

Hauraki Plains College

Community Newsletter



The Lynne Penrhys-Evans Garden

We wish everyone
a safe and
happy holiday!

Key Dates 2023

Wednesday 25 Jan
Course Confirmation
Y12 9am - 12pm
Y13 1pm - 4pm

Monday 30 Jan
Anniversary Day

Tuesday 31 Jan
Powhiri at 9am. All welcome.
Year 9 and 13 students
attending this day.

Wednesday 1 Feb
Whole school back

Monday 6 Feb
Waitangi Day

Monday 13 Feb
Swimming Champs

Tuesday 21 Feb
Y9 Meet and Greet Parent Evening
7pm Hall

**More
Than
A School**



Hauraki Plains College

Farewell Class of 22

What we've experienced and learnt:

As Head Girl, I feel grateful to have been able to give back to the school and community which has been given to me over my 5 years at HPC, sporting, and academically. **(Brooke McTaggart)**

HPC has been very supportive of my own goals and aspirations and have helped me choose my own pathway for what I want to do in the future. The most valuable piece of knowledge I've learnt at this school is a whakatauki that is used commonly. Ara kua e mate wheke, mate ururoa. Don't die like an octopus, die like a hammerhead shark. Nga mihi. **(Aidan Craggs)**

What I enjoyed most about HPC is the respectful culture that the school adheres to and stands by. This allowed me to feel important, respected and special being a leader and student by everyone over my years. I am so glad I chose HPC as my high school. Something I will take away from HPC is that hard work and passion really does pay off. I was never the smartest kid in the class but I tried my best, worked my hardest and took up all the sporting and academic opportunities that HPC has to offer and as a result. **(Molly Maitland)**

I've learnt a lot about friendship at HPC. Starting in Year 10 was hard to make friends, but through fun activities such as spirit day, my classes, and sport, I made some lifelong friends. You make your best friendships and have the best time when you put yourself out there to have fun, even if you're nervous or afraid. **(Niamh Hill)**

Attending Hauraki Plains College has allowed me to access more opportunities than I could have imagined and the memories I have is something that I will cherish forever. Hauraki Plains College has set me up to succeed and I will never forget that. **(Hunter Crowe)**

Attending HPC has been a great schooling experience for me and it has allowed me to grow into the person I want to be. The support from teachers is astounding and I have found that many teachers will go out of their way, giving up breaks and lunchtimes just to help you succeed in the learning. The biggest thing I have learned in my past 5 years of attending HPC is to be open to the opportunities that present themselves. **(Sean Ea)**

I've really enjoyed the supportive environment created by the teachers who want you to succeed. They don't want you to just improve academically, they also want you to grow as a person. Something I have learned that I will take with me is that success comes in many different forms, and through the good and bad days sometimes just turning up is a win. **(Ania Ballantine)**

I've learnt that if an opportunity is offered, take it, as it can be a once in a lifetime opportunity, change your outlook on life and perhaps never be offered again. I'm glad that I realise this now, and that I have made the most of the opportunities offered through HPC. **(Alisha-Ann de Penning)**

Farewell Mrs Harris



This year we farewell Principal Ngaire Harris who is stepping down as Principal at the end of this year after 21 years in the role.

Mrs Harris (nee Mapson) was born in a family of seven children and grew up on a farm on the Plains. She attended Ngatea Primary and then started as a third former at HPC in 1968. After college, while completing a degree at Waikato University she married Greg, also an ex student and farmed at Kaihere where they brought up their four children: Daniel, Hannah, Jessie and Sam.

It was during these years that she began tutoring local students in Maths. The Deputy Principal, Norman Pratt, of the time heard about it and asked her to fill a teaching shortage at HPC. At the time Mrs Harris was not a trained teacher so it was a big move to go from the cowshed to the classroom. Mr Pratt literally turned up at the cowshed one morning and said he wasn't moving until she got out of her overalls and gave it a go!

Mrs Harris joined the staff full time from 1988 teaching both History and Maths when Norman Pratt was promoted to Principal. Since that time, she has been in pretty much every role from student, parent, grandparent, teacher, Dean, Head of Department, Deputy Principal, and then Principal from 2002. Continuing her own learning, Mrs Harris completed a Masters in Educational Leadership with first class honours in 2004.

Mrs Harris reflects on her time at HPC: "It is a sobering thought that I became Principal before current students were born. It has been so much more difficult for me to step away from this role than what it was ever to be appointed to it in the first place. I have never ever thought of it as going to work, only going to school and that is a very different thing at least in my head.

"I take with me many priceless and enduring memories: Special and ordinary moments on the sidelines at a sporting event; a stunning or brave performance at a unplugged concert; and seeing the confidence and pride when a student is walking out of our gates for the last time with what they need to do well in their future lives.

Alongside this, there have been times when it is one hard thing followed by another hard thing and yet more hard things which have been brutal and left permanent scars on the heart. Over my time at HPC, there has been so much learning about life and leadership. These come to mind:

- Nothing great or worthwhile is easily won. The value you place on something is what you are prepared to give up for it. You have to be prepared to pay the price.
- It is a battle so don't pack a picnic basket. Maybe life isn't about avoiding the bruises. Maybe it's about collecting the scars to prove you showed up for it.
- Don't go too far in front of your people, they will mistake you for

the enemy. If you don't carry the ball, you can't lead the team.

