

Kia ora koutou
Dear Parents / Whānau

Not a kind start to the new term weather wise, but hopefully it will start to warm up and a little less rain from here on.

Senior Semester Courses

With Semester B courses underway, it is important that students have set up and logged in to their personal NZQA accounts. Students must use their personal email addresses and not their school emails, because once they leave school that email account will be disabled. Students can go [here](#) to set up and/or access their accounts.

If students wish to change a course, they need to see either Mrs Casey or Mrs Carter for approval. Due to the short semester, student changes will only be made in exceptional circumstances from next week onwards.

Google Classrooms for new courses should be up and running and therefore families should be receiving email notifications posted by subject teachers. Please email Academic Dean Mrs Casey (denisec@haurakiplains.school.nz) if there is a problem with accessing Google Classroom notifications for a subject.

Safety of Students

As you may have heard on the news, there have been several bomb scare threats to secondary schools across the country this past week.

Please be assured that we have an evacuation and communication plan in place to enable a speedy response should HPC become a target.

We will continue to keep parents informed via text message/email/school app in such an event.

If you have not done so already, we recommend you download the School App. The app can be found by searching for 'School Apps NZ' in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. Once installed, search for Hauraki Plains College to load our school information.

COVID Update

The Ministry is "strongly recommending" that students wear face masks in the first four weeks of Term 3. Students have been warned to take responsibility for their health and wellbeing.

We are mindful of the disruption that winter illnesses are causing to students' learning but continue to ask that if your child is unwell, that they remain home until

symptoms have cleared or in the case of COVID, follow the 7 day isolation requirement.

Board Elections

The school board election is coming up. The closing date for nominations is no later than midday on 3 August. You can nominate at: www.myschoolelection.nz/mynomination. Here is [more information for parents and caregivers](#). You can check that you are on the electoral roll at the school office. Email the Returning Officer Carolyn Purcell (exec@haurakiplains.school.nz) for further information.

The timeline for the election is:

- Supplementary roll closes 1 August
- Nominations close Wednesday 3 August, midday
- Voting papers issued by August 10
- ELECTION DAY: 7 September, 4pm
- COUNTING DAY: 13 September
- BOARD TAKES OFFICE: 14 September

Te Kuiti Sports Exchange

This takes place next Tuesday 2 August at Te Kuiti. Like the Mahurangi exchange, this is a tradition that has been in place since 1963.

Hands Off!

A number of students have been warned this week about the 'hands off' rule within the Hauraki Way. While an incident may start with some minor pushing, it can easily escalate into something more serious, hence the strict 'hands off' rule. We will remind students of this in assembly on Monday morning; any support from home is appreciated.

Careers:

Careers Expo - Thames Civic Centre Thursday 18 August

T3 University Liaison Visits - Course Planning

- University of Auckland - (zoom) Thursday 11 August 11:35am
- Lincoln University - Monday 5 Sept 9:15am
- Massey University - Tuesday 13 Sept 1:15pm
- Victoria University - Wednesday 14 Sept 11:35am
- Waikato University - Thursday 15 Sept 12:30pm
- Canterbury University - Monday 19 Sept 10:20am
- Otago University - Tuesday 20 September 10:20am

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