

**More
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A School**



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Community Newsletter / Term One 2023

Term 2 Dates

Fri 5 May

Junior Reports Issued
Mufti Day (Hoods Up)

Thurs 11 May

Junior Subject Teacher Interviews
(4-8pm) **

Tues 23 May

Senior Reports issued

Thurs 25 May

Senior Subject Teacher Interviews
(4-8pm)**

Mon 5 June

Kings Birthday

Tues 27 - Weds 28 June

Mahurangi Exchange (away)

Thurs 29 June

End of Term 2

Fri 30 June

Teacher only Day - Kāhui Ako

***Subject to PPTA Industrial action,
we can not hold this event if the
ban continues on meetings after
4.30pm***

Introducing John Upfold

Here at Hauraki Plains College, excellence IS our tradition. When we talk about excellence, it is more than NCEA excellence. Excellence means different things to different people. At HPC, we see examples of excellence everyday - sometimes they go unnoticed - but not today!

We would like to introduce you to John Upfold, a Year 13 student.



John has a wonderful sense of humour and is incredibly generous. John is always the first person to volunteer to support events such as the Year 9 evening, Out of Zone evenings, One Autumn's Night, plus other events that are not connected to his subjects or interests. John is the first to arrive at an event to set up and the last to leave, even though he has a one hour drive home. He regularly volunteers at the Breakfast club helping teachers set up and cook breakfast for hungry students in the morning. Last year John brought a very positive attitude to bus duty, another purely voluntary job. John shows fantastic initiative and leadership - he is not the 'rah rah' person at the front but his leadership behind the scenes - setting up and packing up - keeps all events at HPC running smoothly.

John has a high level of critical thinking skills and helps his classmates with their mahi. He is able to 'read' people and situations - this is a very deep and amazing skill to have as a 17 year old! John is very reliable, responsible and a budding young entrepreneur. He is a member of a Young Enterprise team that are planning to sell Tyred Doz, beds for animals that are produced from recycled materials including tyres. John makes plastic figurines using the 3D printer to sell to students and staff, he is also designing and printing some bespoke props for Year 12 media students to use in their short films. John is diligent and will always finish the job or task. He is the kind of person that anyone would want on their team as he will contribute fully without taking over.

John works part time at KFC but is hoping to find a job at Warehouse Stationary, which is more aligned to his strengths. Next year John is planning to study software or video game development at University.

Nothing is ever a problem when John is around. John is a role model of our school value Manaakitanga. He has genuine care for people in our school and community, and he lifts other people up. John exemplifies excellence in many many ways, and we are incredibly blessed to have him as a Year 13 student at Hauraki Plains College.

Our Community Newsletter combines news from Hauraki Plains College, The Haurakians (past pupils and teachers) and the Haurakian Charitable Trust. If you would like to sponsor our newsletter
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Principal Update

Kia ora koutou and welcome to our first community newsletter for 2023. These will be termly, and I trust they will provide you with key information about what we are up to here at Hauraki Plains College.

I would like to thank the staff, students, Board of Trustees, Kāhui Ako schools, whānau and community for the incredibly warm welcome. Right from day one, I have felt uplifted by your positivity and enthusiasm for our school, and daily I am learning new things about you all. I appreciated the presence of those able to attend the welcome pōwhiri, where I outlined my huge respect for the incredible leadership of Ngaire Harris and the impact of her leadership on the successes of Hauraki Plains College. I shared the whakatauki 'Ka Mua, Ka Muri' - this means that we walk backwards into our future. We hold true to our traditions and history of excellence, as we move forward together in new and exciting ways.

Education in New Zealand is going through a significant period of change. Some are heralding it as the biggest change in the last 100 years. You will have seen a lot of noise in the media recently about the curriculum intentions of political parties, teachers striking nationwide, and the declining rates of literacy and numeracy. What remains in our control, is ensuring the high quality teaching and learning of a rich and exciting curriculum. Here at HPC, we are currently in the process of widening our senior leadership team to ensure strong and sustainable leadership to best lead our staff, students and community through the changes coming. I look forward to sharing more about this in our Term Two newsletter.