- We will never get to our destination if we stop for every barking dog. Whatever you do, someone will think you are wrong. Project courage. Hold your nerve.
- The standard we walk past is the standard we accept. We therefore have to sweat the small stuff. Uniforms matter, since kids tend to behave how they are dressed. Manners too are important. They open doors that the best education will not.
- Blowing out someone else's candle doesn't make yours shine brighter.
- Courage does not always roar. Sometimes it is the quiet voice at the end of the day that says I will try again tomorrow. And on those days, simply turning up is a victory.
- Old school is the new cool. In an unpredictable, complex and rapidly changing world, our young people need the security and safety of boundaries. A lack of boundaries encourages a lack of respect. The further away we move from those old school values, the more unstable our society becomes.
- *Each for all.* As long as we stay true to our motto, HPC will continue in it's tradition of excellence.

And this one sits on my desk as a daily reminder of what it's about: Be the kind of woman when your feet hit the floor each morning, the devil says oh heck - she's up. My attitude has always been to do what ever it takes. I know that when it comes my time to give an account of my work here to the Almighty - mistakes and all - that I will be able to say I've done my best work and become my best self at HPC. In the end, that's all that matters.

I have worked hard for our young people, loved this school and have been fiercely committed to it and simply wish HPC well for its future."

Ngaire Harris (PRINCIPAL)



Mrs Harris in her Form 7 class 1972

Board of Trustees Update



It was a privilege to be a part of the senior prizegiving this year. Well done to all the award winners. I was impressed with the huge amount of talent the school has. It is obvious a lot of hard work and dedication has gone into learning from students and teachers. The best of luck to all the school leavers this year in their chosen careers.

We held our final board meeting last night, our third as a new board. Scott Russell and Ian Clark have been working hard on planning and engaging builders to change the layout and refurbish the boys' toilets. We understand the students' frustration in the delays. We are confident they will be completed before the new school year.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Ngaire very much for her many years of service as Principal. Ngaire's work ethic and strong leadership has been a great example for everyone. We hope she enjoys her sabbatical in Term one next year and look forward to how she continues to contribute to education in the future.

Regards,

Carl Van Hellemond (BOARD CHAIR)

Staff Farewells

At the end of this year, we farewell **Mrs Joy Carter** who has been at HPC since 1993 - a 30 year record of outstanding service. Mrs Carter initially volunteered as a teacher aide, but her aptitude for working with young people was rapidly translated to a full time teaching aiding position. Joy moved to a different role in with academic and careers team and in 2014 began a Diploma of Career Guidance and attained this with Distinction while continuing to work full time. Raising four children on her own did not deter Joy from being fully involved in community activities beyond the classroom including swimming, badminton, athletics and hockey. As Academic Dean from 2016, Joy has been responsible for mentoring, monitoring, advising, tracking, and communicating with students, parents and staff around academic and career pathways. Her caring, perceptive, solutions focused and efficient work ethic will be missed at HPC.

At the end of this year, we farewell **Mrs Miriam Courtney** who is currently Head of Humanities. Miriam is a past student attending HPC in 1990 - 1994 growing up in Kerepehi as a real 'farm girl'. She went on to Auckland University completing a B Science, majoring in Geography before completing her teaching Diploma. After teaching at Thames High, Mrs Courtney started at HPC in 2007 and winning the Head of Social Science position in 2015. Some of the highlights of her time at HPC include Tongariro field trips and leading the volunteer service group to Tonga in 2013 when she was Dean. Under Mrs Courtney, a number of new social science subjects have been added including Legal Studies, Classical Studies and Psychology. More recently, significant changes are happening in the Social Sciences under the ministry's Curriculum Refresh and Mrs Courtney has been at the forefront of this. We wish her all the best in her new role at St Peters, Cambridge.

Also leaving is **Miss Sophia Wang** (Mathematics) who has been at HPC for two years and in that time gained full registration. Miss Wang is taking up a position at St Kentigern's Auckland.

We were privileged to have **Mrs Helen Hopp** (nee Robinson) who after returning from overseas filled a gap in the Humanities / English area. Mrs Hopp is heading to Tauranga Girls where she has won a permanent English position.

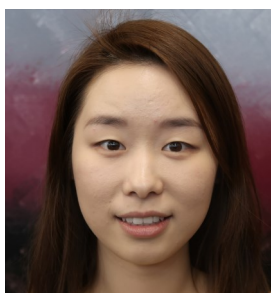
Earlier this term, we also farewelled **Ms Rachel Glass** (Science) who left to return to her career in Pharmacy.



