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Community Newsletter / Term Two 2023

Term 3 Dates

Mon 17 July

Start of Term 3

Tues 25 July

Te Kuiti Exchange (home)

Mon 31 July

Year 10 Subject Selection Evening

Weds 2 Aug

Junior reports issued

Weds 9 Aug

Out of Zone Information Evening
(Hall 7pm)

Thurs 10 Aug

Senior Subject Selection for current Year
11 and 12's (Hall 6 - 8pm)

Weds 23 Aug

OOZ Ballot closes @ 12noon

Mon 28 Aug - Fri 1 Sept

Winter Tournament Week

Weds 30 Aug

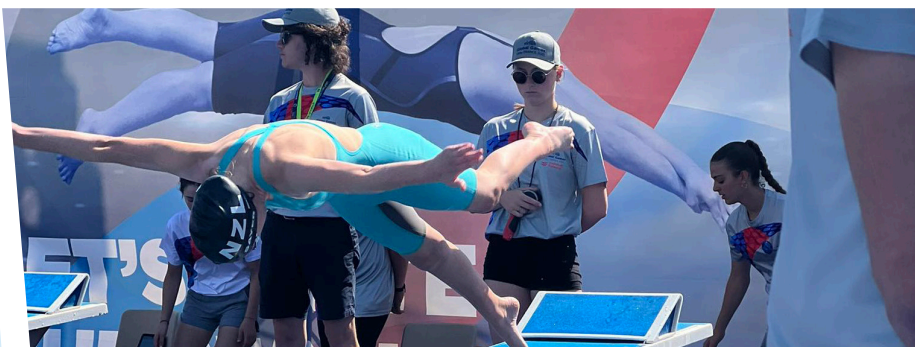
OOZ Ballot drawn
Senior reports issued

Weds 20 Sept

Cultural Awards Evening (Hall 7pm)

Fri 22 Sept

Teacher Only Day
End of Term 3



Rylee Sayer swimming her way to France

Year 10 student, Rylee Sayer, has recently returned from Vichy, France after representing New Zealand in Swimming at the Virtus Global Games from the 4th to the 10th of June. The Virtus Global Games is an environment where athletes with an intellectual disability can compete in elite sports at an international level. It has been developed as a pathway for intellectually impaired athletes to gain high level racing exposure and a pathway to the Olympics.

At just 14 years old Rylee was one of the youngest II1 athletes at the event. II1 is the equivalent to the S14 classification which enables them to compete at the Olympics, Commonwealth Games and World Para Swimming Champs. The event was full of learning and growth, it gave Rylee a real taste of competing at the highest level. Rylee was able to navigate the road bumps that come with swimming in a foreign country and at an international level where the comforts of home are not available. The opportunity to meet and make friends with other swimmers looking at going to the Olympics in 2028 was a really great part of the experience. We were also lucky to have a very supportive team of coaches and manages with us from Swimming New Zealand and Para Sport NZ. They made the trip as smooth as possible in trying circumstances and scorching heat which was great.

Some highlights of the event were to race Olympic medalists in the heats, swim for team USA in their relay team and place 5th and to break 2 New Zealand Open Long course records in the 200m breaststroke and the 400m freestyle.

Rylee said "I am hoping to take all of the learning from the Virtus Global Games and use it in December when I go away with the New Zealand Swimming National age group team. We are going to be competing at the Queensland State Champs and I will get to see where I am at against my Australian friends".

In the future I am hoping to get a qualifying time for the World games and the Commonwealth games in 2026, then the Para Olympics in 2028 in Los Angeles. I am really lucky to swim at Matamata swim club with Graeme Laing where with his guidance and mentoring I know these dreams will become reality.

On behalf of HPC, we are incredibly proud of you Rylee, whakahehe ana!



Rylee (right) with Jade Lucy, an Australian Olympian.

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Principal Update

I am convinced I have the best job in the world. Everyday I am privileged to work alongside smart and driven teachers who go the extra mile to support our wonderful students. Everyday I see respectful, thoughtful and enthusiastic young ākonga making the most of their time in our kura. Supporting others to navigate their way through tricky situations is a large part of my role, and nothing beats seeing someone shining after they have overcome challenges.

Term 2 has had its ups and downs, especially with the teacher strikes. I want to thank our parents and community for supporting our teachers and accommodating the rostering home days which came at an inconvenience to many families. Hopefully the arbitration result will see teachers recognised in ways where they can now support their own families, after working tirelessly to support our students. Despite the widespread teacher shortage across the country, we remain an attractive option for teachers and it has been exciting to make a few new appointments which we will share with you in the Term 3 community update.