There have been an enormous amount of positives and celebrations of student success and learning over Term One. I hope you follow along with our Facebook page expertly run by Amanda Fitzpatrick called "What's Happening At Hauraki Plains College". Amanda is posting daily with updates of our school highlights from Chess to Student Volunteer Army. However, a student did tell me recently that no one under 80 years old is on facebook (ouch!). Aside from John featured on the front cover, I would like to acknowledge some other superstars. Firstly our Head Boy, Charlie O'Neill, who led our whaikōrero at the pōwhiri to welcome Waiuku College at the sports exchange. He spoke beautiful Te Reo Māori and was an incredible ambassador for our school. Amber Perry in Year 10 was acknowledged in one of our weekly bulletins in Term one for the sportsmanship she demonstrated in a touch rugby competition. Amber and her two friends Eloise Goodson and Isabelle Bradley all volunteered to clean our female bathrooms after a spate of vandalism recently. The strength of character I see in our young people is extraordinary. They make this place 'More Than A School'. Happy Holidays and I look forward to seeing you all back in Term Two.

Sharon Moller
PRINCIPAL

Board of Trustees Update



Our new Board of Trustees is up and running, with two meetings held so far this term.

We have recently co-opted on Moana Te Moananui onto the board. Moana used to be a teacher at Hauraki Plains College and returned to Kerepēhi Primary School as Principal. We are very happy to have Moana's skillset on our board, and warmly welcome her to our group.

There are a number of property projects underway, with air conditioning coming to the A block, boys breezeway toilets reopening Term Two and a tiger turf being constructed out the front of school.

I hope our new Year 9's are settling into their classes, and I look forward to meeting more parents as the year progresses.

Carl van Hellemond
BOARD CHAIR

Haurakian Trust Update



The Haurakian Charitable Trust would firstly like to welcome new Principal Sharon Moller and Board of Trustees Presiding Member Carl van Hellemond to the community. We look forward to working with you as we support the college and community. If you and your family are also new to the college, please feel free to contact me if you'd like to know more about the work of the Trust. Our current programme of work includes improving fences and water supply on the dairy farm. Like all businesses at the moment, we are feeling the strain of rising costs and a forecast decline in milk price hasn't helped. The Hayward Farm continues to be developed and provides a growing number of students with the opportunities to learn about rural sector careers.

We are currently working on the development of 'No 11' next to the college. The aim is to provide a facility that has flexibility and can serve the HPC and wider community. This will take time as we want to make sure that we create something that will add value to the residents of the Hauraki Plains.

Ciaran Tully
BOARD CHAIR

Changes coming in Education

As mentioned earlier - there are a lot of changes coming.

- 2023** New Aotearoa New Zealand Histories curriculum is now taught in schools.
- 2024-25** Year 11 students (NCEA Level 1) have new courses and need 60 credits for L1. To gain NCEA, students can either pass a Literacy and Numeracy exam worth 20 credits (or earn credits in their L1 course tagged to Literacy and Numeracy).
- 2026** To gain NCEA, students must pass a Literacy and Numeracy exam worth 20 credits. Year 12 students (NCEA Level 2) have new courses and need 60 credits for L2.
- 2027** All schools using the new NZ Refreshed Curriculum. Year 13 students (NCEA Level 3) have new courses and need 60 credits for L3.

Examples from the Literacy Exam - Have a go yourself, and work through these with your children:

Fewer young people are involved in sport now than in the past. Community leaders working on the Let's Get Active campaign have asked you for your thoughts on the issue. Your thoughts will be shared with teachers, coaches and other people involved in supporting young people in playing sport.

Explain your views on this issue. You could include:

- why fewer young people play sport
- whether or not this is a problem
- what could be done to encourage more young people to be active

Write between 250 words and 350 words. Your writing will be assessed on the way you organise and develop your ideas, and the appropriateness and accuracy of your language choices.

