

Kia ora koutou  
Dear Parents / Whānau

No doubt everyone is looking forward to a break from the school routines especially after the disruptions over term 1. Hopefully term 2 will be more of a 'back to normal' term, whatever that means in today's world. A huge thank you to staff and students for doing your best under what was at times trying circumstances.

## Schools under Orange

Under the Orange framework, masks are strongly recommended to be worn by staff and students when indoors at school, but not mandatory.

Masks must continue to be worn on public transport including school buses.

Other hygiene measures such as hand washing and staying home if unwell will continue.

In terms of student attendance, it is expected that all students are back to school from term 2.

## Thames Bus

We received notification at the same time as parents yesterday about the unexpected announcement from *Murphys* that the Thames Bus will not be running from next term.

We have been in touch with *Go Bus* to have an alternative arrangement up and running by the beginning of term 2. Unfortunately this has been hampered by a current bus driver shortage and a number of key *Go Bus* staff absent relating to COVID.

We will keep you updated over the holiday break as to any arrangements we have been able to make.

## Kerepehi Bus

Thank you to parents who worked around the disruption to the Kerepehi Bus service this week. As has been communicated, we only learnt of this late afternoon from the Bus Transport Provider and did our best to get a notification out as soon as possible. Once again, apologies for the disruption.



## Dawn Service

Student Leaders are holding a Dawn ANZAC Service Monday 25 April at 6am.

We are asking Student Leaders and First Team members to assemble under the hangar at 5:30am for final preparations.

## COVID Credits

Over the last two years, students have received "COVID credits" for their NCEA qualification, effectively reducing the number of credits needed. NZQA have made it clear that this is very unlikely to occur this year.

We are urging students to make a plan with their teachers if they are concerned about their achievement to date. Mrs Carter and Mrs Casey, as Academic Deans, are also available to assist students in developing a game plan.

Year 13 Student Leaders also hold regular tutorials for both senior and junior students. These are advertised in the Daily Notices.

## Uniform Survey

From time to time, we receive suggestions from parents and students regarding the school uniform. The Board is keen to get feedback regarding some suggestions that have been made.

[Attached](#) is a very short survey for this purpose. Comments and other suggestions are also welcome.

## Boys' Hair

HPC prides itself on sweating the small stuff when it comes to student uniform and personal presentation. The tidiness of hair is part of our uniform expectations. The HPC Prospectus states that students' hair must be "clean, neat and tidy, out of students' eyes and long hair tied back. We appreciate it is often difficult for students to get to a hairdresser during the term and encourage students to use the break to tidy up hair cuts.

## Summer to Winter Uniform Change Over

A reminder that students must be in the correct winter uniform by Friday 13 May. Please check the winter uniform requirements in the HPC Prospectus.

## Junior Report Evening

Junior Subject Reports will be issued on Friday 13 May. These cover Term 1 work. Years 9 and 10 Subject Teacher / Parent / Student Conferences will be held on Thursday 19 May. More details closer to the time.

## Term 1 Holiday Tutorials

Mathematics tutorials for all year levels will be held on 26 and 27 April (Tuesday and Wednesday) in Room 23 from 9.30am-2.30pm. Please email Denise Casey [denisec@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:denisec@haurakiplains.school.nz) to confirm your place.

## Sports News

Badminton will be starting next term. Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime and after school (3:45pm - 5:30pm). All welcome. Racquets provided.

## Community News

Thames Music and Drama presents Mamma Mia. See [poster](#) for booking information.

## Term 2 Dates

Monday 2 May - First day of Term 2  
Thursday 12 May - Ministry Accord Teacher Only Day  
Friday 13 May - Junior Reports issued  
Tuesday 17 May - HPC Cross Country Champs  
Thursday 19 May - Junior Subject Teacher / Parent Interviews

*May everyone have an enjoyable Easter and that the holidays are a time to recover and refresh for the winter term ahead.*

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