Mrs Joy Carter



Mrs Miriam Courtney



Miss Sophia Wang



Mrs Helen Hopp



Ms Rachel Glass

Leaving a Legacy

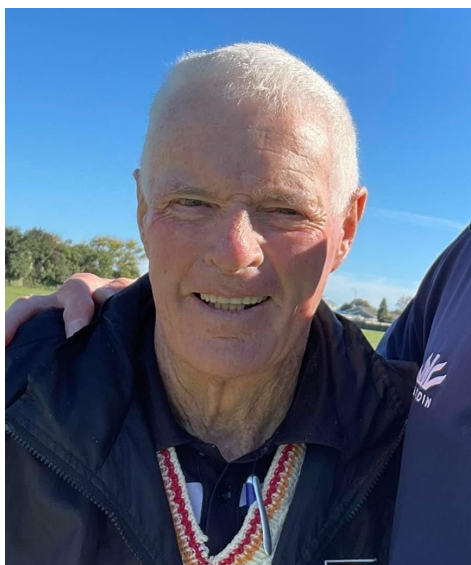
Three community members were honoured at the recent sports prizegiving. The HPC No 1 rugby field is to be called the **'The Norman Pratt Field'** in recognition of Mr Pratt's outstanding contribution to HPC Rugby. This is a new initiative by the Board of Trustees to honour those who have given outstanding service to the school. Mr Pratt coached the First XV during the 80s and 90s and his particular achievement was winning the Thames Valley Secondary Schools Coulter Cup competition no less than 12 years in a row. This we believe is still a NZ provincial record.

Mike Cotter was honoured also with a HPC Community Contribution. Mr Cotter received the award for services to Cricket. Over the past 14 years, Mike has rebuilt HPC Cricket from the ground up, coaching several times a week, sorting out equipment, writing up games for the local paper and advocating for the sport. In 2022, HPC fielded four cricket teams. As one cricketer commented: "Mr Cotter is tough but fair and he knows his stuff!"

Malcolm Cross was also awarded an HPC Community Contribution award for Basketball. Malcolm has been the backbone of HPC Basketball for no less than 17 years. He began coaching basketball in 2004 and since then has coached no less than 28 teams, one season coaching three teams. Malcolm's wife Leigh has also been a huge support for HPC basketball, herself coaching five senior girls teams. Together they organised three trips to USA and Canada, creating lifetime memories for those fortunate enough to be part of them.



Norman Pratt



Mike Cotter



Malcolm Cross

ONYA Awards



Every year Hauraki District Council hold an Awards Evening, where members of the community are acknowledged and celebrated for the incredible achievements and positive difference they have made within their communities through their outstanding dedication and community spirit.

Two HPC students attended. Ania Ballantine received the "Knocking it out of the Park" Award. Jared Sewell received the award for "Community Commitment" and "Outstanding Academic Achievements".

Jared Sewell (left) and Ania Ballantine (right)

Sports Prizegiving 2022

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS	
Heather Underwood	Sports Person Of The Year (Flint Cup)
Hunter Crowe	All Round Excellence (A V O'Brien Trophy)
Boys 1st XI Cricket Team	Team Of The Year (Mahurangi College Cup)
Ania Ballantine	Outstanding Leadership In Sport (James McDuff & Stella Clayton-Greene Trophy)
Ashling Welch	Achievement In Minority Sport (Tina Dickin Cup)
Lara Forsyth	Fairplay (Phillip Halden Memorial)
Sophie Millar	Service Blue
Maggie Morrison (Rowing), Rebecca Adams (Rowing), Lucas Dowty (Rowing), Ethan Claridge (Rowing), Fraser Thompson (Rowing), Rhian Ball (Rowing), Matthew Simpson (Rowing), Mason Hammond (Rugby), Aidan Craggs (Rugby), Trent Bax (Rugby), Nihindu Nimsath Wickramathunga Arachchige (Cricket), Hunter Crowe (Cricket)	Sporting Blues
Riana Brewer (Netball), Cullen Crowe (Cricket), Rylee Sayer (Swimming), Danika Bergersen (BMX), Jayden Woods (Rowing), Ethan Harrison (Rowing), Daniel McLaren (Rowing), Dion Moulder (Rowing), Hunter Hammond (Rugby), Hannah Van Der Struys (Equestrian), Camryn Young (Equestrian), Poppy Reid (Equestrian), Zara Culley (Equestrian), Chloe Aitchison (Equestrian), Evelyn Gisler (Motocross), Teigan Lange (Gymnastics), Luke Curtis (Shooting), Calin Mischewski (Shooting), Fletcher Grant (Shooting), Manaia Taipari (Waka Ama), Te Rongopai Pompey (Waka Ama)	Junior Sports Merits