While there have been many successes in Term 2, I want to particularly mention the Year 10 students who sat 3 exams recently - reading, writing and Maths. We are incredibly proud of how positive they approached the opportunity to sit a brand new literacy and numeracy NCEA exam. We treated these exams as a practice and students were encouraged to give it a go. We wanted to build their confidence with online exams, and also provide teachers with the areas where they needed some extra support. On the 14th of August we will find out the results, and some of our Year 10 students will have earned 5, 10 or 20 credits towards their NCEA literacy and numeracy.

Personally, it has been great getting out and about in the community. I was excited to get the opportunity to speak at a Lions event recently and it was fantastic to reconnect with parents of my old school friends, and other community members I haven't seen in a long time. In July I look forward to meeting and speaking to the Probus Group. Late in Term 2 our Year 10 keyboard superstar, Lucas Giles-Kang, was invited to perform at the Probus morning tea. I overheard a Probus member approach Lucas after his performance and say "thank you so much, I don't know when I will next hear such beautiful music". The talents of our young rangatahi continue to blow me away.

Next term we'll be looking to review our strategic direction - and this will involve a community consultation. You are warmly invited to attend events and complete surveys, we would love to hear your thoughts about HPC and learn about your vision for our future.

Sharon Moller
PRINCIPAL

Board of Trustees Update



The Board of Trustees continue to meet twice a term in a governance capacity. We will be holding a consultation on the health curriculum in Term 3 and encourage you to share your opinion through that process.

Recently we met with the Haurakian Trust to learn more about their history and connection with our school.

As we move into creating a new strategic plan for the next 3-5 years, we invite you to take part in the consultation events happening.

We would like to remind you that all of our school policies are widely available online through 'school docs' - you can log in by going to www.schooldocs.co.nz
Community Username: haurakiplains
Community Password: haurakidocs

Carl van Hellemond
BOARD CHAIR

Haurakian Trust Update



The Haurakian Trust wishes the student community a safe and happy Term 2 holiday. It's been a busy time, especially for farming families moving properties in June.

We have recently held a celebratory event with former principal, Ngaire Harris, who has been recognised for her contribution to the Haurakian Trust.

Hayward Farm manager, Chris de Beer, alongside students have developed a lovely garden and we have a rock, plaque, and tree planted to acknowledge Ngaire.

The Haurakian Trust continues to work on the development of 11 Orchard Road.

Ciaran Tully
HAURAKIAN BOARD CHAIR

Celebrating Upstanders



We are talking more with students about being an upstander and stamping out bullying in our school. The more people we have supporting the message that bullying is not okay - the better.

The timing of Pink Shirt day was perfect for our anti-bullying message. Rather than celebrate this on one day, we decided to make a week of learning and activities. Our Deputy Principals Alissa Place and Jaco Dreyer, Nurse Susan McInnes, Year 13 Dean Toni Brewer and all the Year 13 students took part in the leadership and organisation of this event.

Activities included:

- Spray painting T Shirts
- Kindness Wall - students and teachers could write kind messages about each other
- Compliment posters - to tear a compliment off and give to someone
- Bake off and bake sale
- Random Acts of Kindness - Congratulations to 10LD, we look forward to giving you your congratulatory lunch. To date we have had 17 Rivers participate by doing something kind for another River.
- Partial mufti day - students were encouraged to wear a pink t-shirt or pink accessory and to bring a gold coin to donate to the Pink Shirt initiative

We would like to acknowledge 4 wonderful Year 12 students who have recently stood up for other students in different situations. **Thank you to: Casey Greene, Natalia Taufu, Connor Sweatman and Sarrah Bibbi.**



Matariki Celebrations

Matariki is a time for remembrance, gratitude and new beginnings. It's about our communities coming together to celebrate life. These are photos from our special Matariki assembly. Led by our Te Māngai Paho o Tikarahi Council, students were taught more about Matariki and the Kapa Haka group gave an outstanding performance. A huge mihi to Matua Normie and Whaea Berta for doing the hard mahi in putting this beautiful event together, and organising a sausage sizzle to feed 900. Thank you to our wonderful taura for their entertainment and leadership. We head into the Term 2 holidays with full hearts and tummies plus a deeper connection to Matariki.



