

Kia ora koutou  
Dear Parents / Whānau

Senior Academic Prize Giving was a great celebration of students' achievements. As was said to them on the night: "Your school is proud of you; your teachers and River Guides are proud of you and your parents and whānau are definitely proud of you. You have made yourselves proud."

## Teacher Only Day Friday 11 November

Tomorrow (Friday) is a Teacher Only Day. This is a Ministry Accord day for schools to focus on how they will implement significant changes ahead to the school curriculum. Some of these changes include:

- Equity for Mātauranga Māori (i.e. Māori knowledge, values, perspectives, traditions) within all learning areas.
- The introduction and inclusion of new Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories content within the refreshed Social Sciences learning area.
- All learning areas at Years 9 and 10 at Junior level to be 'refreshed' both in terms of content including a *Know, Understand and Do* framework. Some of these refreshed learning areas contain controversial topics around gender and critical race theories.
- The introduction of literacy and numeracy external assessments (exams) which will test the readiness of students for the workplace and further study. Without achieving the literacy and numeracy standards, students are unable to achieve any school qualifications.

While the Ministry has given two days in Term 4 for this work, we have kept this to just one day to avoid any unnecessary interruptions to students' learning and the school routine.

## Dental Service at HPC

The Mobile Dental Clinic at the college will be leaving in the next few weeks. If there are any year 9 or 10 students who have enrolled with this service and have not been seen please contact School Nurse, Susan McInnes [susanm@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:susanm@haurakiplains.school.nz) to arrange an appointment. They will be here on Thursday 24 and Friday 25 November. If you have not enrolled in the service yet and want to make use of the free service, please follow this link [Tooth Group Enrolment / Decline Link](#)

## Year 9 Camp

Thank you to those students / parents who have returned camp forms.

After some feedback regarding the cost of camp, the school has made the decision to pay for bus costs reducing the

cost of camp to **\$150**. This covers all accommodation, food and adventure activities which are run by qualified instructors at the camp.

A letter was given out this week with more information and let students know which two days they are at camp.

If in the first camp, students do not need to attend on Friday 9 December and if in the second group, they do not need to attend school on Wednesday 7 December before camp. This is because the vast majority of our staff are at either Year 9 or Year 10 camp that week.

Those students not attending camp are expected to attend school.

## Year 10 Camp

A letter was emailed out last Friday letting parents know when their students River Group is going to camp.

Students who are going on a camp are not required to attend school the other two days for the week of Mon 5 to Fri 9 December.

Those students not attending either group 1 or group 2 camp are expected to attend school during that week.

If parents have any questions around this, please contact the Year 10 Dean, Jenny Tawa ([jennyt@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:jennyt@haurakiplains.school.nz))

## Year 11s and Camp

As there were only a small number of Year 11 students returning forms for Year 11 camp, we are including those in a separate group with Year 10s. This will be during the week of Monday 5 December.

If there are any further students who would like to attend Year 11 camp, please contact the Year 11 Dean, Anish Chand ([anishc@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:anishc@haurakiplains.school.nz))

## Bus Shuttle from Pukekohe 2023

We have received information from a parent, Scott Dales, who is intending to run a van from Pukekohe each day. For more information, contact Scott on email [tynzpt@gmail.com](mailto:tynzpt@gmail.com) or mobile 021 216 2371.

## Upcoming Dates

Thursday 1 Dec - Year 10 Junior Diploma Prize Giving  
9.30am (No Year 9's at school)

Tuesday 6 Dec - Year 9 Junior Certificate Prize Giving  
9.30am

Ngairé Harris  
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