Heather Underwood
Sports Person of the Year



Hunter Crowe
All Round Excellence



Ania Ballantine
Outstanding Leadership in Sport



Ashling Welch
Achievement in Minority Sport




Team Of The Year - Boys 1st XI Cricket Team



Lara Forsyth
Fairplay Award

Senior Academic Prizegiving 2022

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS		
Reema Arsilan and Jared Sewell	Dux	Lynne Penrhys-Evans Memorial Prize & Leonard Cup
Alesha-Ann De Penning	Proxime Accessit	Hauraki Plains Jaycee Cup & Ngatea District High School Award
Molly Maitland and Sean Ea	All-Round Excellence: Academic, Sporting, Cultural	Stuart Hamilton Memorial Prize
Sam Wright	Top Vocational Pathway Student	Vocational Excellence Award
Hunter Crowe	Contribution To Corporate Life Of The College	Tennent Prize
Brooke McTaggart	Head Girl	
Aidan Craggs	Head Boy	
Niamh Hill and Molly Maitland	Deputy Head Girls	
Sean Ea and Hunter Crowe	Deputy Head Boys	
Lara Forsyth	Supreme Effort	Delia Cullen Memorial Cup
Kezia Harrison and Fraser Thompson	Kaitiakitanga Award	Kaitiakitanga Trophy
Amber-Leigh Williamson and Nathan Everett	Manaakitanga Award	Manaakitanga Trophy
Courtney Perrett and Hunter Crowe	Rangatiratanga Award	Rangatiratanga Trophy
Ania Ballantine	All-Round Excellence - Maori Student	Vee Port Trophy
Juanne Finau	Contribution To Multi-Culturalism In The School	Norman Pratt Award Book Voucher
Shania Van Vliet	Most Outstanding Student Work	Scoggins Handcock Trophy
Anthony Barker and Isabella McAuley	Haurakian Scholarship For Good Citizenship	
Anna Tukuitoga, Alesha-Ann De Penning, Alyson Hood	Service Blue	
Jared Sewell, Alesha-Ann De Penning, Reema Arsilan, Ania Ballantine, Kayley Gibberd, Rose Macready	Academic Blues Year 13	
Charlie O'Neill, Lovese Gunn, Lydia Hart, Amalea Mikhailiadis-White, Isabella Martin	Academic Blues Year 12	
Matthew Tegg, Jaymee Davies, Caleb Read, Marleana Henry, Emily Logan	Academic Blues Year 11	



Reema Arsilan
DUX (Joint)



Jared Sewell
DUX (Joint)



Alesha-Ann De Penning
Proxime Accessit

Senior Academic Prizegiving 2022



Molly Maitland and Sean Ea
All-Round Excellence: Academic,
Sporting, Cultural



Sam Wright
Top Vocational Pathway
Student



Lara Forsyth
Supreme Effort



Ania Ballantine
All-Round Excellence -
Maori Student



Senior Leaders L-R: Molly Maitland (Deputy Head Girl), Niamh Hill (Deputy Head Girl),
Brooke McTaggart (Head Girl), Ngairi Harris (Principal), Aidan Craggs (Head Boy),
Sean Ea (Deputy Head Boy), Hunter Crowe (Deputy Head Boy)



Courtney Perrett and Hunter Crowe
Rangatiratanga Award



Fraser Thompson and Kezia Harrison
Kaitiakitanga Award



Amber-Leigh Williamson
Manaakitanga Award



Nathan Everett
Manaakitanga Award



Shania Van Vliet
Most Outstanding
Student Work

The story behind the Lynne Penrhys-Evans Memorial Award for School DUX

Lynne Penrhys-Evans attended HPC from 1968 to 1972 and was Head Girl in her final year. Lynne attended Waikato University to complete a Bachelor of Social Sciences. She died tragically from a heart condition on her wedding day, as she returned from the hair dressers.

Lynne's mother Ethel Penrhys-Evans served on the Board of Governors and husband Julian was a great supporter of the college attending every event, big and small, for children Lynne, Sandra and Russell and then grandchildren Kylie, Brooke and Rachel who also attended HPC, Rachel being Head Girl in 2008.

A memorial fund for Lynne was established by the family to be awarded to the Dux each year and in later years, Ethel Evans also replanted the bus bay garden in honour of daughter Lynne. (Refer photo front cover; Lynne is in the middle back of the 1972 Form 7 photo on page 2).



Junior Certificate Prizegiving 2022

Junior DUX
Lucia Suess



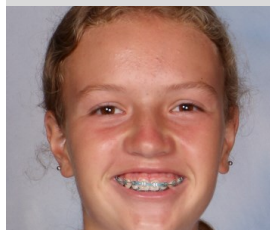
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& Manaakitanga Award
Malia Mason



Junior Proxime Accessit &
Rangiratanga Award
Greer MacDuff



All Round Excellence
Georgia Green



All Round Excellence
Hamish Paterson



Good Citizenship
Iharaia Taipari



Good Citizenship
Amber Perry



Effort & Attitude to
Academic Work
Camryn Young



Effort & Attitude to
Academic Work
Marty Shaw



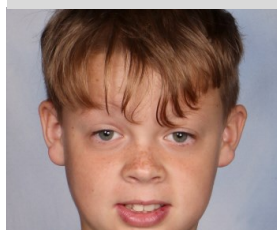
Kaitiakitanga Award
Isabel Pearson



Kaitiakitanga Award
Charlie Tawhiti



Manaakitanga Award
Lucas Liversedge



Rangiratanga Award
Anaru Ormsby



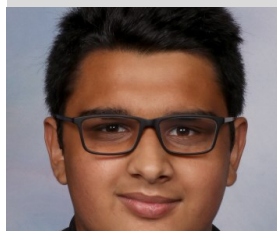
We apologise for an incorrect reading of prizes at the Year 9 Prizegiving. Well done to the following students who worked hard and **achieved** the Junior Certificate of Learning:
Jacob Clarke, Joana Cole, Riley Duncan, Marlow Frost, Everett Hicks, Cherish Moke-Nicholls and Silva Towerstaylor.