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.

The Across School Leaders (ASL's) joined 10 of our teachers earlier this term to mark 400 writing samples, this helped us work out where the areas of need are for our learners. It was so great having the expertise of primary school teachers to help us with this.

On Friday 30th of June we hosted a Teacher Only day for the 350 across all schools in our Kāhui Ako. It was a fantastic event where we learned more about how to better support and understand our ākonga as well as reconnecting with those outside of our kura.

Careers Corner

The Careers Department has been flat out catering to a wide range of career opportunities over the past 7 weeks. We have completed the fourth Health and Safety Course for the year seeing 68 students out doing Gateway, 17 of which have now completed their placements.

We have had introductory visits and zooms from all Tertiary providers, providing our Seniors with up to date, relevant information to aid them in making informed decisions about their future pathways.

We were fortunate to have the SavY Financial Literacy team deliver Financial Literacy sessions with our Year 9, 11 and 13's. A number of valuable tips were taken away. The Rural Health Programme team was also on site offering sound advice to our Year 12 and 13 students who have interests in pursuing careers in the medical field.

The Waikato University Open Day was well attended by our Year 12 and 13 cohorts.

Senior career interviews are almost complete with a wide range of pathways on the horizon for our Year 13 cohort. A slight change to be aware of: Due to PPTA action, we didn't go ahead with our face to face Tertiary Preparation evening. In place of this event I have prepared this [slideshow](#) of information for your convenience. Should you have further

questions please do not hesitate in making contact or come in and meet with me.

In June, we held a Learner Licence Course with 15 students attending (pictured right).

We also held a Primary Industry Expo on Tuesday 20th June. We locked in exhibitors from the following industries: Zespri, DairyNZ, Wintec, Primary ITO, Massey and Lincoln Universities, Plant and Food to name a few. We were excited to offer this opportunity to our Year 10 students to expose them to what the industry has to offer.

Last but not least, the Defence Force liaisons are visiting us on Monday 24th July in the school hall. This will be an invaluable opportunity for students who are thinking about the forces as a possible career to gain first hand insight into what is required to enlist.

Never a dull moment in the Careers Department!

Toni Brewer - Careers

Gateway Profile

Jaskeerat Randhawa has a Gateway placement with Kerepehi Water Treatment Plant, through Hauraki District Council. Below is a write up about his experience:

"I am a Year 11 student who has been attending Gateway at the Kerepehi Water Treatment Plant for 5 weeks. At the plant, I did a variety of tasks related to water treatment and learnt the pipeline from getting water from the Waihou River to the faucet in a person's house. I found the experience somewhat enlightening since you don't normally think that deeply about how water is cleaned and the amount of effort needed to make sure the community doesn't get sick. I would recommend this job to anyone who is interested in learning the behind the scenes of small things you normally take for granted in your day to day life".

Photo 1 Description: In the photo he's testing water samples for manganese, the cause of the brown water on the Hauraki Plains.

Jaskeerat's supervisor, Connan Negus writes: "While with us, Jas has been doing daily lab testing (as seen in the photo), as well as being shown around 3 of our plants (Kerepēhi Water and Sewerage Treatment Plants, and Ngatea Sewerage Treatment Plant) to get a better understanding of our processes and what the day-to-day duties are of a Treatment Technician. He's been exposed to a close-knit team with a learning culture, and hopefully it encourages him to pursue more knowledge and skill in whatever field he enters. However, we also got him involved in doing the boring part of a very interesting project: jar testing clarifier sludge at Kerepēhi WTP in order to test the feasibility of a sludge recycle line. If it's feasible, this could reduce manganese levels low enough that we don't need to retrofit a hugely expensive catalytic filter – but that's still a big "if" at this stage".

Photo 2 Description: Jas drying a turbidity sensor after routine maintenance. Turbidity sensors are used to ensure all protozoa and suspended solids are removed from the drinking water.



Chess Tournament

HPC hosted the Regional Chess Power Tournament on June 7th in the Hub. We welcomed Tuakau College, Ngaruawahia College, Thames High School and Waitakaruru Intermediate players. Although HPC did not win we certainly learnt some new moves. Well done to Thames High 1st, Ngaruawahia High School 2nd, Tuakau College 3rd.



In the Classroom

English

Term 2 has been full of exciting opportunities for English students to engage with experiences outside of the classroom. At the beginning of the term, the Ugly Shakespeare crew arrived to perform an adaptation of A Midsummer Night's Dream for our Year 10 students, introducing them to the chaos and drama of a Shakespearean comedy.

