

# HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 16 Feb 2024



Kia ora koutou and welcome to week three of term one!

It has been an exciting week with the launch of Learning Labs this afternoon. This will be a 6 week block where students get to try a new experience or opportunity. Korean culture and cooking is proving popular with Mr O'Neill, so is AI tools with Mr Fong, and costume design with Ms van Vliet. Keep an eye on Facebook for further updates this afternoon.

## Year 11 NCEA Evening

Thank you to the 60 parents and students who attended our NCEA event last night. Here is the [link](#) to the powerpoint if you were unable to attend. This video is a great 6 minute summary of NCEA:



<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/about-ncea/>

## Year 9 Meet the River Guide Event Tuesday 20th February 6pm (Hall)

We welcome all Year 9 students and families into school for this event. We will start in the hall outlining some key information and then River Guides will take their River students and families to their classrooms for a 'getting to know you' session.

## Swimming Sports on Monday 19th Feb

Swimming sports gets underway at 9.15am down at the Ngatea Domain pool. All students taking part are to bring their swimming gear, sunblock and plenty of food and drink for the day. First Hapu challenge of the year! A highlight of the day will be the 'Race like Rylee' event. Thanks to all our volunteers who are coming to help on the day. Keep a lookout on the school Facebook page for the schedule.



## Hot Sauce Challenge on TikTok

We seem to have a few students partaking in this challenge at school during break. Students are sprinting for the tap and crying out for milk. Please don't allow your students to bring hot sauce to school, and encourage your students to resist trying it! Thank you for your support on the hot sauce matter.

## Bus Update

If buses are running up to 15 min late we will not be notifying parents. If it is longer than that - we will push out a notification to all parents, and pop a message on Facebook. We don't want to bombard 6000 adults with information about buses running slightly behind schedule! A reminder

that our bus controller is the wonderful Biology teacher, Michelle Isbister, [michellei@aurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:michellei@aurakiplains.school.nz)

## Legacy Project

This year in River, a number of groups are contributing to a legacy project about our school. There will be a tour of the school created, with links to videos of our stories and places of significance. If you have a special place or story, please send us an email [media@aurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:media@aurakiplains.school.nz). While the information would be super helpful, we also welcome those in our community willing to be part of short videos sharing their stories about our place!

## School App and Parent Portal

1. On your phone or tablet, open the Play Store app if you are using an Android phone (e.g. Samsung) or the App Store if you have an Apple phone or iPad.
2. Search for 'school apps nz' and download the SchoolAppsNZ app.
3. Open the SchoolAppsNZ app on your device and search for 'Hauraki Plains College' to connect to our school.

The 'Parent Portal' section of the app allows parents/guardians the ability to access their child's attendance and academic results. Caregiver login details have been emailed out. Email: [studentservices@aurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:studentservices@aurakiplains.school.nz) to request your caregiver login details if you did not receive them.

## Google Classroom

Parents/caregivers of Year 9 students and other new students will receive an email in week three inviting them to subscribe to summaries of activity from their child's Google Classroom subject sites. The summaries are emailed out either daily or weekly, depending on individual preference, and provide a snapshot of the learning focus for each week and upcoming assignments. Please contact Mr Jonathan O'Neill ([jonathano@aurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:jonathano@aurakiplains.school.nz)) if you have any questions.

## CAREERS CORNER

### Driving Licence

The first dates we have for the Learner Driver Licence Course and testing are happening next month. Monday 25th March and Tuesday 26th March for the course. Testing Wednesday 27th March. Students pay \$96.10 for the test. Financial assistance is available, please contact the



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Principal. Places are limited. Please come and speak with Mrs Lawlor/Mrs Scott in the Careers Centre to book your slot.

## University Visits

It's never too early to plan ahead! When you are thinking about studying at University and need more information, please come to the Careers Centre and speak with Mrs Lawlor. You can also attend any of our meetings with liaisons from the Universities.

*Here's what's coming up:*

12th March	Massey University 9-10.20 am
21st March	University of Waikato (time to be confirmed)
27th March	University of Otago 9-10.20 am
1st May	AUT 9-10 am
15th May	Lincoln University 9-10.00 am
29th May	Victoria University of Wellington (time to be confirmed)
27th June	University of Waikato Scholarship visit (time to be confirmed)
21st August	University of Waikato Course Planning Visit (time to be confirmed)

All meetings in the Careers Centre unless otherwise notified. Please contact Mrs Lawlor: [pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz) to book your place.

## Run Deep

Have you got what it takes? The New Zealand Defence Force is looking for new talent. Come and try the "beep" test. Wednesday 20th March 9am - 10.15am. Open to students in years 11-13, filling up fast but a few places left! Please email Mrs Lawlor [pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz) to book your slot or visit the careers centre for more information.



## Franklin Careers Expo

Interested students, their parents and caregivers are invited to attend the Franklin Schools career expo. Where: Pukekohe Indian Association Hall 59 Ward Street, Pukekohe. When: Thursday 21st March 5.30 - 7.30 pm

## Apologies and Correction

In the Week 1 e-bulletin, and our advertorial in the Valley Profile, I made two mistakes. Firstly I misspelt the name of Korohere Ngāpō incorrectly. Korohere welcomed our Year 9 students on behalf of mana whenua at our pōwhiri in Week 1. We also left off the macron in the spelling of pōwhiri in the Valley Profile. Nōku te hē, sorry this was my mistake. Aroha mai, Sharon.

## Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 4 - Week commencing 19th February	Week 5 - Week commencing 26th February
Mon	19: Swimming and Relay Champs - optional	26:
Tues	20: Year 9 Meet the River Guide Event 6pm	27: HPC Athletics Day - all school
Wed	21:	28: Out of Zone Information Evening 6pm Waikato SS Show Jumping
Thurs	22: Gillette Cup Match - Morrinsville Board Meeting 4.30pm	29: TVSS Touch (hosting)
Fri	23: Athletics - 3000m @ 8.40am Yr13 BUS trip	1: MotoX King of the Schools - Te Kuiti

Ngā mihi  
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