

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 17 November 2023



Kia ora koutou and welcome to Week Six of Term Four.

Junior Student Stepping Up

With our senior students on exam leave, it has been great seeing our junior students step up into new roles. Blake Haynes in Year 9 (*right*) has been incredibly helpful at Breakfast club, staying behind to clear up and being cheery to those coming along to enjoy breakfast. Thanks for you hard mahi, Blake!



Awesome Statistics to Share

- Student engagement has been high this year at the Hayward Farm across Agriculture, Horticulture and Primary Industries. 344 students have been in classes that use the farm - that is 40% of our students!
- 628 students have represented HPC this year in sport - that is 72% of our students!

Junior Prize Giveings

The Year 9 Junior Certificate Prize Giving will start at **9.30am** and the Year 10 Junior Diploma Prize Giving will start at **12pm** on Thursday 30 November. **Students must be at school 30 minutes before the start of their event** so we can complete our final checks. All Year 9 and 10 students attend Prize Giving.

Year 9 students are welcome to go home with their whānau/parents after their event.

Year 10 students are welcome to arrive with their whānau/parents at 11.30am. Year 10 students arriving first thing in the morning will be supervised by senior River Guides while the Year 9 Prize Giving is underway. Year 10 students are welcome to go home with their whānau/parents after their event.

Any students not able to go home, will be supervised until the end of the day.

Year 10 Options 2024

Year 9 students can now select their options for next year using our Schoolpoint subject selection portal. A video has been posted to the Year 9 Google Classroom page explaining the process. Students need to choose four options from the following subjects: Art, Media Studies, Te Reo, Music, Dance, Drama, Wood Technology, Metal Technology, Food Technology, Design and Visual Communication, Enterprise Studies, Agriculture and Horticulture.

End of Year Dates

Our last day with students is Friday 8th December for those students not attending camp. For students attending camp, their last day is when camp finishes.

Camp Update

Yr9/10 camp students have completed camp preparation this week. They will be bringing home their planners so parents and caregivers can help prepare food and camp gear to take to camp. Gear lists are available on the Yr9/10 Google Classrooms or a hard copy is available in the student centre. Further information closer to the time will be posted on the Yr9/10 Google Classrooms. If you have any camp related queries, please email Mrs Paton janp@aurakiplains.school.nz

Start Dates 2024

Friday 26 Jan - School office open
Monday 29 Jan - Anniversary Day (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 30 Jan - Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 31 Jan - Teacher Only Day
Thursday 1 Feb - Year 9 and 13 students only
Friday 2 Feb - Year 10, 11, 12 students only
Monday 5 Feb - All students back
Tuesday 6 Feb - Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)

NCEA Exams

Well done to our senior students who are onto their second week of NCEA exams. Students can check the full schedule [here](#).

Board: Uniform Committee Update

From 2024 we have a female short (summer) and trouser (winter) option that can be bought from Argyles. Females may choose to wear trousers for their Number 1s. We will still expect a high standard of dress and full uniform rules apply.

<https://www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/waikato/auraki-plains-college>



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Board: Health Consultation

Our consultation period is over, and the Board have shared the feedback and modifications made to our Health Statement [here](#). Thank you for participating in our health consultation.

Library Books / Signing Out

A number of student leavers are using the online sign out form. If they have library books owing, the value of these books will be added to school accounts. Students have received multiple reminders of overdue books.

Credit Catch up Workshops

Senior students please keep an eye on emails, as there are some additional workshops running to support students who need a few remaining credits to gain their NCEA.

Left Students with Credit Balances

Last week we sent out invoices showing credit balances for left or leaving students. If your child is one of these, please email Mrs Purcell on exec@haurakiplains.school.nz with your bank details to receive a refund. If you wish to have this amount carried over to a sibling, please also email regarding this. Thanks in advance for your help.

Dental Van

The dental van will be returning next week.

Sport

Applications for COACHES and MANAGERS are now open for 2024 for all teams, in the following Sports Codes: Touch, Cricket, MotoX, Shooting, Waka Ama, Rugby, Football, Hockey, Basketball & Netball. Please contact Cindy Berridge at sport@haurakiplains.school.nz for an application form. Applications close 1st December 2023


Performing Arts HPC students

Two of our students have leading roles in Onewhero Society of Performing Arts' upcoming High School version of Clue, based on the board game Cluedo, in December. Aimee Johnston-Biggs is Mrs White and Evie Taylor is Miss Scarlet, two key characters in this classic whodunit murder mystery. Go along and support them. More info [here](#).

Term 4 Key Dates

Mon 6 - Thu 30 Nov	NCEA Exams
Thu 23 Nov	Board Meeting 4pm
Thu 30 Nov	Junior Prize Givings: Year 9 at 9.30am and Year 10 at 12pm
Fri 1 Dec	Year 8 Discovery Day 9.30am
Fri 1 Dec	Year 13 Dancing Block 3
Mon 4 - Fri 8 Dec	Junior Camps
Sun 10 Dec	Year 13 Graduation Dinner 5.30pm

Ngā mihi,
Sharon Moller
Principal



Nau mai, haere mai

Invite for
Whānau Māori
to be part of our
**Year 8
Discovery Day**
1 DECEMBER • 1:00 PM
(Year 8 programme starts at 9.30am and we look forward to meeting whānau at 1pm)
We would love Māori families to come along to:
Meet Kaiako Māori
Meet our Te Reo Māori Department
Meet our support staff
Plan the 2024 pōwhiri
Meet our 2024 ākonga leaders
Hui with all those helping our rangatahi