A few weeks later, our Year 13 students had the opportunity to spend the day at the University of Waikato, learning how to access and use the data bases and library system. The purpose behind this was twofold: to develop research skills and strategies that will help them in life beyond the classroom and also to set them up for the literature inquiry task that is the focus of their learning in Term 2. It was a great day out, despite the rain storm that saw us drenched. It is our hope that the knowledge gained by the students will act as a solid foundation to build on in the future.

"Theatre is a concentrate of life as normal. Theatre is a purified version of real life, an extraction, an essence of human behaviour that is stranger and more tragic and more perfect than everything that is ordinary about me and you."
Eleanor Catton

May also saw the annual trip to the Aotea Centre for a group of students, ranging from Years 9 - 13, who went to explore the wealth of knowledge the Auckland Writer's Festival had to offer. This is always a fantastic day, with students and teachers alike exposed to the passion and talent of a range of authors from around the world. This year the stand outs seemed to be Jason Reynolds (The Long Way Down) and Chole Gong (These Violent Delights) who were both described as 'inspiring' and 'charismatic'. The Festival staff even had praise for our students' polite and considerate behaviour, an observation I would definitely second. A great day all round!

At the time of writing this, we are also looking forward to welcoming the Poetry in Action crew who will be performing in late June for the Year 9, 11 and 12's. This day is all about bringing poetry to life across two performances: Words of War for our senior students and International Anthems for our Year 9's. We have been waiting for this performance since 2020 and it is exciting to be able to offer students what will, hopefully, be an eye opening look at the power and beauty of language.

With all of these performances, the creation of a scholarship group and not one but two creative writing groups, Term 2 has been a busy one. And, to top it off, we will also be announcing the winners of the reading challenge at the beginning of Term 3 so, as always... watch this space!



Ugly Shakespeare crew

In the Classroom



Mathematics

The Math Department worked together this term to prepare all the Year 10 students for their first Numeracy Exams on 13th June. We prepped them for their registration with NZQA and did a practice run of the 2022 sample digital assessments in their various classes prior to their sitting for the 2023 exam.

Teacher, Mr de Angelis, used manipulatives in his Math classes so that students could have a more concrete understanding of Solving Linear Equations. Using cups to represent x and tokens to represent numbers, they were able to solve $3x + 1 = x + 7$. What would be your answer?

Hauora

Junior Hauora has been studying the topic of interpersonal skills and resilience, through the context of net/hoops and hit games. This has included sports such as volleyball, football, netball and Māori traditional games, such as Ki O Rahi and Tapuwae. Students have learnt valuable communication and cooperation skills and have recognised the importance of overcoming challenges, demonstrating resilience. Junior Health classes have covered mental health and well-being with Year 9's and substance abuse and well-being with Year 10's. These health topics are offered to give students the tools and skills to cope with challenges in today's world.

Senior students are closing in on the end of their semester courses, finishing off practical based physical education assessments. Senior classes are focusing on the following topics -

Year 11: Quality sporting movement performance

Year 12: Group processes and teamwork strategies in sport

Year 13s: Sport skill improvement strategies

Year 12 (Outdoor Education): Camping, tramping and bush survival skills

Year 13 (Outdoor Education): Risk management skills in the outdoors

A letter has been sent home to inform parents/caregivers of the Term 3 junior puberty and sexuality topics. Please contact martina@haurakiplains.school.nz if you have any questions about the program offered.



Technology

As a few of our senior classes come to an end this semester in Technology, students have been working hard and fast to complete their projects and completing paperwork necessary for their assessments.

BCT Year 11-13 have been working on a 30 square metre self contained unit and a 10 square metre sleep out.

Automotive Year 12-13 have purchased a VW beach buggy to restore and put back on the road, watch this space for its progress. Also congratulations to the following students on the completion of their Level 2 trade ticket: Katie Pope, Nathan Rabbidge, Andrew Wynn, Austin Jamieson, Cody Jarnet, Marcus Mills, Abigail Cammell, Flynn Davey and Dylan Adams.



Humanities

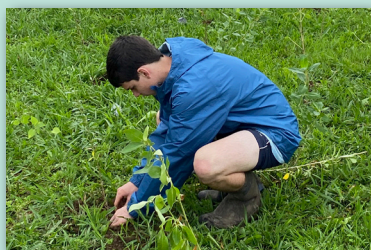
The Humanities department has been busy with lots going on!

