

Kia ora e te whānau

Today marks the end of Week 7. We have 3 more weeks of learning before the holidays, and another short week to finish with Easter.

Progress Reports

Your child's progress report for Term 1 was issued on Wednesday 15 March during Extended River Time or today if in Year 13. It will provide you with a good indication how your child is tracking in all their subjects.

Advance notice that our parent teacher interview for Juniors are the 11 May 4 - 8pm, and for Seniors 25 May 4 - 8pm. You don't need to wait until these evenings to ask questions, please contact your student's River Guide or subject teachers.

Buses

A reminder that a [MOE Bus Code of Conduct](#) has been sent through to bus families. Please complete the [Google Form](#).

Celebrating Success

A special acknowledgement to Paige Tevita-Williams who gained 3 medals in different crews at the AON North Island Secondary School Competition in the weekend at Lake Karapiro. I had misty eyes watching the girls win a silver medal in the under 15 coxed quad skulls. Back in 1997 I earned a silver medal in the exact same event. These amazing young medal winners and all rowers at Hauraki train for up to 22 hours a week. They have put in the hard yards and it was wonderful to see them on the podium. We wish them all the best for the upcoming Maadi Cup in two weeks.



- Gold - Girls under 15 double culls. Jessica Broadbent & Paige Tevita-Williams coached by Maggie Morrison
- Silver - Girls novice under 18 double sculls. Paige Tevita-Williams & Ruby van Hellemond coached by Maggie Morrison
- Silver - Girls under 15 coxed quad skulls. Kate Bond, Jessica Broadbent, Paige Tevita-Williams, Ruby van Hellemond & Zara Siddins (cox) coached by Maggie Morrison
- Bronze - Boys under 18 double sculls. Matthew Simpson & Ethan Claridge coached by Franklin Hamilton.

Transition to Winter Uniform: From Monday 27 March (Week 10) until Friday, 5 May (Term 2 Week 2), we will have a transition period from summer to winter uniform. This will give families 6 weeks to get winter uniforms sorted out. During this time students may wear either summer or winter uniform, but not a combination of both, e.g. no scarf with sandals. By Monday, 8 May all students are expected to be in the correct winter uniform.

Acceptable Winter School Shoes: Going into winter uniform it is appropriate for whānau/parents to know what our expectations are. The only acceptable winter school shoes, as indicated in our uniform requirements in the HPC prospectus, are black leather lace up school shoes with a heel of no more than 5 cm (as shown in the image). There are often a number of students wearing incorrect school shoes – they may be advertised in the shoe store as school shoes, but they are not acceptable under our policy. Please make sure your children are in the correct footwear.



Strike this Week

Thank you for your support in the industrial action yesterday. We had a number of union members join marches, send emails to parliament and take part in other campaign initiatives. There has been a lot of media coverage regarding teaching in the last couple of weeks. These points in particular have stood out for me:

- Only 40 people have enrolled in the Post Graduate Diploma of Education at Auckland University. I have heard numbers are down at Waikato University too. If we don't get more people interested in teaching, we are going to struggle to staff our schools. There is already a NZ teacher shortage, and it could likely worsen. We have two roles currently advertised and most interest has come from overseas applicants.
- The inequity in funding between Primary and Secondary is not good enough - less planning and marking time for Primary, less money for leadership units, less staffing based on roll sizes.
- The rate of inflation is 7.2% according to the union, but the offer on the table is 6.7% - teachers are expected to take a pay cut to continue in this profession.

- 18% of our students at Hauraki Plains College are on the Learning Support Register. This means they need something extra (some big, some small) to keep progressing with their learning. Learning support is very underfunded, and we want to do more to help these students and all our students.
- In 1989 we had approximately 300 staff at the Department of Education managing 2810 schools. In 2021 we had 3000+ staff at the Ministry of Education supporting 2536 "self-governing and self-managing schools". They are on an average salary of \$140,000
- The Principal's of smaller rural primary schools do everything from being a caretaker, teacher, leader, counsellor, office administrator, CEO, safety officer, first aider, bus controller - they do it all - and often learn less than a Deputy Principals at larger schools

We need the very best teachers for our young people. I truly hope that all of our teachers are offered a sharp deal that will improve resourcing for all sectors of education.

TERM 1

Mon 20 Mar	Canterbury University Liaison Visit
Tue 21 Mar	Massey University Liaison Visit
Tue 21 Mar	WAIBOPSS Athletics
Wed 22 Mar	TVSS 3x3 Basketball
Thur 23 Mar	TVSS Tennis
Thur 23/24 Mar	Health and Safety Course #3
Fri 24 Mar	TVSS Show Jumping
Fri 24 Mar	Yachting Burgess Trophy
Fri 24 Mar	Waikato MX Challenge
Sat 25 Mar	NZSS Open Water Champs
Mon 27 - Fri 31	NZSS Maadi Cup
Mon 27 - Wed 29	Waikato SS Matchplay Golf Champs
Tue 28 - Fri 31	National SS Waka Ama Champs
Wed 29 Mar	TVSS Rugby 7s
Wed 29 - Sat 1	NZSS 3x3 Basketball Champs
Fri 31 Mar	NISS MX Champs
Mon 3 Apr	Victoria Uni Liaison Visit
Wed 5 Apr	Waiuku Sports Exchange (HPC)

Advance notice of two Teacher Only Days scheduled for TERM TWO

Mon 24 April: 1st day of Term 2, Teachers Only Day (this is a Ministry approved Teacher Only Day to focus on course design of new Yr 11 standards for 2024)

Fri 30 June: Last day of Term 2, Teachers Only Day (we are joining with Kāhui Ako local schools for a full day conference on understanding trauma, building resilience and improved wellbeing in schools)

Kia pai tō rā whakatā, have a great weekend.

Sharon Moller
PRINCIPAL



The current level of funding and staffing for our schools is insufficient to support every student's growth and success.

Our tamariki deserve a quality education!

Complex learning needs are dominating classrooms like never before, and schools do not have the resources to cope.



Our teachers need more time to teach!



Demands from Ministry continue to grow. Meeting all these requirements while teaching day-to-day is unachievable.

We need to attract and retain educators!

Proposed pay increases fall short of keeping up with inflation and the cost of living.



The Ministry needs to hear our concerns!

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