You have been asked to help group of young children write about their views on sport and being active. Here are some of their thoughts:

1. Baani:

- I think you should compeat to win
- I think you should play fare

Rewrite Baani's two statements as one sentence and correct any punctuation, grammer and spelling mistakes.

2. Harrison:

- did you lissen to you're team mates

Rewrite Harrison's question and correct any punctuation, grammer and spelling mistakes.

3. Panetuku:

- I think sport are fun
- You can be outside with your freinds

Rewrite Panetuku's two statements as one sentence without using the words and, or, so, or but. Correct any punctuation, grammar and spelling mistakes.



Example from the Numeracy Exam - Have a go yourself, and work through these with your children:

Aloma wants to use the following ingredients to make 12 white chocolate raspberry muffins

- 2 1/2 cups self-raising flour
- 100 g butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 cup frozen raspberries
- 90 g white chocolate buttons

(a) 1 cup of flour weighs 125 grams. Aloma has a 1.5kg bag of flour. How many cups can she fill from 1.5 kg of flour?

..... cups

Welcome New Staff

David Angell (HOD Science)

I was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. I started at Hauraki Plains College on Oct 17, 2022, but took my first teaching job in New Zealand in Huntly in 2000. I moved back to Canada after 1 year and returned 21 years later. My hobbies are riding my bike and swimming. My wife, dog, and I are happy to be in New Zealand and look forward to the adventures that await us here over the following years. So far, everyone has been great and Kiwis really are a classy group of people.

Richard Collette (Humanities)

I have been a teacher in New Zealand for thirteen years. I have taught almost everything you can in the social sciences and I am enjoying the busy start this year at HPC. I live rurally with my wife and family, and a growing collection of animals.

Leonardo de Angelis (Maths)

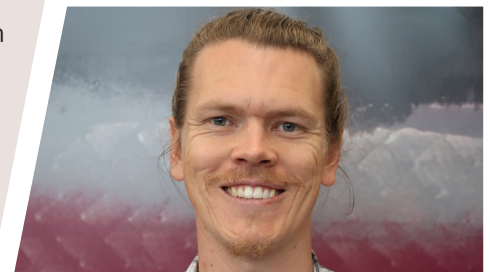
I was born in Rome (Italy) on 29 of June 1977. I did all my studying in Rome and got my Physics degree. I studied at Victoria University for my teaching diploma in 2009 and got a teaching job at Western Heights High School in Rotorua where I taught Maths and Physics for 2 years. I went on to Paraguay and lived there for 8 years. Following this I went back to Rome, spent 3 years there and am finally back to New Zealand. I like hiking and exploring the NZ outdoors.

Anjaleen Kumar (Science)

My name is Anjaleen Kumar and I am proud to call New Zealand my new home. I am originally from Fiji. I hail from a farming background in a rural setting of Vanua Levu, Fiji Islands. I have 11 years of teaching experience around schools in Fiji. As a child growing up in a family of educators, I knew at a young age that teaching was my passion. I am a proud mother of two daughters and a dedicated wife to my husband. I went to University of the South Pacific to complete my Bachelor degree. Like most other people, I enjoy travelling and helping others.

Ivan Geerlings (Maths)

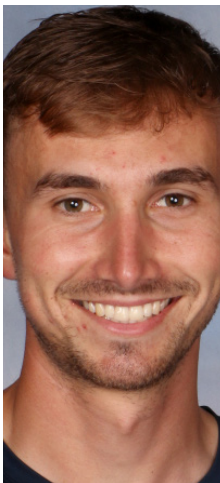
Kia ora, my name is Ivan Geerlings. I was born in Rotorua, started primary schooling in Auckland, started intermediate school in Invercargill, and finished it in Christchurch, and did my high schooling and university studies in Melbourne, Australia before coming back to NZ to work, so you could say I've seen some of the country! This is my first year teaching, however I did some relief teaching at HPC in Term 3 and 4 last year. When I'm not at school, I like to play squash in Te Kauwhata, tend to my garden, strum my ukulele, and read books.