Junior Diploma Prizegiving 2022

Junior DUX
Jackson Smith



Junior Proxime Accessit
Jaskeerat Randhawa



Junior Proxime Accessit
Ellie Martin



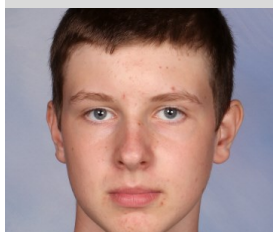
All Round Excellence
Kaia van Doorn



All Round Excellence
Ethan Harrison



Good Citizenship
Jared Everett



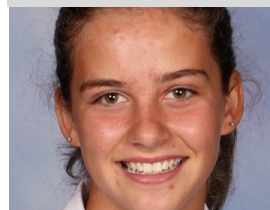
Good Citizenship
Ellie Martin



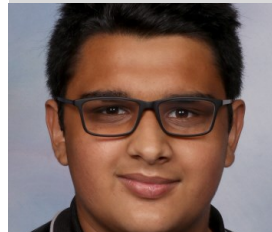
Effort & Attitude to
Academic Work
Benjamin Beard



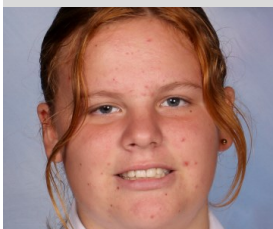
Effort & Attitude to
Academic Work
Georgia McTaggart



Kaitiakitanga Award
Jaskeerat Randhawa



Kaitiakitanga Award
Ella Wallace



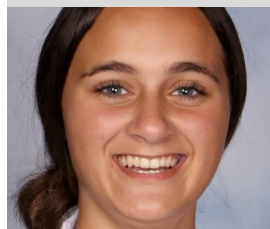
Manaakitanga Award
Nathan Turlington



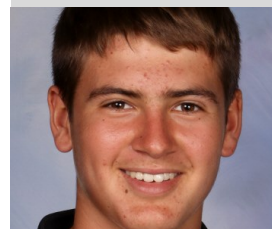
Manaakitanga Award
Orlyah-Jade Watene



Rangiratanga Award
Waimania Watson



Rangiratanga Award
Cayden De Graaf



Year 9 Camp @ Camp Adair

For our Year 9 camp this year we were based at the YMCA Camp Adair grounds. It was a really awesome experience, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. While I enjoyed all of the activities, the high beam had to be my favourite. Our instructor was a fun, bubbly person and our River group had challenges on who could climb up the beam the quickest. The mud slide was also an exciting activity as it was super fun to watch and participate in. I wish we had a longer time period at the camp, but I understand that it would have been difficult to fit everything in. The only thing I didn't enjoy so much was the long wait at the beginning, while waiting for the other campers to leave, but overall it was awesome. All the instructors were great and certainly helped to create an enjoyable environment. Big thanks to all teachers and everyone who made it possible.

Lucia Suess (student)



Year 10 Camp @ Opoutere

Last week the Year 10's were given the opportunity to go to Opoutere and stay a few nights at a campsite together. There were a variety of activities such as mountain biking, rafting, sailing and waka ama. Every single one was a blast to take part in, my personal favourites being sailing and waka ama. Some activities students held and others organised by teachers, such as hut building in the woods, to full on games of touch rugby. This camp was a blast to take part in and would recommend to anyone who is coming to HPC next year as a year 10 to take part in it as well.

Isaac Smith (student)



Senior Graduation 2022

Throughout 2022 we had the pleasure of being the HPC Social Leaders. This role was challenging but also very rewarding knowing that we get to help others. From organising the school Shave for a Cure to the Blood Drive, we haven't been short of a challenge.

The last event left to organise was our Year 13 Graduation dinner. This took place on the 11th of December where the students were invited with their family to attend a meal here at school for a final farewell. We chose 'rustic' as our theme for the evening.

We are both very grateful for this opportunity and for all the support we received throughout the year from not only our peers but also senior management and our Dean Mrs Paton; without the help, there is no way we would have been able to do it all.

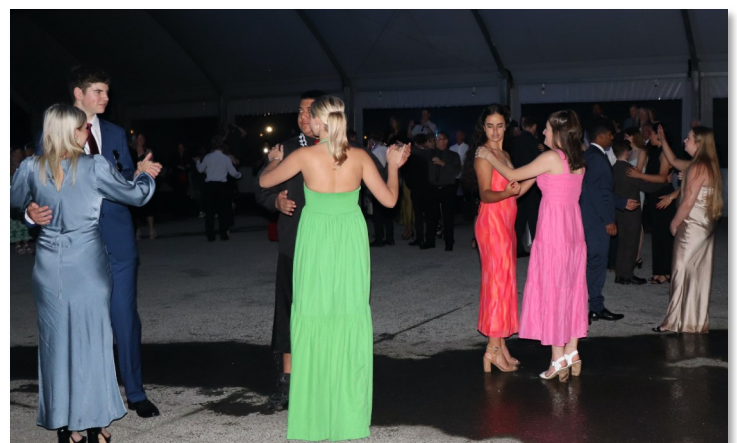
(Alyson Hood and Courtney Perrett)



Happy
GRADUATION



Senior Graduation 2022



Cricket Success

After a successful summer season earlier this year, **Hunter Crowe** has made his debut for the Waikato Valley Senior representative team against Northland at Seddon Park (Hamilton). At 17 years of age, Hunter is the youngest to play for the senior Waikato Valley side and the first HPC student. Hunter is also co-captain of the Waikato - Valley Under 19 team and has been invited to play for the Auckland University Under 21 team on a two week tour to India playing several matches in April next year.