"On the 26th of May I decided to join the nationwide school strike for climate. Many people came to protest, the majority were high school students, however there was a range in ages. It takes a lot of courage to get out there and strike. It can be nerve racking to go and put yourself out there, but it is also very rewarding. It was very empowering to strike and get out and protest. Walking down the street chanting with others and feeling the support of the public around us, cars drove past tooting their horns, waving and cheering as they drove past. It was amazing to be able to use my voice and to stand up for the planet, and be part of something big, demanding for change that needs to happen".

Hanne Vanhoovels, Year 12 Social Science Student - Social Scientist of the Month for June!

"In Mrs Weston's Geography class, we have been learning about sustainability in dairy farming. We started this module by discussing what it means to us as a class to be sustainable. This was followed up by a trip to the school farm on the following Friday to look at the ways we are using sustainable farming methods. While we were there, we got our hands dirty doing a soil experiment. This is something farmers do to learn about the soil on their farms and what the best ways to improve the health of the soil and its crop production.

Thanks to Mrs Dyer for having us and helping us work through the soil experiment. After this trip we continued our work looking at why the Hauraki Plains is an ideal region for dairy farming and how the environment is used and how to look after it to receive the best results. Our next step will be looking at the effect farming has on our local waterways with an excursion to the Piako River". **Joshua Crampton - Year 11 Geography student**

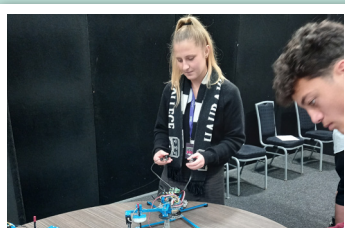


Science

It has been a busy term for the Science department.

In early May, Ms Clelland's Year 11 Science class planted out more than 800 native seedlings (tarata, harakeke, tī kōuka, manuka) at a private property in Mangatawhiri. HPC and charitable trust Trees for Survival have worked together for 2 years now. TFS provided the seedlings in propagation trays in October 2022 and the Environmental team potted each seedling into a larger potting bag. The seedlings grew well over the summer months in a specially designed shade house with automatic watering and were ready to plant out by May. The students worked really hard, digging many holes by hand or using the auger under close supervision. They all enjoyed being out in the fresh air and valued the opportunity to contribute to the environment by increasing the flora biodiversity and improving the local waterways.

At the end of May a number of junior and senior students attended the annual Science Spinners STEM Hub at the Claudelands Event Centre in Hamilton. Throughout the day, our students interacted with students from other Waikato secondary schools and rotated through various STEM (science, technology, engineering, and maths) related activities including tower engineering, robotics, sorting algorithms, riverway management, city planning, ice-cream production, and honey testing. They cooperatively solved problems reflecting the issues that occur in a variety of industries, with a science focus. Well done to Madison Finn and Teana Rangihika's team who won their tower competition and earned some extra prizes for their knowledge and skill.



Jaymee Davies engages with robotics to complete a lift and shift activity



Joshua Stonyer navigates a tricky device to investigate the cost effectiveness of wiring insulation

In the Classroom



Business Studies

The Business Studies department ran a series of activities this term with the objective of making our courses interesting and relevant.

Year 13 Business Studies

Hauraki Plains College has 5 teams involved in this year's Young Enterprise. This term we participated in the Dragon's Den which took place at Wintec in Hamilton. Each team presented their marketing plan to a panel of experienced business people and received feedback on how to improve their products.

Year 12 Agribusiness

The Year 12 Agribusiness class attended the 2023 AgriFutures conference at the University of Waikato. The day had interesting mini lectures and interactive sessions related to Agribusiness and was closely linked to what we are studying in class and an assignment currently being worked on.

Year 11 Business Studies

In Term 2, we ran two food markets involving 12 teams selling a range of culinary delights. Each team prepared a detailed business plan which included conducting marketing research on their product idea. The day was a great success.

Year 10 Entrepreneurship

Our Year 10 students prepared a marketing plan for a hypothetical product. This involved developing the product concept, conducting primary and secondary research, building a product mockup, writing a marketing plan and then developing an internet site incorporating the brand's logo and slogan. 5 teams presented their plans to the Principal Sharon Moller who selected the winning team based on the creativity of the product and the quality of their presentation.