Farewell Departing Staff

Leo McMenamin (*left*) is leaving HPC after two years of being part of the Music department. We are lucky that Leo has also helped in teaching English classes. Seeing the students perform at the recent *One Autumn's Night* was a highlight as Leo has worked very hard with these bands. Leo has gained a role in beautiful Wanaka at Mount Aspiring High School. We wish Leo all the best in his move down south.

Franklin Hamilton (*right*) is going home to England for a few months before he plans to return to Christchurch and work as a Quantity Surveyor. Franklin has been our Head Rowing Coach and Teacher Aide for over 3 years. He has excelled in both positions, and has stood on the podium numerous times with our rowers, including at a National level, over his time here. We wish Franklin all the best for his trip back home.



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Outside the Classroom



Abigail Dovey (Yr10), **Teigan Lange** (Yr10) and **Isabella Maclaurin** (Yr9) competed at Hamilton City Gymnastics in Tumbling, Double Mini and Trampoline.

Abigail placed 1st in Level 5 Double Mini and 2nd in Level 5 Trampoline.

Teigan placed 2nd in Level 6 Tumbling, 1st in Level 6 Double Mini and 2nd in Level 6 Trampoline.

Isabella placed 1st in Level 3 Tumbling.



Erin Aralar (Yr 11) has won a place on the Waikato Youth Secondary Tertiary Advisory Group (WYSTAG) in the Waikato Ministry of Education. Erin will be joining other youth in sharing a much-needed perspective to the work the MOE do in the Waikato educational pathways space. Congratulations Erin!!



Congratulations to Matamata Swim Club member **Rylee Sayer** who was nominated for the Swimming NZ Emerging Para Swimmer.

While Rylee didn't win this particular award, she recently swam 2 seconds behind Sophie Pascoe gaining silver at the NZ Opens and gaining 5 NZ Para Records!



HPC Student Volunteer Army
If you have a job for us, big or small,
Please contact

Danny Sayer: 19125@haurakiplains.school.nz

Ryan Denize (Yr13) competed at the Auckland Car Club Improved Production Cars event at Hampton Downs. He ran in 3 races and achieved a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Ryan stretched his lead in the championship with only two meetings left.



Hamish Paterson (Yr10) competed in a sailing competition in Raglan last month. He came 1st overall in the Starling Open Fleet, and was one of the highest point scoring individuals at the regatta. Outstanding results Hamish, well done.

Careers Corner

With Term One complete already, the Careers Department has been busy. We have had three well attended Health and Safety Courses run seeing 41 students out on Gateway Placements already.

Catering for our senior students thinking about their future destinations we have had liaison visits from Waikato, Massey, Canterbury and Victoria Universities. We have also had an online webinar presented by Auckland University as well as a visit from Your Education, an overseas exchange programme.

Senior student career interviews are in full swing with a variety of different pathways on the horizon from Medical Imagery, Law, Engineering, Sport and Health to name a few.

The coming months will see the Rural Health Promotions Programme return to HPC, the Inzone Careers Event in Paeroa, Health and Safety Course #4, Waikato University Open Day, Learner Licence Course, Otago, Lincoln and Wintec Liaison Visits as well as the Tertiary Preparation Evening.

GATEWAY - Work Experience

Invitation to Employers to become involved in our Gateway Programme.

We have students keen to gain work experience in the Trades, Childcare, Automotive, Farming and other areas.

For more information please contact Lesley:

lesleys@haurakiplains.school.nz
Ph 021 047 1111



Gateway Opportunities

James Keith Erickson started his Gateway last year at Allphase Electrical. This year he chose to work with a contractor, Earth Care Systems in Te Kauwhata. They do 'hard landscaping' contracting, including subdivisions, drainlaying, concrete, chipseal & topmix, septic tanks and water tanks. James recommends Gateway for people that don't know what they want to do when they leave school - a way to 'try things out'.



