

Kia ora e te whānau

Today marks the end of week four - our first full week at school. A number of students competed in swimming sports on Monday, and this morning we had a group of hearty runners racing their 3000m athletic event in the rain.



As we settle down into our mahi, please reach out to River Guides and subject teachers if you have any questions about your students' learning. The first progress reports are being handed out to students on the 15th of March and will also be available on the Parent Portal.

Year 9 Meet and Greet Parent Evening

Thank you to the 80 families that attended our Year 9 Meet and Greet evening. It was neat to see students arriving early and proudly showing their families around the grounds.

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 marya@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.

Boys Toilets

Unfortunately, the repairs on the main boys toilets will not be complete until the start of Term two. We have had challenges in securing contractors, however the concrete is currently laid so work is happening. It has been brought to my attention that a number of boys are not using the portaloos for various reasons. From today both visitor toilets will be open to boys to use. We will have a staff member supervising these at break, and are asking boys to write their names on a register. This will help us keep an eye on usage, and to ensure that there is not further damage done to the bathrooms.

Ōrere Point Bus Parents

Here is the updated information to apply for the conveyance allowance, which is a monetary reimbursement. It will take roughly 20 mins to complete :

Option 1 - do it yourself: <https://takueducationnz.my.site.com/SESTA/s/conveyance-allowance>

Option 2 - ask us to do it on your behalf, please email Michellei@haurakiplains.school.nz

For option 1 and 2 you will need a bank statement that displays the bank logo, bank name, account name and account number to upload to the application. Please email this through to us if you are wanting option 2. Also, please continue emailing Reade Nikora at the MOE with questions and concerns - Reade.Nikora@education.govt.nz. We have heard there are contractors currently working on the slip, but don't have any further updates from the Ministry.

Message from The Dental Group

The Ministry of Health and DHB have an obligation to ensure all students under the age of 18 have access to **FREE** dental care. Our team of clinical experts take pride as we play our part, providing oral health services, helping to empower and improve the smiles and wellbeing of the adolescents of HPC.

What is your child entitled to?

All students up until their 18th birthday (*who are eligible and meet the criteria*) can access **FREE** basic dental care. The dental care is provided on-site at HPC from **13 - 24 March** so your child's experience is as seamless and convenient as possible.

These services include:

- Examinations
- Radiographs (if required)
- Preventative treatment such as fluoride application and fissure sealants
- Scale and Polish
- Restorative treatment (white fillings)
- Increased awareness of good oral health practices including a **FREE** Oral Health Kit

How Do I Enrol my child? Enrolling or declining the service is simple! Simply click the link [here](#)

Already enrolled your child in our service? Great! We look forward to providing quality dental care to your child.

Message from Waka Kotahi

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency advises that maintenance work in our area will soon take place: State Highway 2 (SH2) from Monument Road to Dimmock Road from Sunday 26 to Tuesday 28 February between 9pm and 5am.

Celebrating Success

'Blind date with a Book' - this is an exciting initiative happening in the Hub. Students have been rushing to read books and have been returning with awesome book reviews! Thanks to Ms Mathiesen for coming up with this awesome opportunity.



Valley Education and Training: We have a great relationship with VETEL, and have successfully transitioned students into some of their courses. Well done to these students for taking the plunge and being open to different learning opportunities. If you would like more information, check out their website <https://valleyeducation.co.nz/> or make an appointment to talk with our transitions specialist Jan Paton janp@haurakiplains.school.nz

Upcoming Dates

Fri 17 Feb	Your Education High School Exchanges Visit
Mon 13 Mar	Waikato University Liaison Visit
Mon 20 Mar	Canterbury University Liaison Visit
Tues 21 Mar	Massey University Liaison Visit
Tues 28 Feb	HPC Athletics Champs
Wed 1 Mar	HPC Tennis Doubles Champs
Thurs 2 Mar	TVSS Touch Tournament, Ngatea Domain
Thurs 2 Mar	Out of Zone Information Evening 7pm
Sun 5 Mar	NZSS Tumbling Champs
Thurs 16 Mar	School closed for instruction - PPTA industrial action (strike)
Mon 3 April	Victoria University Liaison Visit

Ngā mihi
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