



HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 15 Sept 2023

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

Unplugged Music Event Thursday 13th September

This parent email summed up a brilliant evening - well done to all involved!

*Good morning Jordana,
I just wanted to drop you a quick note to say how awesome Unplugged was last night. You pulled together yet another amazing showcase of HPC's young talent. Wow!*

I can only imagine how much organising goes into these events, you did a fab job. I also loved hearing what you shared about each act when introducing them. It's mind blowing the talent in the room last night!

Thank you for being such a wonderful leader for our kids. Your passion for music oozes out of you and your drive for the music department really is outstanding. I hope you feel a real sense of satisfaction.



Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

This week we celebrated Te Reo Māori alongside the rest of Aotearoa. Matua Normie delivered an informative and inspiring kōrero at Monday's assembly. We had students fundraising for Te Kuiti through selling Fry Bread and Seafood Chowder. On Thursday Ohinemuri won the school wide haka wars competition, photo to the right. We have been working hard to weave more Te Reo Māori into our conversations with each other. Kia kaha Te Reo Māori.



Cultural and Arts Awards

Students who have excelled in the Cultural and Performing Arts will be recognised at our awards evening, starting at

6pm on Monday 18 September in the school hall. This is also an opportunity for our students to showcase their talents in a range of areas such as Kapa Haka, Dance, Drama, Music and Film. All of our school community are warmly invited to attend this event.

Police/Netsafe Event Success

On Wednesday 13th of September 2023 we hosted an event for parents led by the Police and Netsafe. The kaupapa was how to keep children safe from online bullying and better manage their use of social media. There were five people who attended. Here is the [Powerpoint](#) from Netsafe if you would like to read the presentation. Some of the key messages that I picked up:

- It's not longer a digital footprint we leave, its a digital tattoo - our content can stay forever
- Parents can log into their internal provider accounts and change router settings to have certain filters
- If feeling unsafe online - BIRD: Block, Ignore, Report, Delete
- If someone shares an image with you it is not your property to then share it with others. By sharing, you can be breaking the law.
- Phones can be made 'undiscoverable' so people can't airdrop or send you random things
- Support your child to set up an online world that is smaller
- Make sure online use has a purpose and is deliberate e.g. scrolling Insta reels is mindless. Users needs to have a balanced approach to what they are accessing online
- Ensure users/students/us are not sitting like a banana, are getting enough sleep, not missing out on other things that need to done
- Boundaries are important with children/students
 - No, you can't use this for these reasons
 - Yes, BUT I will set it up and you can only use it for 30 mins etc
- If a child 'gets it wrong', punishing them by taking away the technology might decrease the likelihood of them reaching out for help or support from parents next time there is a hiccup and it could also take them away from support networks and other resources that are keeping them happy (*this was quite surprising to the group of us present at session with Netsafe*)





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- <https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/> for help removing images from platforms
- <https://switchonsafety.co.nz/> free filter for home which is the same filter we use at school
- <https://netsafe.org.nz/> phone 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723) or text Netsafe to 4282

One of our parents shared that she uses <https://families.google/familylink/> to stop access to devices in her household after a certain time.

Information session with Police Sergeant Kenny Ross

On Monday 18th September Police Sergeant Kenny Rose is coming to speak with Yr 9 and 10 students at assembly (Yr 11-13 will watch the livestream). Despite a cell phone ban, we are having challenges with online behaviour and the sharing of inappropriate information. Kenny is coming to let them know about the facts around this behaviour so they can make better decisions in the future.

His session will cover:

- impact and consequences of sharing sensitive information without consent
- the role of bystanders and the importance of being an upstander
- facts on what constitutes an assault
- the consequences of assault

If you don't feel comfortable with your young person taking part in this information session please email Karen Hinton, our Team Leader of Wellbeing, who will opt your student out karenh@haurakiplains.school.nz

Advance Notice no classes Friday 13th October (1st Friday back)

As was done last year, on Friday 13th October there will only be selected senior students at school for assessment catch ups - there won't be any classes running for juniors or non invited seniors. Emails will be sent home to the parents of the senior students we need to attend on the Friday.

Year 9 / 10 Camp Consent Forms

These need to be handed in to your child's River guide ASAP please. Cut off is Monday 18 September!

Seatbelts in school cars and vans

Drivers have the responsibility to ensure all students are

buckled up. If students are refusing to wear seat belts they won't be able to take part in offsite events. Please talk to your young person about this.

Sports Photos

Parents have been emailed their child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2023 school sports team photos. **Please note** that an email was only sent to the students who are in team photos. If it has not appeared in your inbox, you might need to check your spam folder.