Left to right:

Cooper Green, Holly Harris, Charlie O'Neill and Summer Warmington

2023 Head Students

Head Boy: Charlie O'Neill

Head Girl: Holly Harris

Deputy Head Boy: Cooper Green

Deputy Head Girl: Summer Warmington

As Head Students we are looking to build on School Spirit, Student Involvement and a Sense of Belonging for students. We are looking forward to all the brand new opportunities this year will bring as well as working with the awesome support team of student leaders we have backing us every step of the way.

Student Council Leaders

Academic Leaders: Danny Sayer and Summer Warmington

We have chosen to work on giving as much help and support as possible to the students. Therefore, we are planning to run some study rooms and this will give them a quiet place to study during one lunch time a week in a classroom and the students can ask us questions about their learning.

Arts Leaders: Vanessa Martin and Ben Shackleton

This year we have started off with a bang! The second student assembly of the term saw one of our Year 10's, the talented Lucas Giles-Kang, performing an incredible piano piece for the school, which received a fantastic reception from the students. By the time this goes to print the Year 12 Music Class and the Arts Council will have held our musical event '*One Autumn's Night*', which was held on the 4th April.

Service Leaders: Kate Strawbridge and Amy Aranyos

This term the Service Council planned the school's Valentine's Day celebration! We sold roses, chocolates and introduced the option of purchasing a song for your Valentine to be serenaded in class! We also held a food stall at the '*One Autumn's Night*' musical event and are already planning Mufti days for Terms Two and Three. We continue to support all school events.

Sports Leaders: Cooper Green and Trinity Gover

We are looking to push sports involvement and enjoyment. We want everyone to have a great time playing sports and as a result of this we hope more Year 9's and 10's will join a sporting code. We are here for any students that need help or support with sport, and we are hoping to make 2023 a great year for Hauraki Plains College's sporting codes.

Hapu Leaders: Miles Sargent and Olivia Nicholson

This term the Hapu Council has been working on promoting school spirit and finding our sense of belonging. So far we have run and organised Swimming Sports and Athletics while also trying to fundraise for school events later on in the year. While trying to keep up the school spirit this year when running these events we managed to get all of the year 13's to dress up and encourage younger students to join in the fun. The Hapu Council has also worked with the Year 10 Dean to create a kindness and a sense of belonging PowerPoint slide, we talked to the Dean and some students to get their positive feedback.

Te Mangai Paho o Tikarahi (The voices of Tikarahi) Leaders: Ethan Claridge and Eleanor Clarkin

We are the mouthpiece meaning we are the voices that represent our tupuna (ancestors), our kura (school), our kaiako (teachers), our tauira (students), and hāpori (community). The purpose of our role is to protect anything to do with Te Ao Māori, Mātauranga Māori and Tikanga.

Our leadership group, Te Mangai Paho O Tikarahi, are looking to bring more cultural awareness and acknowledgment to students who have been involved in any cultural activities.

We are also as a kura learning about our Hauraki Whānau focusing on our school waiata and both haka (pōwhiri haka, Utaina, and challenging haka, Mate Ururoa.) This will culminate into a competition "Te Pakanga o Nga Hapu" (haka wars) to encourage our students and staff to learn and stand proud knowing both of our school haka. We are committed to upholding our values of Rangatiratanga, Manaakitanga and Kaitiakitanga.



Inside the Classroom

ENGLISH

In Term One, we were determined to give students the space and encouragement to read for pleasure with displays in the Hub, the 'Blind Date with a Book' initiative and reading challenges and prizes given across both year levels. Students did a fantastic job with these and should be proud of the way they have embraced the challenge - lets see if our Term Two classes can top them!



Overall Year 10 class Reading Challenge Winner (T1):

Whaea Jenny's class with 29/30 of the challenge books ticked off!

Overall Year 9 class Reading Challenge Winner (T1):

Mr Vicencio's class with 30/30 of the challenge books ticked off!

