

Good Afternoon

Welcome back to 2023. A heartfelt thank you for the well wishes in starting my Principal journey at Hauraki Plains College.

This is not quite the start we had imagined for the year. Here are some key messages which I hope will answer some of the questions we are having coming through.

Start of the year

Unfortunately, some students and whānau have been unable to attend our welcome pōwhiri this morning, there will also be a number of students unable to attend classes this week. Please don't worry about this - teachers will do their best to warmly welcome students and catch them up with missed work when they are able to get to school.

Buses

Michelle Isbister is our bus controller - michellei@haurakiplains.school.nz. She will be able to answer most of your queries. Our Facebook page is updated with any changes to routes.

As it stands currently:

- Kaiaua/Orere Point Bus - The bus will not be able to travel to Orere Point due to slips. Any students who are able to safely get to the Pink shop in Kaiaua (999 East Coast Rd) will be picked up at 7.30am and will be dropped off at 4pm. Students between the Pink Shop and School will be picked up at their normal spots.
- Findlay Rd Bus - The bus will not be able to travel down Findlay road. Any students who are able to safely get to the corner of Findlay Rd & Monument Rd will be picked up at 7.20am and dropped off at the same point at 4.15pm, the rest of the run will be picked up as normal.

Email access for new students

Mrs Corbett will have emailed all Year 9 parents by the end of Wednesday 2/2/23 with details on how students can access their Hauraki Plains College email address. She will then email all new students in other year levels. This will help students who are online learning.

Google Classroom

Every class, River group and year level has a Google Classroom. The staff connected to these groups will be emailing students the codes to join each google classroom. If your student is having trouble accessing their emails, please contact their year level dean or another member of staff. <https://haurakiplains.school.nz/our-people/staff-contact-emails/>

Tairua / Pauanui Students

We have 27 students who live on the other side of the Kopu-Hikuai. Many are able to still attend via a re-routed bus or boarding in town. There are approximately 10 students who will be online learning until the road is fixed. We will be organising a satellite class to start on Fridays. I will be emailing affected parents later tonight with more information about online learning as well as boarding opportunities. We have had over 10 people offer students and families boarding spaces. Thank you to our community for their support.

Weather this week and worst case scenario

The forecast does not look good for tomorrow. Please make the right decision for you and your family with regards to sending your students to school. You will know what the state of your own roads are. In planning for the worst case scenario - students not being able to get home after arriving at school - please consider these:

1. Students can bring a change of clothes/towel to school, these can be dropped off at student services to store if needed.
2. In the event a student can not get home to their residence, staff will organise alternative transport (if safe), or contact alternative family and friend contacts to see if the student can spend the night.
3. If the student needs to remain at school overnight, staff will coordinate accommodation and supervision at the Centennial Centre here at school.

Some good news

Congratulations to the Mens Club quad for gaining bronze in the North Island Club Rowing Championships over the weekend. The crew consisted of Ethan Claridge, Matthew Simpson, Danny Sayer, Nick Taylor and coxswain Zara Siddins. A special mention to the 14yo girls crew for their 4th place in the A final of the U16 event!

Helpful Contacts

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Deans / Curriculum Leaders

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