

Kia ora e te whanau,

We are officially half way through Term one, ending our 5th week at school. We are looking forward to getting progress reports out to you soon, so you can see how your student is getting into their classes and learning.

Athletics Day Tuesday 28 February

Despite a few weather concerns, Tuesday turned out sunny and beautiful. Students entered a variety of track and field events, and it was great to see a record broken. Ariana Peke (right) broke the Junior Girls shot put record with a 9.54m. I had a go myself but only managed 7m! While the new staff relay team didn't break any records, it was exciting to see the 'all star' staff team narrowly beat the Senior Boys team in the end of day relay. The hapu leaders did a fantastic job with their dress ups, team spirit and hapu chants. A huge thank you to our Sports Director Cindy Berridge for her fantastic organisational skills and well done to all student participants.



Ariana Peke

Out of Zone Information Evening 2 March

Thank you to the families who attended this evening. If you missed it, please check out the slides [here](#), and we are running another session on 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

Search and Rescue Programme

We are extremely proud of our six students who have joined others from neighbouring schools to learn more about Search and Rescue. This programme involves weekly sessions here at school plus a monthly practical excursion. Well done to Ellie Martin, Kaia van Doorn, Orson Coats, Fletcher Grant, Zoe Winter, Harvey Allen and Cullen Remnant for taking part in this awesome initiative.



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Ōrere Point Bus

Hooray - this bus route returned to normal yesterday afternoon! Families, please remember to apply for the allowance, you will get \$80-\$100 for the days where the bus wasn't doing the route. 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.

Buses

A reminder that buses are not public transport vehicles. Travelling on another bus from your normal one is **not** permitted. Our General Information Handbook has been updated to reflect this.

Male Student Toilets

A reminder from last week's bulletin that boys are able to use the visitor toilets by the main office, rather than a portalo, if preferred. They will need to register their names in the book by reception. We anticipate the repairs to be finished on the main boys bathrooms by the start of Term two.

Celebrating Success

Well done to the following students for undertaking Gateway work experience - it is great to see you experiencing different jobs and industries ahead of making future career decisions. A huge thank you to the employers for being willing to offer our young people experiences we can't replicate here at school. This list will grow throughout the year, but here are our first lot of confirmed placements:

Student	Employer
Callan Johnson	DOC
Jamie Kennedy	Laser Electrical
Jake Andrews	Hauraki Plains Motors
Ethan Watts	Lifestyle Yachts
Innes Hill	Meares Electrical
Sam Akroyd	Block placement with AC Construction - Cooks Beach, and a possible apprenticeship!

Student	Employer
James Keith Erickson	Earthcare Systems
Casey Greene	Inside Out RV
Jaxon Haskell	TJ's Kitchens
Matthew Strickland	Quinn Engineering
Hadlee Marshall	Hauraki Plains Motors
Chris Lourens	Paton Kitchens
Ariah Savage	Lotus Realm

Vaping

We are worried about the number of young people making poor choices about vaping at school.

From <https://vapingfacts.health.nz/vapefree-schools/supporting-students.html> :

- Vaping contains nicotine which can have some negative effects on brain development in adolescents
- Vaping contains unregulated chemicals and flavours whose long-term effects are unknown.

If students need support to quit vaping they are recommended to get advice from a health professional, such as a doctor or our health nurse. A reminder that it is prohibited to vape on school property or grounds 24/7. It is also illegal to sell or give a vaping product to someone under 18. Vaping is not permitted on buses, students caught vaping could lose the privilege on being able to travel on our school buses.

Here are our consequences for vaping or suspicion of vaping. Please note at all stages, families will be notified and counselling offered to student:

1. Suspicion of vaping - Dean will talk to student
2. Repeated suspicion of vaping - DP will talk to student
3. Student in possession of vaping paraphernalia* - Deans service
4. Student in possession of vape* - 1 hour Community Service
5. Student physically vaping on school grounds - 5 hour Community Service and family notified
6. Repeated vaping - Principal consideration of stand down

* Regardless of who owns the item

Thank you message from Jase Williams - Principal of Henry Hill School:

To say we are overwhelmed is an understatement!

This morning we received your Kāhui Ako / Community generous kōha of \$8,201.50. I whakapapa back to the Hauraki, Paeroa specifically; Ngāti Tamatera te iwi - so I am also not surprised at the manaakitanga shown by the rohe.

Yesterday a large trailer load full of kai, clothing and other goods arrived at our school. We have already had a number of whānau affected by flooding in at school. They want me to pass on their gratitude and thanks.

We have a number of staff and community affected by the cyclone that we will be able to support with this kōha, along with rebuilding our completely flooded sensory garden, and we also will be able to provide support to a number of other schools affected as well as a number of local small businesses.

Again - thank you.

I look forward to connecting with many of you in June at the Trauma Informed Hui organised by Neil and Ngatea School.

Community News

Come join the Kerepehi Brass Band Learners Group. For more information, contact them on 021 039 6183 or kerepehibrass@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates Term 1

5 March	NZSS Tumbling Champs	14 March	TVSS Athletics
5 March	Y13 Great Barrier Trip	16 March	School closed for instruction - PPTA industrial action (strike)
7 March	River, Service and Individual Photos	16 March	TVSS Tennis
9 & 10 March	Health and Safety Course 2	20 March	Canterbury University Liaison Visit
10 - 12 March	NISS Rowing Champs	21 March	Massey University Liaison Visit
13 March	Waikato University Liaison Visit	21 March	WBOPSS Athletics

Kia pai tō rā whakatā, have a great weekend.

Sharon Moller
PRINCIPAL

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