Other HPC players to represent at regional level include **Cullen Crowe, Andy Rogers** and **Daniel Sproul** who played in the Waikato Valley Under 17 Rep team in the Northern Districts Tournament in Whangarei last week. Cullen was the team's leading run scorer for the week.

Cooper Green is also included as a member of the Northern Districts team to play in Gisborne in December. The team is made up of two players from each of the contributing associations where Cooper will represent Waikato Valley.



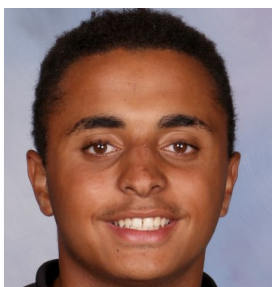
Hunter Crowe



Cullen Crowe



Andy Rogers



Daniel Sproul



Cooper Green



School Water Polo

Congratulations to **Cayden de Graaf** who won a bronze medal at the North Island Secondary Schools competition. Cayden is a member of the Botany Downs - Macleans College composition team. Cayden is a key player in the team, scoring 13 points from 6 games during the event.

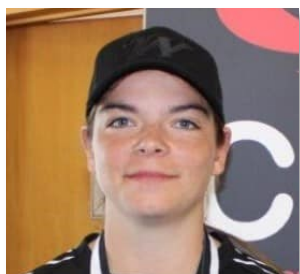
Cayden is also currently playing in the 14 years and under division representing Mountfort in the Auckland league where his team have made it through to the finals mid December. Cayden will then go on to represent Mountfort in the NZ nationals in Division 2 for 14 years and under league, held in Christchurch from the 14th - 18th December. (Cayden is in the number 3 cap with the ball in hand.)

Ayisha On Target

HPC shooter **Ayisha Hull** has qualified for the 2023 World Open Women's DTL team as well as the 2023 World Junior DTL team. The teams will be competing in Cape Town, South Africa next year in March at the 2023 World DTL Clay Target Shooting Championship representing New Zealand.

New Zealand sends 5 teams to the world championship and only 5 individuals can qualify for each team.

Ayisha is also just one of fourteen who have been selected into the Hyundai Pinnacle Program. Ayisha was selected for a number of reasons: her sporting achievements at national level ; her academic results as she achieved NCEA Level 3 with Excellence and for her potential as a young leader, particularly her passion toward the environment. The Pinnacle Programme has been developed to identify talented young New Zealanders, help them advance their careers, and equip them to take their place in the world. Congratulations Ayisha.



Congratulations to **Ashling Welch (Clay Target Shooting)** (Left) and **Heather Underwood (Equestrian)** (Right) who joined the Wall of Sporting Fame through representing NZ over the past year.

Ashling was selected for the NZ Ladies Oceania team and the NZ Junior Team competing in Melbourne early this year placing second in the Junior competition. Heather was selected to represent NZ in the Mounted Games at the Under 18 Worlds Team Championship in France and in the pairs championship in Ireland.

Rugby Players off to Thailand

After being denied the opportunity to represent Thames Valley Rugby, HPC First XV players **Aidan Craggs** and **Jason Collins** are off to the World School Festival of Rugby, Thailand, as members of the Odyssey 15 - a world invitational team. Aidan and Jason will compete against teams from South Africa, the United Kingdom, Fiji and New Zealand.

Aidan also captained the Counties Under 19 Maori team which included fellow HPC First XV team members, **Mason Hammond** and **Trent Bax**. The Counties team won the northern regional competition while Mason's brother, **Hunter Hammond**, played in the Under 15 Counties Maori team.



Jason Collins



Left to right: Trent Bax, Aidan Craggs and Mason Hammond



Hunter Hammond

Hauraki Festival

"Kia kōtahi ai a Hauraki" (Bringing Hauraki Together)

Was the theme for the 2022 Hauraki Festival which was held in Te Aroha at the Te Aroha Events Centre. He mihi hohonu ki te hau kāinga te marae o Paeahi. Whakanuia ki a koutou.

Ko Tohora te waka Ko Tikapa te moana Ko Te Aroha ki uta, ko Moehau ki tai Ko Pukemokemoke kei waenganui Ko Waihou te awa Ko Waitoki te whenua Ko Paeahi te marae Ko Ngati Paeahi te hapu Ko Hirawani te Tangata

The kaupapa was to bring back the mauri (lifeforce) to our whenua, our marae, our kura and the people of Hauraki. After the disruptions and the challenges brought along by Covid and the stress placed on whānau and communities this was a breath of fresh air (Te Hā).

