

Kia ora koutou
Dear Parents / Whānau

I begin this e-bulletin with confirming that the Board has accepted my resignation as Principal, which is to take effect from the end of this school year. After serving the school community for nearly 35 years, 27 of those in a Senior Leadership role and 21 as Principal, now is the right time for me to step down.

I am not intending to retire and still want to be involved in education in some form as I continue to believe that teachers and educators hold the capacity and privilege to make a difference, one student at a time. You may well think that it is a relief to finally come to this but in fact, that isn't so. I have loved this school and know that regardless of whether decisions and directions were agreed with or not, that I have endeavoured to become my best self and do my best work at HPC. So rather than relief, I write this with a deep sense of sadness.

I have no fear of the future of this school. We know what *Each for All* means and looks like and I've been so blessed to have had the support, kindness, encouragement and generosity of so many students, parents, Whānau and colleagues over my time.

The Board will continue to keep in touch with the school community as the consultation and appointment process for a new Principal gets underway.

Senior Report Evening:

Thank you to those who braved the weather for the senior report evening last night. Hopefully you found it useful to talk with those staff who were available. Those teachers who had bookings but were unable to make it through illness will make contact with you over the next few days.

If you were unable to make a booking but wish to speak to a teacher, please contact the Dean who will follow it up.

COVID Update:

You would have heard on the news that approximately 20% of teaching staff are currently away across the country and we have had our fair share of COVID cases and other quite severe illnesses.

Our main aim has been to ensure that we keep the school as normal as possible for as many year levels as possible. We are hoping for a back to normal week as of next week but will continue to make calls on a day by day basis.

Board Policy Review:

The following policies are due for renewal:

- Behaviour Management
- Bullying and Online Bullying
- Surrender and Retention of Property and Searches

To view these policies and provide feedback, go to [SchoolDocs](#)

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Sports:

Cross Countries - A big thank you to the team who ran the Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Cross Country earlier this week. It was a great day all around and a big responsibility to host this event with over 300 athletes and 35 schools involved. Many thanks to Andrew Gordon and family for the use of South Farms for this event and the earlier cross countries run there.

Congratulations to students who were selected for the Waikato Bay of Plenty Cross Country Relay teams and good luck to students who are competing at the NZSS Cross Country Champs next weekend in Nelson. Well done to our Senior Boys who finished 3rd place overall in the U20 Boys 3 Person Team - Cullen Crowe, Zack Conroy and Jack Pallister.

Passes Out of School:

For safety reasons, it is essential that the school knows the whereabouts of students at all times during the school day. Students who need to leave the school grounds for any reason during the school day need a Street Pass. This is issued by the Deputy Principal and requires a written note from home. Street passes are not issued to buy lunch or food downtown; rather they are for things like going to the doctor, picking up a script from the pharmacy or a meeting/interview at a business.

Careers:

- Tertiary Prep Evening: 7pm in the School Hall, Tuesday 21 June.
- AUT Liaison Visit: Wednesday 22 June, Careers Centre.
- Mock Teacher Interviews: Monday 27 June in the Careers Centre.
- PIHMS Talk for Careers in Business / Management side of Hotels / Tourism: Wednesday 29 June at 11:40am in the Careers Centre. Students are to register their name with Whaea Toni at the Careers Centre.
- Learner Licence Course: Monday 4, Wednesday 6 and Friday 8 July

Community News:

Leaders in Training - This programme is run by the Paeroa Community Support Trust. This is for High School students who are interested in receiving leadership training. Click [here](#) for more information.

Thames Valley Rugby Union Centennial Celebrations are being held on 26 and 27 August 2022 at the Te Aroha Events Centre. Click [here](#) for more information.

Ngairé Harris
PRINCIPAL

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