

Kia ora koutou
Dear Parents / Whānau

Teacher Only Day

The Teacher Only Day yesterday for staff to work through changes to NCEA from next year was invaluable. In particular, the new literacy and numeracy requirements are significant for current Year 9s and 10s. We intend to hold evenings later this term to ensure that parents / whānau are aware of these changes with a view to supporting your child to be ready for what is coming next year.

Junior Reports and Junior Subject Teacher Interviews

Junior reports have been issued today with the opportunity for parent interviews with subject teachers of Year 9 and Year 10 students next **Thursday 19 May 4pm to 8pm**. Please don't make bookings for Year 11, 12 and 13 students - Senior Subject Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 2 June 4pm - 8pm).

To book for the **Junior Subject Teacher interviews** go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (code: ud3ks)

If you are unable to make this time, but would like to either meet at a different time or for the subject teacher to call you, please email your child's Dean:

Year 9: Kiera Pennell kierap@aurakiplains.school.nz

Year 10: Jenny Tawa jennyt@aurakiplains.school.nz

We appreciate that there will be many parents who have never been onsite or met face to face with staff. The Senior Leadership Team will be in the foyer during this time, so feel free to grab a cuppa for a chat in between interviews.

Senior reports will be issued on **Wednesday 1 June** during Extended River Time.

COVID Update

Thank you to those parents who are continuing to inform us regarding COVID positive cases in your household.

Over the past week, we have had 25 students who have tested positive for COVID and a further 17 students who are isolating.

Clearly, and especially with winter on the way, we are going to need to adjust to this as an ongoing reality. We have been advised by the Ministry that there could well be a surge in COVID cases as well as a rise in winter flu's.

While we continue to take measures against the spread of COVID including air purifiers in spaces where the air flow is not as good, we urge students to continue to be

careful particularly in the wearing of face masks and refraining from sharing food and drink.

Sports

HPC Cross Country Champs are to be held on Tuesday 24 May at South Farms. Time is still to be confirmed.

Transition to Winter Uniform

Our transition period from summer to winter uniform ends today, Friday 13 May. By Monday, 16 May all students are expected to be in the correct winter uniform. Please ensure your children have the correct warm uniform items and the correct winter shoes (see below).

Winter Shoes

The only acceptable winter school shoes, as indicated in our uniform requirements in the HPC Prospectus, are black leather lace-up school shoes with a heel of no more than 5cm. There are already a number of students wearing incorrect school shoes - those may be advertised in the shoe store as school shoes, but they are not acceptable under our Board Policy. Thanks for ensuring your child is in correct uniform.



Academic Tutorials

Tutorials are held every Tuesday and Thursday during lunchtime in Room 23. It will be a good time for any students to catch up with school work and seek support from staff and / or senior academic student leaders. Light refreshments are provided.

Buses

A reminder that students can not catch other buses other than their own.

Thank you to students and parents for their continued patience with the Mangatangi Hall bus not running. We are hoping that this will be back up and running next week.

An update on the Thames bus is going out today.

Ngairi Harris
PRINCIPAL

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