Also our own kaupapa was to carry our taonga Coral-Lee with us on stage and to dedicate our performance to her. Takoto mai e te kotiro kua wheturangitia i te korowai o Ranginui. Arohanui ki a koe i nga wā katoa.

It was awesome to see the tamariki from our Kura Tuatahi (Primary) Kōhanga, Kura Tuarua and Marae. The performances were outstanding and the wairua (spirit) of the occasion was powerful. It was a privilege to be a part of it. I would like to say a big mihi to Josh Gill, Waikakara who were the original members of Te Wao Kāhika. It was neat to have them present to guide our kids that day.

I could not have been prouder of our kids who were amazing. A bit of nerves but we got over it after seeing everyone there. Nga mihi to Daniel, Stazia Juanne, Ethan, Aidan, Waimania, Anaru, Precious, Harmony, Eleanor, TeWai, Charlotte, Ariaah, Toki, Allison, Naketa, Arohaina, Lincoln, Ebony, Ryan, Ethan, Hennesse and Whaea Q.

Also to Whaea Carrie and Matua Frank who provided us the stories to



be sung. The words encourage us to be strong and proud to represent everyone. Would also like to thank Karma Watson and Matua Frank for getting us safely there and back.

To our parents for allowing me to teach your kids and being able to appreciate their mana. It is them that give me the strength to do what I am supposed to do. It is our kids that empower my role as a kaiako to ensure that I respect and always acknowledge their presence.

For they are the leaders of tomorrow and the future to keep our culture strong. It has been a tiring year but a rewarding one. Me tiaki i te wā o te hararei. Me tiaki to koutou whānau. Hikitia te wairua o te katoa. Let's do it all again next year.

Mauriora!! Matua Normie

Whaea Q who assisted Matua Normie commented: "I enjoyed working with the kids and watching them on stage, crying as they felt the wairua of the occasion. We started as a group and are now a whanau."

Step It Up!

For the last few weeks of the term, we have enjoyed a *Step It Up* programme designed to give them experiences they would not normally have the opportunity for and to ensure that we keep students engaged until the end of the year.



On the Trail NZ

Over the summer, HPC students Jared Sewell (left) and Jack Dibble (right) are heading to Cape Reinga to start walking the 3000km Te Araroa Trail. This is NZ's longest trail, spanning the length of the country and finishing in Bluff. The adventure will take Jared and Jack around four to five months in total. As well as some magnificent hiking sections such as the Richmond Ranges and the Waiau Pass, there are also some kayaking sections, with the well known Whanganui River being one of them. If you would like to follow their journey, subscribe to "On the Trail NZ" on YouTube. Good luck on your adventure!



Taonga Gifts

Students in Year 10 Wood Technology were given a brief to design and make a taonga that could be presented as a gift to visitors at HPC. It was to show cultural significance and elements of our Hauraki environment.

Benjamin Beard designed and made the stingray. Nathan Turlington designed and made the bird.



Ex-HPC student, Dante O'Neil left school to follow a trades based career at Marine Power Systems in Kopu, which specialises in providing sales and engineering support for large diesel engines and propulsion systems found on luxury boats, commercial vessels and military craft.

Dante starting work there just over a year ago, employed as a Marine Engineering Technician and is enrolled on a 4-year apprenticeship with MAST academy, the national marine training scheme for New Zealand. The work includes a range of activities such as new engine installations, general servicing, full engine overhauls/rebuilds, diagnostics and new vessel fit-outs.

"With the development of the Kopu waterfront area as a marine servicing hub, there will be opportunities for many more local young people to gain employment in the marine industry," commented Rob Baldwin, Sales and Service Manager from Marine Power Systems. "Dante has displayed an excellent work ethic and ability to learn new skills as he progresses towards completion of his apprenticeship."



Start of Year Information 2023

Start Dates 2023: Tues 31 January - Yr 9 and 13 only • Weds 1 February - Whole school starts

Course Confirmation (Yr12 & 13): Weds 25 January - Year 12s (9am - 12pm) and Year 13s (1pm - 4pm)



Uniform

The Hauraki Plains College uniform is available to purchase from **Argyle Schoolwear** online. Go to www.argyleonline.co.nz and select Hauraki Plains College under Shop ArgyleOnline.

Orders can be made at any time and there is customer service available via phone 0800 110 059 or the online Answer Bot (click the help button on the bottom right of the page). Argyle's live chat team are also available Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm.

To find the correct size, measure your child following the online [size guide](#). Compare the measurements with the corresponding size chart online. Check out the [FAQ page](#) to find out about ordering online, payment options, sizing, delivery and returns.



Hapu shirts, PE/sport shorts and two options of summer footwear will be available through **NZ Uniforms** www.nzuniforms.com. The shoes available are high quality black roman sandals or McKinlays safari sandals.



Stationery

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy. And if you order in December, you'll go in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 \$1000 cash prizes. Your child's class list is already loaded. Just go to myschool.co.nz. Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm — and OfficeMax will get your delivery underway with free delivery on orders over \$60.

Available payment options for uniform and stationery:

Direct debit, account to account, credit card, 6 week payment plan (Laybuy) and WINZ payment over the phone.