Most Varied Readers (T1):

Lyara Scott, Lily Allen, Blake Haynes, Awhi King, Kaylee Millar, Selwin De Haast

Most Prolific Readers (T1):

Nate Middleton, Alyssa Judd, Lily Allen, Awhi King, Ava Sweatman, Ben Jolly

Effort and Attitude (T1):

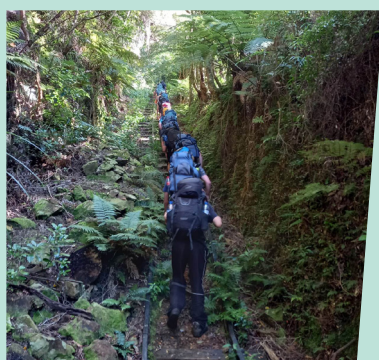
Joey Torrington, Faith Jones, Tyler Steel, Olive Aitken Gummer, Ayden Thomson-Priest, Benjamin Martin

On the first Friday of Term Two, our Year 10's will be attending an in-school 'Ugly Shakespeare' adaptation of 'A Midsummer's Night Dream' and all English students will also be attending 'Poetry in Action' performances in June.

HAUORA

The Year 13 Outdoor Education 'Leaders and Survivors' program has enjoyed another engaging term of hands-on learning. The first five weeks of Term one were based around leadership, where class members studied leadership strategies and applied them in leading their peers in adventure-based learning activities (ABL) as well as involvement in the junior Carry the Baton orienteering race.

The highlight of the term's calendar is always the Bush Survival overnight camp and tramp, which occurred in Week 8. Students were required to set up camp by using survival techniques to build their own camp fires and man-made shelters, which they slept in overnight in the Kaihere area. They then took on the challenge of the Waiorongomai Valley tramp near Te Aroha, a short but lung-busting incline on New Zealand's oldest tramline structure. Two weeks later, they were put back outside their comfort in their River Crossing unit, featuring learning about river hydrology and hazards, then performing river crossings in groups, and solo survival swimming methods.



MATHS

Benjamin Beard, Jaskeerat Randhawa, Alex Dibble, Ben Jolly and Faith Jones are involved in the Otago Maths Olympiad this year.

We trained on Mondays after school, practicing past exam questions.

Last Thursday the first round was held: 50 minutes to solve 15 problems, each with multiple questions.

The best students nationwide will compete in the second round at the end of May.



HUMANITIES

I was privileged to travel to Israel in January, to undertake an extensive professional development programme on Holocaust education, at Yad Vashem- one of the world's leading centres for Holocaust education. Whilst there I was able to learn many valuable teaching tools and knowledge to bring back to the classroom, along with the once in a lifetime experience of meeting with Holocaust survivors; including Rena Quint (pictured below left) who survived the Holocaust as a 6-10 year old. - Ilana Weston, Curriculum Leader Humanities.

Jaymee Davies (pictured below right) represented Hauraki Plains College at Parliament on the 27 January - which is also International Holocaust Day. Jaymee won the inaugural Paul Seidemann writing competition (run by the Holocaust Centre of NZ) for the second year in a row with her essay titled; '**Though if be to die, we will fight...**' about the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Ka rawe, Jaymee!



TECHNOLOGY

13 BCT students have been working hard in constructing a newly designed one bedroom flat and completing an existing project - The Tiny House.

12/13 Automotive has been humming along with a variety of projects on the go - Rat Rod, 54 Morris Minor, 79 Transam and a Mitsubishi Wagon.

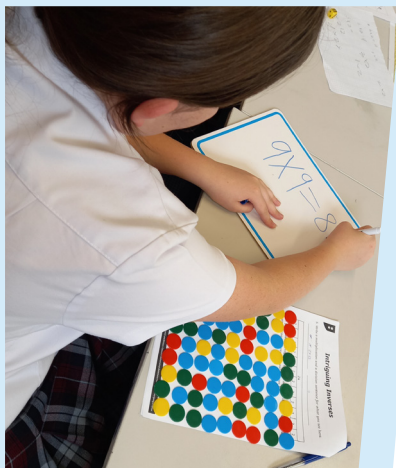


FOUNDATION STUDIES

In our Year 9 Maths and Numeracy classes, students have been working on their number knowledge and strategies. It has been fantastic to see the student's confidence develop as they challenge themselves with more and more difficult problems! Our Year 10 students have been focussing on fractions. We had fun finding our favourite recipes involving fractions, with some students even trying out some new recipes with family and whānau at home!