Ag & Hort

Term 2 for Agriculture and Horticulture is full on with learning and experiences. This term the Year **11 Agriculture class** has spent time on farm developing their skills with learning about the importance of electric fencing and tractor driving skills. **Year 12 and 13 Agriculture** have also been doing hands on learning on the farm, they have learned about knot tying, post and wire fencing and water trough assembly. All students have had time to learn animal handling skills along with drenching and injecting.

Year 11 Horticulture have enjoyed their time in the horticulture block where they have designed and planted a potager garden, they also got the privilege of visiting the Agrisea Bioremediation plant. Students learned about how seaweed can be used to reduce nutrient percentages in the Waihou River.

Year 12 Horticulture has designed and developed a garden down on the Hayward Farm.

Year 12 Primary Industries has enjoyed growing chicks to pullets on the school farm. Students grew the chick's from 10 days old up until 7 weeks comparing the growth rate of chick's using 3 feed brands. Students weighed them each week and compared the brands. **Year 13 Primary Industries** has completed a social action project on the school farm developing a wetland area. All great hands on learning opportunities and theory to grow, develop and expand learning.





Showquest



Ruby Green (centre)



Rockquest

The Arts Dept

Showquest

Congratulations to our Showquest team, who performed at Claudelands Event Centre on 13th June. The performance was choreographed by Year 13 students Amalea Mikhailiadis-White, Grace Cairns, and Ashley Hogan, under the guidance of Mr Timote Mapuhola. Their performance focused on the story of pop star Rihanna, who overcame childhood adversity to become an inspirational role model for many people around the world. The team's energetic dance routines and impactful message made it a real hit with the large audience. They received Highly Commended awards for Choreography and Live Music.

Year 11 student Ruby Green also found success on the night with her 'Solution for Pollution' themed entry into the Toi Awards - a wearable art competition for student designers run in collaboration with World of Wearable Art. Ruby received awards for Best Use of Inventive Materials and Excellence in Garment Construction & Finishing.

Rockquest

On Sunday 28th May, we had 4 entries competing in the RockQuest competition for the Waikato region. 'Yellow Cacti' comprising of Isaac Smith, Carmen Smith, Holly Timmins, and Jaskeerat Randhawa performed very well with their original song 'Lost' and have made it into the regional final. Well done to Yellow Cacti and all other performers involved. The regional final for the band took place on June 24th, even though they didn't place, it is a huge achievement to get that far.

Foundation Studies

It's been a busy and productive term in the Foundation Studies department. We would like to welcome Miss Victoria Dickey and Mrs Nicolette Banwell to the department. Our students are lucky to have a team of such passionate and dedicated teachers to help them in their learning journey.

Well done to our Year 10 students who sat their practice exams for literacy and numeracy in Week 8. What a fantastic effort by everyone and a great opportunity for our students to experience sitting an exam!

It has been exciting to have the opportunity to introduce some new programmes in Term 2. A big shout out to our amazing team of teacher aides who have been working with groups of students on a range of innovative literacy and numeracy programmes. We also have a small group of students working alongside our RTLBs and getting creative with Lego!

Students continue to participate enthusiastically in our Hauora programme. I know there have been some competitive badminton battles in the gym and netball games on the courts. It is great to see some of our students stepping up to take on 'coaching' and refereeing opportunities in class. Well done on being willing to take on leadership opportunities and give it a go!

In the lab, our Year 10 students created some fantastic models of atoms as part of their learning about the building blocks of life. While our Year 9 students have been showing their resilience and learning some important investigative skills as they work towards achieving a science badge.



Victoria Dickey



Nicolette Banwell

Student Council - Whats Happening

Service Council

Our main focus this term was the Annual Blood Drive that happened on June 8th. Leading up to the day, Kate Strawbridge and Paige Welsh ran a quiz at student assembly to test the student's knowledge on the importance of donating. The HPC blood drive this year resulted in 43 registrations and 35 units of blood collected, which is an awesome turn out. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Earlier on in the term we encouraged students to get involved with Hoods up for Autism Day, this was a very successful day with lots of staff and students wearing their 'hoods up' in support of the autistic community here in Aotearoa.

Kate Strawbridge & Amy Aranyos - Service Leaders



Hapu Council

Over the past few weeks the Hapu Council has been running inter-Hapu competitions during lunch times in the gym on Wednesdays.