Maths Tutorials at lunchtime each week

Year 11 Wednesdays and Fridays in Room 27

Year 12 Mondays and Tuesdays in Room 27

Year 13 Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Careers Centre

Adjusting the finish time for 2024 - only 1 email received so far with feedback on this

Currently students have 25 mins for Break 1, and 50 mins for Break 2. The school day finishes at 3.20pm. We are exploring the idea of shortening Break 2 and finishing earlier. No learning time would be lost as there would still be 4 periods a day of 75 mins. There are several reasons for this suggested change:

- 80% of our students are on the bus, and many get home very late.
- Students have indicated they would like to have more time at home in the afternoon for part time work, school work, and leisure time
- My straw poll with students has seen a lot of them largely in favour
- Most of our sports coaches and managers are not teachers, and therefore sports practices are usually after school or in the evening - rather than at lunchtime
- The 2nd half of lunch is when more incidents occur relating to hands on or unsavoury behaviour
- We currently have 3 shifts a day for duty, a shorter Break 2 would mean 2 shifts a day so we could have more staff on duty during break times
- The new PPTA collective agreement has the average working hours for teachers of 40 hours per week, approx 8.30-4.30pm, with 4 week designated closedown period (annual leave).





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It makes it difficult to have staff meetings and professional development with this 4.30pm guideline. Our staff who do bus duty are always late to meetings and PD, this wouldn't happen with an earlier finish time.

If you can think of any unintended consequences of finishing earlier e.g. 3.05, or have any other thoughts relating to this - please email your thoughts through to our admin superstar Toni Ross who will compile these:

tonir@haurakiplains.school.nz

Winter to Summer Uniform Changeover

We are now in our uniform changeover transition from winter to summer uniform and it will run until Friday 20 October (end of week 2 of Term 4). From Tuesday 24 October all students must be in full summer uniform. This period would've given whānau/families 6 weeks to get the correct uniform items, especially sandals. During the changeover period students may wear either winter or summer uniform and not a combination of both, e.g. a scarf with sandals. Here are links to our [Uniform Policy](#) and [Argyle's online uniform shop](#).



A note about uniform

Uniforms are all sold online. HPC overalls, sport hoodies, Hapu tees, PE shorts and footwear are online at <https://haurakiplainscollege.nz/uniforms.com/>. All other uniform is online at <https://www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/waikato/hauraki-plains-college>

Novice Rowers

Any novice (new) rowers wanting to row this season, please contact Amanda Sayer amandas@haurakiplains.school.nz

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

To ensure we are valuing our kupu and we can hear the kōrero around the kura we will continue to focus on our previous weeks.

Kianga o te wiki - our phrases of the week are

1. Kia pai te rā - have a good day (to one person)
2. Kei te pēwhea koe - how are you (to one person)

3. Kei te pai ahau (I am fine)
4. Haere mai ki roto (welcome inside)
5. Ka taea e koe (you can do it, said to one person)

Kupu o te wiki - our words of the week are

1. Mōrena or ata mārie - good morning
2. Ahiahi mārie - good afternoon
3. (Interchangeable with pai) are koa (happy), pouri (sad), nenge (tired), hiakai (hungry)
4. Āe (yes to agree), kāo (no - used only as a negative answer to a question)
5. Koa (please) kia ora (thank you)

Autism Support Group

A message from our wonderful Kāhui Ako learning support coordinator, Nicky Farrant: Any parents/caregivers interested in meeting others who have children in their care with Autism, please email nicky@turua.school.nz and I will put you in touch with each other.

Term 3 Key Dates

Sun 17 Sep	Inter-Schools Dressage Champs
Mon 18 Sep	6pm Cultural Awards Evening (please note earlier start time)
	WTA Pre Visit to the Kopu Campus
20-21 Sep	Health and Safety Course #6
	Otago Course Planning Visit
Thu 21 Sep	4.30pm Board Meeting
	Yr 13 Dancing Block 3
23-25 Sep	NISS & NZSS Clay Target Championships

Term 4 Key Dates

Mon 9 Sep	Start of Term 4
10-12 Sep	NCEA Practice Exams
Thu 12 Sep	Spirit Day Activities in the afternoon
Fri 13 Oct	No school for Yr 9 and 10s - only seniors at school for course catch up
	Sports Prizegiving
Thu 19 Sep	Yr 13 Dancing Block 3
Fri 27th Oct	Yr 13 Dancing Block 3
Fri 1st Dec	Yr 13 Dancing Block 3

Ngā mihi
Sharon Moller
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