In our Literacy classes, students have been working on developing writing accuracy and confidence. Students have been encouraged to always get their ideas down on paper, letting their creativity and ideas flow. They have also learnt that our writing has a purpose and it is important to know who or what the piece is for. We are now looking at the editing process, exploding sentences to create '3-D images' so that, as we collect and re-tell stories from home, students have all the tools necessary to confidently write and publish their own stories.

In Science and Hauroa, students have had the opportunity to train for and complete in the Carry the Baton challenge and have been learning about the concept of Te Whare Tapa Whā including ways in which they can look after their own well-being. In the lab our Year 9's have been looking at lab safety and following the scientific process to mix and separate substances. Our Year 10's have been learning about atoms, the building blocks of life. They have had the opportunity to explore reactions between different chemicals and learn how to describe these reactions using descriptive and scientific vocabulary.



THE ARTS

One Autumn's Night - The school hall came alive on 4th April with the sounds of rock and pop music as students took to the stage for HPC's annual One Autumn's Night Concert. The concert, which was organised by the staff and students of the HPC Music Department, showcased the talents of many of our school's up-and-coming musicians, and featured a wide variety of music, including classic rock and contemporary pop hits, from students in Years 10-13.

This was a great opportunity for students to showcase their musical skills and express their creativity. It was also a chance for the audience to enjoy a night of entertainment and be inspired by the hard work and dedication of these musicians.

Thank you to Miss Jordana van Vliet, Mr Leo McMenamin, Mrs Trish Smith, Mr Joseph Corban-Banks, and ex-student Morgan Petersen for their work behind the scenes in making this night such a huge success.



BUSINESS / PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

This term Business Studies and Primary Industries classes participated in a series of field trips. The objective of these visits is to make the subjects being taught relevant and interesting by exposing the students to industry organisations and professionals.

Our Year 13 Business Studies class took part in the Young Enterprise Kick Off event at Wintec in Hamilton. They received information about the YES program and had the opportunity to interact with business professionals who gave our teams feedback on their product ideas.

Our Year 12 Horticulture class visited the Wintec / Hamilton Gardens where they were provided with information on the courses that are available at Wintec and learned about amenity horticulture. Year 12 Primary Industries visited a local dairy farm where they learned about challenges and advantages of effluent disposal systems. The year 11 Agriculture class visited the Bullswool Farm where they visited a museum and learned about new Technologies being adopted by the wool industry.



SCIENCE

Year 9 have completed their first unit focusing on introductory science skills. **Year 10** have completed their first unit on Atomic Science and Acids and Bases. **Year 11** Science consists of horticulture, biology, chemistry, and physics. First units are completed and moving forward into the second term. **Year 12 Physics** have completed their first external course on waves and are awaiting for year end exams to complete their unit. **Year 13** Chemistry completed their first internal on electrochemistry and are already underway to complete their second internal by the first week into term 2.

This term, **Year 12 Biology** students had an exciting day on the shore at Thornton Bay as part of their learning into patterns found in Ecology. With great enthusiasm they scrambled off the bus, lay out transit lines and quadrats and began counting organisms found in their sample areas. There was a real buzz as they identified the organisms and made links to the learning that had already taken place in the classroom. Working in small groups they sampled 20 or more areas, counting all the organisms present. It was great to hear the conversations between students as they discussed the adaptations, identifying features and niches of the organisms. Students went on to use the data they collected in their assessment. A very productive day had by all.



