

Kia ora e te Whānau,

Wow, what a crazy third week of Term one. Our third shortened consecutive week. I hope you are starting to get back to normality, there has been widespread damage to homes, roads and farms. It has been incredibly sad learning about the devastation across the country. I can't imagine what it's like for those rescued off roofs in the Hawkes Bay facing weeks without power, and the amazing volunteers and emergency workers who make the ultimate sacrifice to serve others. I applaud the effort of Year 13 Danny Sayer who is starting a student volunteer army to support those in the community needing help with the cleanup. I also want to acknowledge our whānau on the east coast; it must have been particularly scary losing power and all forms of communication for 48 hours. I really hope the slips are cleared and students will be able to travel on the bus from Tairua and Pauanui next week (fingers crossed). I know that Jenny Tawa is looking forward to seeing you today in the Tairua satellite classroom.

If school can be of support to you, please contact us. It has been heartwarming seeing the community band together to support each other

Year 9 Meet and Greet Parent Evening 7pm Tuesday 21 February

We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening. This will be an opportunity to meet your students Year 9 River Guide.

Student Leaders in Action

Well done to our Service Leaders for organising a fantastic delayed Valentines Day celebration. There were songs, flowers, cards and treats - a great day!

Student led Assembly

Today our Year 13s led us through an awesome assembly. There were sports and academic awards presented by council leaders. Jaymee Davies shared an inspiring kōrero from her experience at the International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Lastly students were entertained with teenage photos of teachers, the winners being Year 11s.

NCEA Evening

Thank you to the 30 students and whānau who were able to attend our NCEA evening on Thursday 16 February. We were able to share how NCEA works, and update you on the changes coming. Here is a [link](#) to our presentation, the 5 minute video is on slide 3. It was great having our academic students running part of the evening and giving their perspectives on NCEA and top tips!

Changes to NCEA - especially Literacy and Numeracy

As mentioned in the bulletin last week, there are [major changes](#) coming for NCEA:

- From 2024 students will need to pass a reading, writing and maths exam (marked by someone outside of school) in order to gain their literacy and numeracy credits for NCEA. Here are the assessments from June 2022 that schools involved in the pilots used:
 - [Reading](#)
 - [Writing](#)
 - [Numeracy](#)
- Hauraki Plains College will be taking part in the voluntary pilots for 2023, to help us prepare for them being mandated in 2024
- In 2021, the national average pass rate for the pilot was 34.5% in writing, 66.9% in reading and 65.3% in numeracy
- There is also a completely [new curriculum coming](#) in 2026. The current curriculum has existed since 2007.

The majority of our professional learning with teachers this year will be on upskilling in literacy and numeracy teaching across the curriculum. This is not just the job of the Math and English teachers - it is everyone's business.

Buses

The 3 bus routes still impacted by slips continue to be:

- Ōrere Point MOE bus - pick up at Waharau Park
- Findlay Road MOE bus - bus cannot travel down Findlay Rd, pick up for Findlay students is corner of Findlay and Monument Rd
- Tairua/Pauanui private bus - taking the longer route through Waihi

Out of Zone Information Evening info

We are holding two Out of Zone Information Evenings on the 2 March and 9 August. If you would like to attend, please email maria@haurakiplains.school.nz

2024 ballot closes: Midday 23 August 2023

2024 ballot drawn / caregivers notified: 30 August 2023

Representatives from the Haurakian Trust will also be attending this event to meet you.

PPTA Industrial Action

A reminder that the PPTA, teachers union, will be striking on [Thursday 16 March](#). Classes will not be running on this day. If your child requires supervision, they will be supervised by non-union teachers. Another part of the industrial action involves union members not covering for absent teachers during their non-contact periods.

Google Classroom - final reminder

Last week, parents / caregivers of Year 9 students and other new students received an email inviting them to subscribe to summaries of activity from their child's Google Classroom subject sites. The summaries are emailed out either daily or weekly, depending on individual preference, and provide a snapshot of the learning focus for each week and upcoming assignments. Please check your email junk / spam folder if you did not receive this invite and contact Mr Jonathan O'Neill (jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz) if you have any issues or queries.

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Demerit Points - final reminder

The Sports Executive would like to inform and remind parents that we will continue to use the demerit points system when it comes to representing our school in sports and activity teams. It is important to us that students are doing the right things within their classes and our school, to then be representing school in their chosen codes. The process will come into effect from the start of Week 3 (Monday 13 February).

Please take note of the following:

- Once a student reaches 5 demerit points, the Sports Executive will send a warning letter home
- On reaching 10 demerit points, a single event stand down letter will be sent home
- Every 10 demerits from here on will constitute another single event stand down

Coaches/Managers/Organisers/TICs will be notified by the Sports Executive in order to put processes in place to accommodate the stand down. Once a stand down has been completed 10 demerit points will be removed from the student's total, which means students can work back to zero. Merit points gained will also be used towards reducing the demerit points total. Should you have any questions please contact sport@haurakiplains.school.nz

Careers - Up and coming Liaison Visits

Fri 17 Feb - Your Education High School Exchanges

Mon 13 March - Waikato University

Mon 20 March - Canterbury University

Tues 21 March - Massey University

Mon 3 April - Victoria University

School Events - Upcoming Dates

Mon 20 Feb	HPC Swimming Champs
Tue 21 Feb	Y9 Meet and Greet Parent Evening 7pm Hall
Wed 22 Feb	Waikato SS Show Jumping
Wed 22 Feb	HPC Tennis Champs - Singles
Wed 22 Feb	Board meeting 4.30pm
Thurs 23 Feb	HPC Tennis Champs - Doubles
Fri 24 Feb	HPC Athletics - 3000m, 8.40am
Fri 24 Feb	Waikato Schools MX Challenge, Patetonga
Tues 28 Feb	HPC Athletics Champs
Thurs 2 Mar	TVSS Touch Tournament, Ngatea Domain
Thurs 2 Mar	Out of Zone Information Evening 7pm

HAURAKI KĀHUI AKO HAWKE'S BAY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Through effective relationships we will empower students, empower teachers, and empower leaders



Every great school has another great school down the road

The Hauraki Kāhui Ako is a collaborative group of educational providers in the Hauraki region that strives to enhance learning outcomes for all students. Currently, we are seeking support from individual school and kura communities who are willing to contribute to a specific community in the Hawke's Bay region that has been severely impacted by recent floods.

Last year, some teachers from our kāhui ako visited Henry Hill School to witness firsthand their implementation of a broad range of trauma-informed practices and initiatives. The school's principal, Jase Williams, generously shared his knowledge and resources, which have played a pivotal role in developing trauma-informed practices across our kāhui ako. Jase will also be a keynote speaker at our upcoming Trauma-Informed Practice Conference, which is scheduled to be held next term.

Another reason for our focus on supporting this particular community is that the school and a large portion of the surrounding community had experienced flooding about four years ago. Given that a large water stream flows through the community and behind the school, the recent damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle has been significantly greater.

We strongly encourage school and kura communities to join us in supporting this community in the Hawke's Bay region. Together, we can make a meaningful impact and help those who have been severely impacted by recent natural disasters.

What is needed?

- Canned and preserved food (e.g. Spaghetti, chips, jams & spreads (non frozen))
- Pet food
- Stationery/colouring in books, etc - more for children to use at home
- Clean, washed blankets
- Schools will donate spare Weetbix boxes from Breakfast Clubs

When? Monday, 20 February to Friday, 24 February 2023

Where/How: Please send your donations to HPC front office. These goods will be sent on Monday, 27 February 2023 to Henry Hill School.

Ngā mihi
Sharon Moller
Principal