports

Both Junior and Senior Boys Cricket teams will be playing on the College grounds tomorrow Saturday 20 November.

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