Summer Tournament Week

RESULTS:

Rowing NZSS Maadi Cup (Lake Karapiro, Cambridge)

- U15 Girls Double, Gold: Paige Tevita-Williams, Jessica Broadbent, Coach Maggie Morrison
- U15 Girls Quad, Bronze: Ruby Van Hellemond, Paige Tevita-Williams, Jessica Broadbent, Kate Bond, cox Zara Siddins, Coach Maggie Morrison
- U18 Novice Girls Double, Bronze: Paige Tevita-Williams, Ruby Van Hellemond, coach Maggie Morrison

Waka Ama, National SS Waka Ama Champs (Blue Lake, Rotorua)

Konnah Bayly-Te Are, Andy Hindmarsh, Te Rongopai Pompey, Daniel Sproul, Matthew Strickland, Iharaia Taipari and Manaia Taipari raced in memory of Daniel's father Cecil Sproul. The boys wore black bands and red zinc to represent his wairua on the water where they placed 6th.

Golf, Waikato SS Matchplay Champs (Te Awamutu Golf Club)

Charlie Tawhiti won both matches and competed in the Division 6 final. He finished 18 all square up, then went to a playoff where he drained a 10 footer for the win.

3x3 Basketball, NZSS Basketball 3x3 Champs (Pulman Arena, Takanini)

The Senior Girls had a great week with gutsy performances from a newly formed team. They came 10th out of 20 teams in Senior Girls open grade.

MotoX, North Island SS Champs (Harrisville MX Track, Tuakau)

The team finished 2nd place.

Touch, Waikato/Thames Valley SS Champs (Swarbrick Park, Hamilton)

The Senior Mixed Touch Team competed at the Waikato Thames Valley Touch Champs in Hamilton. Congratulations to Jackson Smith who was selected for an AWHI Award (Attitude, Whanau, Harmony, Integrity).

Rugby, Thames Valley SS Sevens Comp (Whangamata Rugby Club)

Both girls teams were undefeated and the boys only had one loss.



Paige Tevita-Williams and Jessica Broadbent ^



U15 Girls Quad on the podium ^



Coach Maggie Morrison, Jessica Broadbent and Paige Tevita-Williams ^



The Moto-X team all lined up ready to go! ^



Waka Ama ^



Senior Mixed Touch ^



Senior Girls 7's ^



3x3 Basketball ^



Junior Girls 7's ^



Golf Champs ^



Senior Boys 7's ^

A NEW sporting group happening at HPC
Hunting and Fishing Club
 Will involve 2 fishing and
 2 hunting competitions
 throughout the year
Check it out!



From the History Books

Desmond John Anthony Hayes (called Digger) was born in Turua on the 10th April 1925, the third of the 10 children of Hilda and Alan Hayes.

The family moved to a farm in Kerepēhi where he attended Primary School then Ngatea District High School.

He excelled at sports, playing cricket and rugby with skill and enthusiasm.

Some time after leaving school he joined the Army and was a member of the J.Force deployed to Japan after the atomic bombs were dropped.

He spent time in Australia where he married Veda Henney, they had three children. They then returned to Kerepēhi in 1952 to help his parents with the farm.

After leaving there around 1960 he moved to Auckland, working for a roading firm, until ill-health forced his early retirement.

He passed away in 1990 and is buried in Waikaraka Park Cemetary RSA section.

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If you have photos from the archives and are happy to share a short biography with us, please email: amberf@haurakiplains.school.nz



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Kāhui Ako Update

Kāhui Ako refers to groups of schools working together to achieve common goals. We are very fortunate to be part of a high functioning Kāhui Ako led by Neil Fraser from Ngatea Primary School. Our four goals are centred around cultural capability, getting ready for the curriculum refresh, improving teaching and learning, and enhancing student wellbeing. Recently Ann Leuthart, has been appointed as the Kāhui Ako Across School Leader (ASL) - she will be joining three other ASLs who work across all of our schools, with her portfolio being to improve between school transitions. We are very proud of Ann for gaining this role.

On Friday 28 April, there is a Kāhui Ako Teacher only Day, where most of the primary schools will be closed. As we are already closed on Monday for our NCEA Teacher Only Day, we will remain open on this day. However a number of Teacher Aides, Admin staff, and teachers will be attending various sessions.

On the last day of term we are looking forward to joining all schools in the Trauma Informed Practice Conference happening here at HPC on Friday 30 June. Scan the barcode (above) or see: **ngateaprimary.com** if you would like to attend.

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