

# HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 24 November 2023



Kia ora koutou and welcome to week seven of term four. This term is really flying with only one week left with our juniors and most of them attending camp!

## K's for Karly

The North Rugby Club are organising an awesome 12-hour walkathon fundraiser for Starship Hospital and Ronald McDonald House - called K's for Karly. The Forsyth whānau felt incredibly supported through their time in Auckland, and want to help keep this amazing service available for others families that need the level of care and love they were shown. At Karly's service Gavin Flint, from Hauraki North Rugby Club, told of how Karly became the first young woman to wear the Number 9 jersey when the club established its first women's rugby team in its history, dubbed the Diamonds. A 12-hour walkathon around the Hauraki North fields Waitakaruru has been planned to remember Karly's spirit and legacy. It will be held on Saturday, December 2, from 8am to 8pm, with all donations going to Starship Hospital and Ronald McDonald House. Email [aurakinorth@hotmail.com](mailto:aurakinorth@hotmail.com) to enter and/or donate. In case you missed the lovely write up about Karly in the Valley Profile:

<https://www.valleyprofile.co.nz/2023/11/21/remembering-wahine-toa-karly-forsyth/>



## Junior Prize Givings next week!

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.

- 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.

Please note: Friday 1 December is a normal timetabled day for all Yr9's and Y10's.

## East Coast Students! You Rock!

A group of Tairua/Pauanui students eagerly look forward to December 20th. This date marks the day when SH25a is finally reopened, and they can relax knowing the start of school in 2024 will return to normal. Since February, these students have faced many obstacles to continue their studies at HPC. Online learning, weekly schooling at the Tairua Fire Brigade, and a bus ride that took over two hours became the norm. This travel time was extended to over three hours several times due to slips, and the 309 became the only way home. Just as the students were settling into this routine, the bus company decided operating was no longer viable, presenting another obstacle. Students were left wondering how they would get to school. Fortunately, the call was put out, and they boarded for the remainder of the year. Most of these students played a sport, which sometimes meant a trip to Auckland or Hamilton on a Saturday, adding to their already long and tiring schedule. Throughout all this, the students have shown grit and resilience and deserve praise for their never-give-up attitude. Let's celebrate the new bridge opening and hope for a smoother journey! A huge thank you to Jenny Tawa for keeping an extra special eye on our wonderful East Coast students through the year.



## 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
	Course Confirmation 11am-2pm in the Hub (optional)
Thursday 1 Feb	Year 9 and 13 students only
	Course Confirmation 11am-2pm in the Hub (optional)
Friday 2 Feb	Year 10, 11, 12 students only
Monday 5 Feb	All students back (new bell times 8.45am-3.05pm)
Tuesday 6 Feb	Waitangi Day - Public Holiday



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## 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 Yr 9/10 Google Classrooms or a hard copy is available in the student centre. Further information closer to the time will be posted on the Yr 9/10 Google Classrooms. If you have any camp related queries, please email Mrs Paton [janp@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:janp@haurakiplains.school.nz)

## 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. 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/hauraki-plains-college>

## 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.

## 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.

## Dental Van

The dental van returns 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](mailto:sport@haurakiplains.school.nz) for an application form. Applications close 1st December 2023.

## Community

Car for Sale: Toyota Vitz. 1.0L, perfect student car, road legal, well maintained. \$4000 ono. Ring Paul for details 0274976648.

Thames Hauraki Dance Theatre is holding its annual dance production at the Civic Centre in Thames on December 9. Poster with more information attached [here](#).

## Term 4 Key Dates

Mon 6-Thu 30 Nov	NCEA Exams
Thu 30 Nov	Junior Prize Givings: Yr9 - 9.30am and Yr10 - 12pm
<b>Fri 1 Dec</b>	<b>Normal timetabled day for all Yr9's and Yr10's</b>
Fri 1 Dec	Yr8 Discovery Day
Fri 1 Dec	Yr13 Dancing: Block 3
Mon 4-Fri 8 Dec	Junior Camps
Sun 10 Dec	Yr13 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