

Kia ora koutou  
Dear Parents / Whānau

## Prize Givings

Wonderful to have so many parents and whānau at this week's Year 9 Prizegiving, especially after the previous year's disruption. Congratulations to the many students who earned their Junior Certificate many with a Merit or Excellence endorsement. Well done and well deserved.

We apologise for an incorrect reading of prizes at the Year 9 Certificate. 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.

Major results from all this term's prize givings will be included in our last Community Newsletter coming out early next week.

## Junior Camps

We were quite fortunate with the weather and that both the Year 9 and 10 camps went ahead, even despite the upsurge in COVID.

Our plan this year was to make the schooling experience as normal and least disruptive as possible; keeping the school open despite teaching shortages, the prize givings and camps were all part of that plan.

Many thanks to staff in particular who contributed to what is a major undertaking in planning for these camps. We hope students have a great memory to take with them from this year.

## Year 12 and 13 Course Confirmation

A reminder that all Year 12 and 13 students must confirm their courses next year. The date set aside for this is Wednesday 25 January. Year 12s from 9am - 12pm and Year 13s from 1pm - 4pm. If you are unable to attend in person, please make sure that you email or phone into the school.

As some courses have restricted numbers, students who do not confirm subjects may miss out.

## Information for Next Year

**Stationery:** [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz)  
(available to order from 12 Dec)

**Uniform:** [www.argyleonline.co.nz](http://www.argyleonline.co.nz)  
PE gear: [www.nzuniforms.com](http://www.nzuniforms.com)

A reminder that Year 11 students can wear the senior uniform from next year - for next year only this is optional; students can stay in the current junior uniform. Year 13 students are also welcome to purchase the new checked shirt. 2024 all students must be in the new uniform.

Please don't leave purchasing new uniform items until a week before school starts. Delivery times and stock may be an issue at that time. Get your uniform orders in early, if you can.

Piercings are always an issue at the start of the year. If your

children are going to get new or extra piercings, please get it done soon. Don't leave it until the day before school starts. Please refer to the uniform expectations around piercings in the General Information Guide.

For parents and students new to our school, we only allow one piercing (gold or silver stud) per ear. No other facial piercing e.g. nose or eyebrow are allowed.

## Buses:

- Hauraki Area: Go Bus 07 846 1975 (ask for Coromandel area)
- Mangatangi Area: Tav's Coachlines Ltd - Brian Taverner 09 235 1007 or 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](mailto:the_beans@xtra.co.nz)
- Pukekohe Area: Ana Maxwell 029 817 4134 [ana.maxwell@me.com](mailto:ana.maxwell@me.com)
- Pukekohe Area: Scott Dales 021 216 2371 [tynzpt@gmail.com](mailto:tynzpt@gmail.com)
- All other enquiries: Michelle Isbister (HPC Bus Controller) [michellei@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:michellei@haurakiplains.school.nz)

## 2023 Start Dates

Tuesday 31 January - Year 9 and 13 only (Powhiri at 9am)  
Wednesday 1 February - Whole school starts

## Road Closure

We have been advised by Civil Works Ltd that Mahuta Road North (300m either side of the bridge) will be closed to all through traffic from Monday 9 January 2023 at 8am and will reopen on or before 5pm Friday 31 March 2023.

## Road Works

State Highway 2 (SH2) between 9pm and 5am:

- Dimmock Road to Heaven Road on Sunday 11 December with Tuesday 13 December as contingency
- Kopuku Road to Coalfields Road on Monday 12 December
- Okaeria Road and Steen Road Monday 12 December
- Kopuku Road Intersection on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December

Stop/go traffic management will be in place, please reduce your speed and be prepared to stop. There should be no increased noise levels from this work.

## Finally

As said on several occasions, I leave with a sense of having done my best work for our students, have loved this school and been fiercely committed to it. All that remains is to wish HPC all the best under a new Principal. May *Each for All* continue to be our guiding star.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Signing out.

Ngairé Harris (PRINCIPAL)