

# HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 2 Feb 2024



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

I hope you have had a happy and restful break. We are excited to be back at school this week and ready to crack into 2024. It has been a fantastic week welcoming in our new staff on Tuesday, our new Year 9 students and Year 13 students on Thursday, and our Year 10-12 students on Friday. A big week of welcomes!

## Year 9 Welcome Pōwhiri

We welcomed 200 new Year 9 students and their families to our school on Thursday. Thank you Matua Frank and Whaea Rangitahi for bringing across our manuhiri. It was wonderful to have Korehere Ngāpō speaking on behalf of mana whenua. Thank you to our teachers Matua Te Wai for his kōrero and Whaea Jenny for her beautiful karanga. Our Year 9 students then met their River Guides and moved through each of their six classes. Our Year 13 students worked on developing their peer support programme to help look after our new students. We are looking forward to seeing our Year 9 students back again on Monday. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your students River Guide.



## Facebook

Facebook continues to be a fast way to reach many people. We will always email out important information, including the bulletins, but for a lot of other news - Facebook is the place to be. Please follow us on "Hauraki Plains College: What's happening at HPC". Our Facebook messenger and [media@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:media@haurakiplains.school.nz) email are monitored during school hours if you have news to share with us. For general queries please contact the Student Centre - [studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz)



## Email Access for New Students

All Year 9 and other new students will receive details on how they can access their Hauraki Plains College email address next week through River.

## 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@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz)) if you have any questions.



## School App and Parent Portal

If you have not yet installed the school app on your phone then please follow these instructions:

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.

When we push out a message via the app, all users will instantly receive a pop-up 'push notification' on their device alerting them to the message.

Many parents enjoy the convenience of using the app to notify the school of their child's absence, as well as accessing the daily notices, school map and staff contact details.



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

## Frequently asked questions at this time of the year!

**I haven't quite got the right uniform yet** - Please don't panic, we can write a uniform pass for you until you get it sorted. Before river time, students bring a note to the front office and write their name on a clipboard. A uniform pass will be sent to students during the first block.

**I am missing some stationery items** - Teachers will have extra gear to help get students started

**I have financial hardship and can't pay for key things to get my student started** - Please email [principal@aurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:principal@aurakiplains.school.nz) or call the main office and ask to speak with Sharon

**I don't know who to contact about things** - You will be receiving a welcome email/phone call from your river guide within the next week. Here is a list of staff contacts from our website <https://aurakiplains.school.nz/our-people/staff-contact-emails/>

**I have some bus questions, who do I talk to?** - Our biology teacher Michelle Isbister is also our bus controller - [michellei@aurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:michellei@aurakiplains.school.nz). She will be able to answer most of your queries. Our Facebook page is updated with any changes to routes.

## Zone Clarification

We have a school zone. This means that students with "out of zone" addresses need to apply in our ballot which is drawn mid year. There is currently a waiting list of Year 9's who didn't get in on the ballot. It has been brought to our attention that some families have enrolled students with in-zone addresses, where the students are not regularly residing. We are within our rights to cancel a student's enrolment if we have evidence that false information has been provided on an in-zone enrolment (for example the student is regularly catching the bus home to an out of zone address).

[Enrolment Schemes \(school zones\) - Parents.education.govt.nz](#) - [Practical information about education for parents and carers](#)

## Yr 11 NCEA Information Evening Thursday 15th February 6-7.30pm

This event is for Year 11 students, parents and anyone wanting to upskill on their knowledge of NCEA. This session will also include some of the recent changes made last year. We also have students from our academic council supporting this event. They will be able to answer your questions from a student perspective.

## Advance Notice

Tuesday 20th February 6pm - meet the River Guide event at school.

*(below) some year 9's checking out the ropes.*