Subject & Camp Contributions

Automatic Payments will still be available at the college for subject and camp contributions, these need to be arranged with the office and a 10% deposit will be required. Those parents who already have automatic payments set up will still need to re-arrange these for 2023.

School Transport Queries: If you have any queries about our school transport, the contacts are below:

Hauraki Area: Go Bus 07 846 1975 (ask for Coromandel area)

Mangatangi Area: Tav's Coachlines Ltd - Brian Taverner 021 277 7177

Paeroa Area: Dee's Private Hire 07 862 6985

Thames / Tairua Area: Tairua Bus Company - Steve 027 211 0983

Hunua Area: Vicky Bean (the_beans@xtra.co.nz)

Pukekohe Area: Ana Maxwell 029 817 4134 (ana.maxwell@me.com)

Pukekohe Area: Scott Dales 021 216 2371 (tynzpt@gmail.com)

HPC Bus Co-ordinator: Michelle Isbister (michellei@haurakiplains.school.nz)

Edwin Gray Townshend (1925 - 2022)



Edwin Gray Townshend

The recent passing of Mr Gray Townshend signalled the end of an era for the Townshend family.

Gray Townshend was born in 1929 to Charlie and Margaret Townshend who farmed at Netherton. He attended Netherton Primary and won a scholarship to attend Kings College in Auckland. This was only one of two scholarships offered from an area extending to the Far North and the Waikato. As a student, Gray was quite an academic, studying 7 subjects for School Certificate including French, Latin, Hebrew, Greek, Maths, Science and English. He passed two of these with 100%!

After schooling, Gray returned to the home farm on Pukahu Road. At the age of 21 he bought an engagement ring and 48 acres in the same week, marrying Marie Thomas in 1952, with whom he spent 65 years of marriage together before Marie's passing. The couple had three children: Ross, Mark and Gary.

Over his 93 years, Gray spent approximately 30 years on the farm at Netherton, 30 years in the homestead on Bush Road and then the final 30 years in Ngatea township. Gray was big on three things: family, his work and community.

The list of community organisations that Gray was part of is both expansive and impressive reflecting a range of interests: farming, faith, politics, education and service interests. His great community love was the Lions Club, of which he was part of for more than 50 years, earning him an International service badge and life membership. Gray was also a committed member of a number of Masonic lodges

including the Hauraki Plains Masonic Lodge from 1959 to 2017. He was a member of the National Party for 70 years and other organisations he served on include: Young Farmers Club; Federated Farmers; the local Drainage Board, Hauraki A & P Association; the Hauraki Plains Union Parish board; Senior Net, the Netherton Hall committee, Ngatea Scouts; the Plains Historical society, Positively Promoting the Plains and Probus.

Gray's keen interest in education saw him serve on the Ngatea School committee and the Hauraki Plains College Association. Gray and Marie were early and generous contributors to the Haurakian Charitable Trust and while his family would say he was not into sports, he nevertheless served in various clubs including tennis, swimming, rowing and hockey.

During Gray's 40 year career as a Valuer, he covered a broad range of property types from industrial to commercial to residential. The Fellowship of New Zealand Institute of Valuers noted that "Gray served the community he lived in with distinction and the valuation professional an enviable reputation."

Son Mark recalls Gray's mother telling them that Gray, as a child, never complained. To his last day, whenever he was asked, 'How are you?', he would respond with either "I have no reason to complain" or "Upright and solvent.!

Gray Townshend was a man who thought globally, represented nationally and acted locally and through his outstanding community contributions, his legacy will continue to impact on the local community for many years to come. He is survived by his three sons, nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren who will ensure his memory and legacy lives on.

Thanks to Alex Quinn, John Cullen and the Townshend family for information for this article.

Legacy from the Early Days



Samuel Harris

The capped gentleman on the left is Mr Samuel Harris.

He arrived in Ngatea around the mid 1920s being originally from Devonshire, England. Although in his 80s, Samuel Harris was caretaker of both the Ngatea School and the Public Hall. As such, he is possibly the school's earliest caretaker. He died at 92 years of age in October 1938. His obituary in the Thames Star noted, "Mr Harris is survived by his wife and two daughters. There are five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. The funeral which took place this morning, was largely attended."

In fact the legacy of Sam Harris, Caretaker, is significant. The following

are the names of his descendants who attended Ngatea District High School or Hauraki Plains College by family and generation groups:

- David and Diane Heberley (Great-Great Grandchildren)
- Maree, Sharyn, Andrew Heberley and Michael Stephens (Great-Great-Great Grandchildren)
- Nigel, Joy and Jennie Douglas (Great-Great-Great Grandchildren)
- Nathan, Zachary and Brooke Douglas (Great-Great-Great-Great Grandchildren)
- Hannah and Emma Thorburn (Great-Great-Great-Great Grandchildren)
- Wayne and Shari Thorburn (Great-Great-Great Grandchildren)
- Casey, Keegan and Courtney Walsh (Great-Great-Great-Great Grandchildren)
- Geoffrey, John, Ryan and Logan Stephens (Great-Great-Great-Great Grandchildren)

Many thanks to Doreen Douglas (Great-great-great granddaughter for dropping off the photo and providing this information.



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