



# HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 11 August 2023

Kia ora koutou and welcome to week four of term three.

## Celebrating our Super Stars!

Sometimes our unsung heroes go unnoticed - but not today. A special acknowledgement to our wonderful Yr 10 student Ayden Knight (pictured right). This message from Mrs Bronwyn Dyer "Ayden is an exceptional young man who is very helpful both in my maths class but also at the Breakfast Club. He never waits to be asked if there needs to be things done, he just does it". You can check out our Facebook page for a lovely picture of Mrs Dyer and Ayden.



## Positive feedback from a parent regarding our 1st XV Boys Hockey team

"I went to watch the boys last night in Hamilton. It was a great game and they came from 2-0 down to draw with Tauranga Boys 2nd XI 2-2. After the game, one of the referees came up to Toni, the coach and congratulated her on the way the boys played the game and the respect they showed when tough refereeing decisions had to be made."

## Yr 11 Subject Selection for 2024 (current Yr 10's)

The online Schoolpoint portal for subject selection is now open and students need to go to the Year 10 google classroom for the link and instruction video. This portal is open until Friday 18th of August. [Link](#) to Y11 course outline booklet. [Link](#) to instruction video.

## Yr 12 and 13 Subject Evening for 2024

Thank you to the 150+ parents and students who attended our information evening on Thursday. A few points to clarify:

- Full year courses
- 2024 Yr 12s to choose 6 courses, Yr 13s to choose 5 or 6 courses (study class for those who choose 5 courses)
- No compulsory courses
- No prerequisites in Year 12
- Students will be able to choose their courses from Monday, using the Schoolpoint online portal
- Students who still do not have their NCEA Literacy/Numeracy requirement will be guided into courses to help them achieve this
- More Gateway / Work Experience placements have been made available next year
- Opportunity for students to enrol in a full year, 1-day per week Wintec Trades Academy course. Transport to Hamilton provided
  - L2 and L3 credits will be gained
  - Limited places available so an interview process will be taken
  - Course include hairdressing, landscaping, exercise science, electrical engineering, cookery and more

## Out of Zone Applications

OOZ enrolment forms need to be sent in as soon as possible. You can email: [marya@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:marya@haurakiplains.school.nz) for an enrolment form and any further information. Please note, the ballot for out of zone students (even if they already have a sibling at school) closes at midday Wednesday 23 August 2023.

This week we had 100 students and parents attend our final Out of Zone Evening. Given the predicted in zone students coming from primary schools, we have around 55 Out of Zone places for Yr 9 students in 2023. We currently have a list of 40 Out of Zone priority applications, for example students who have siblings here or their parents attended. This means our Out of Zone numbers for those they don't meet the priority criteria are sitting around 15. A huge thank you to our students Eleanor Clarkin, Ben Shackleton, John Upfold, Jack Pallister, Tahlia Warburton, and Trinity Gover for organising, supporting and speaking at our event. Also a huge thanks to Mary Aislabie for her ongoing work with our Out of Zone applications, she is the one doing all the heavy lifting and we really appreciate her efforts.

## BOT: Strategic Plan

Our current strategic plan finishes at the end of 2023. We would love to hear the ideas for our future from parents and our community. [Here is a link to a short survey](#). This will be open for 3 weeks. We hope to have a draft ready to share with our community by the end of week 8. Anyone who completes the survey will go into the draw to win 2 x \$100 FourSquare vouchers.

## BOT: Health Consultation

The following information regarding our Health Consultation was emailed to parents last Friday (please check your emails). We ask for written submissions before Wednesday 23rd August.





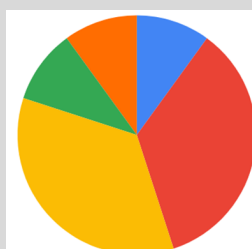
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## A note about Yr 9 and 10 GPAs

We have been fielding a few queries and hope this helps:

- The GPAs this year are calculated using different weightings. Progress in a class now has a weighting, but there is no weighting for curriculum level achievement (this is because the curriculum changes in 2027 are moving towards a progress rather than attainment focus)
- We have noticed a large discrepancy in GPA scores from Semester A to Semester B. This could be down to a number of factors e.g. change in teachers with English and Humanities alternating each term, progress grades being more about achievement level rather than gains made, option subjects changing etc.
- We are looking for a new approach to reporting next year which we anticipate will increase transparency and accuracy. We wonder if the GPA has run its course and is not serving its purpose any longer.



- Attendance
- Learning Progress
- Capability Progress
- Hauraki Way and RMK
- Extra Curricular/Activities

## Media Team [media@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:media@haurakiplains.school.nz)

If you have news you would like shared please email [media@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:media@haurakiplains.school.nz) Please note that our FB messenger and email account are only monitored during school hours.

## Upcoming Tournament Week

In Week 7 we have 100 students out for the week representing school in a variety of sports. The classwork set by teachers will be via Google Classroom. If students require a device to borrow for the week, please see Mrs Corbett in advance to get this organised.

## Sports Overdue Fees

We have a considerable amount of sports fees outstanding - please get these paid or contact the office to arrange a payment plan.

## Yearbook

The 2022 Yearbook is now available for purchase from the Student Centre for \$20. Cash or EFTPOS, no bank transfers. 130 pages loaded with photos from the year, including individual portrait photos taken of each student last year. There is a limited number of copies so get in quick!

## Kia Kaha te Reo Māori - let's make Te Reo Māori strong!

Kupu o te wiki - our words of the week are āe (yes - to agree), kao (no - used only as a negative answer to a question)

Kīanga o te wiki - our phrase of the week is Haere mai ki roto (Welcome inside)

## Term 3 Key Dates

Mon 14 Aug	Whakapiki Ake Visit	Tue 12 Sept	TVSS Jnr Badminton
Tue 15 Aug	Waikato Uni Course Planning visit		Learner Licence Course
Wed 16 Aug	TVSS Boys Football		ShadowTec for Girls Event
Thu 17 Aug	TVSS Girls Football	Wed 13 Sept	Learner Licence Course
	Canterbury Uni Course Planning visit		First Aid Course
Sun 20-22 Aug	Yr 13 Ski Trip	Thu 14 Sept	Licence Testing Day
Mon 28-Fri 1	Winter Tournament Week		First Aid Course
Fri 1 Sept	NZSS MotoX Nationals		Bay of Plenty Clay Target Shoot
	Wintec Open Day	Fri 15 Sep	Health and Safety Course #5
Fri 8 Sept	TVSS Snr Badminton	Wed 20-21 Sept	Health and Safety Course #6
	AUT Course Planning Visit		