There was a poor turnout for the first few sessions but last week we had a group of people participating in Tug-of War. It was great to see students giving it a go, coming together to try and win it for their Hapu. The results were Ohinemuri and Piako in first place and Waihou and Tikapa in second place. Prizes will be sent out to the students who we believe gave it their best effort. Big thanks again from the Hapu team to those who turned up, keep an ear out for the next challenge.

Miles Sargent & Olivia Nicholson - Hapu Leaders

Arts Council

This term our council did a NZ Music Month concert on the 30th of May, and it was a great success! We had a team go to Showquest and come away with Highly Commended Awards in Live Music and Choreography! We are hopefully looking at doing a Visual/Virtual Arts Showcase around the beginning of Term 3 as well.

Ben Shackleton & Vanessa Martin - Art Leaders



Sports @ HPC



Football

Congratulations to our 1st XI Girls Football Team who won the Waikato Country Challenge Cup by beating Matamata College 1st XI 6-1.

The Cup is competed for by all country town schools in the Waikato competition and is put on the line each game the holder plays. The team has already had one successful defense of the Cup by beating Mercury Bay Area School up in Whitianga.

Cross Country

HPC Cross Country Champs	
Year 9 Girls	
Ashley Steffek	1st
Lily Hammond	2nd
Maia Wilgermein	3rd
Year 9 Boys	
Oscar Joynes	1st
Mathew Mead	2nd
Nathaniel Vale	3rd
Junior (U16) Girls	
Holly Timmins	1st
Abigail Dovey	2nd
Camryn Young	3rd
Junior (U16) Boys	
Cayden De Graaf	1st
Gursimran Singh	2nd
Fletcher Grant	3rd
Senior (U20) Girls	
Georgia McTaggart	1st
Grace Hanley	2nd
Ruby Van Hellemond	3rd
Senior (U20) Boys	
Zack Conroy	1st
Thomas Brown	2nd
Keegan Wilgermein	3rd

TVSS Cross Country Champs	
Year 9 Girls	
Ashley Steffek	2nd
Junior (U16) Girls	
Holly Timmins	2nd
Kaia Van Doorn	3rd
Senior (U20) Boys	
Zack Conroy	1st
Thomas Brown	2nd



Waikato BOP Cross Country Champs	
Congratulations to Ashley Steffek and Zack Conroy who were both selected to represent the Waikato BOP Relay Teams to run at the NZSS Relay Champs in Palmerston North.	
Team Results:	
Senior Girls 4000m – 3 Person Team 3rd Place	
Zoe Winter	
Libee Middleton	
Grace Hanley	
Senior Boys 6000m – 3 Person Team 3rd Place	
Zack Conroy	
Gursimran Singh	
Keegan Wilgermein	
Senior Boys 6000m – 6 Person Team 2nd Place	
Zack Conroy	
Gursimran Singh	
Keegan Wilgermein	
Thomas Brown	
Fletcher Wilkinson	
Jamie Kennedy	

Waikato SS Swimming Champs

Congratulations to the Swimming Team - Hunter Apiti, Candace Barriball, Taylor Batchelor, Blake Leach, Teana Rangihika and Rylee Sayer who competed at the Waikato Secondary Schools Swimming Champs in Hamilton, with HPC placing 7th overall.



Results:

Candace Barriball - Jnr Girls

2nd - 50m Breaststroke
2nd - 100m Breaststroke

Taylor Batchelor - Jnr Girls

2nd - 50m Backstroke
2nd - 100m Backstroke

Rylee Sayer - Para

1st - 25m Breaststroke
1st - 25m Freestyle

Shooting

Well done to the Shooting team who competed at the recent Secondary Schools Shoot at the Matamata Gun Club.

Congratulations to **Calin Mischewski** for placing 3rd in the Top Junior Shooters and **Amelia Sanson and Georgia Holtham** for placing 1st in the Ladies Team Trophy.



Thames Valley SS Squash Champs

Congratulations to **Daniel McLaren, Bailey Cruse and Cooper Green** who all competed at the Squash champs. Competing in the Non Graded Division, Cooper placed 1st and Bailey 3rd overall. Daniel finished 4th overall in J Grade. Well done boys.

Motocross

Congratulations to the MotoCross team for finishing 3rd overall at the recent Secondary Schools MX Challenge in Rotorua.

Well done also to **Harrison Reichenbach** who placed 2nd in the 15-18 125cc Comp and Zara Leaman for placing 4th in the Women's Comp.

Good work team!

