

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 23 Feb 2024



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

It has been a busy couple of weeks with swimming sports, athletics and events such as NCEA Evening, Yr 9 River Guide Meet and Greet and the Out of Zone Evening coming up next week. Please remember you don't need to wait until an event to get in touch - calls, emails, and questions are welcome anytime.

Millie Tamati

It was an absolute highlight of the week having Millie speak to our Year 11 and 12 students during River time. Millie is a former HPC student, and was Head Girl. She shared her experiences travelling, in start up tech and entrepreneurial roles and gave our students some fantastic tips and advice. A few that stuck out for me.

- Don't grow up too fast - enjoy your youth. Once you work, you work for a long time!
- Nobody knows what they are doing, most people are winging it.
- Home is not necessarily a place, it is where you make it, with the community and people you connect with.
- There is not one path to success, be brave and curious.
- You are your best investment, take care of yourself.



Here are some links to check out more of Millie's work. Millie is an inspiration for our young people.

- <https://www.generalist.world/about>
- <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/generallycurious>
- <https://twitter.com/MillyTamati>

Yr9 Meet The River Guide Evening

Thank you to the 150 parents and students who attended our event on Tuesday night. Here is the [link](#) to the PowerPoint if you were unable to attend.

Swimming Sports Results

1st	Tikapa (534 pts)	2nd	Ohinemuri (485 pts)	3rd	Waihou (326 pts)	4th	Piako (216 pts)
			Champions				Runners Up
	Junior Girls		Jasmine Welsh				Penny Timmins
	Junior Boys		Finn Verner				Kyle Bell
	Intermediate Girls		Taylor Batchelor				Paige Tevita-Williams
	Intermediate Boys		Blake Leach				Hunter Apiti
	Senior Girls		Rhona McInnes				Zoe Winter
	Senior Boys		Innes Hill				Korban Iles

Athletics Champs

This is happening next Tuesday 27th, an awesome day with the whole school involved. Students will need to bring their Hapu Shirt & Black Shorts, a hat (any hat is fine for that day only), a drink bottle and sunscreen. Mr Whippy will be onsite and spectators are most welcome. The food truck will be open as usual for kai, and we will have a water trailer on the field for drink bottle refills. We get underway at 9.15am. Students with notes from home and medical reasons for not participating will have an alternative class organised with Whaea Debby. Forgetting PE gear is not a reason to join the alternative class!

Van Drivers

We are looking for community members who have time during the school day to assist with driving vans on our school trips.



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We offer a small voucher, and a lovely day out with awesome HPC students and teachers. Please share this with grandparents and your wider network!

If you:

- Are fine with being police vetted
- Can drive a manual and automatic
- Are confident with a group of students
- Have full licence



Please email Carolyn Purcell at exec@haurakiplains.school.nz
We would love to hear from you.

WEEK 5 ONWARDS: Year 12 Healthy Relationship Course - Speak Up, Step Up!

The Healthy Relationships programme is designed to help students develop healthy relationships with their peers, teachers, and others. It covers important topics such as communication, boundaries, consent, and healthy conflict resolution. By equipping your child with the skills and knowledge they need to build strong, positive relationships, we believe we can help them to navigate the complexities of social interaction in a healthy way.

Topics covered:

- Identifying Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships & Communication Skills
- Consent and the Law/Online & Social Media Safety
- Communication styles and skills
- The Bystander Effect - How to be an Upstander

Each week four River classes will be working on this program together. We respect that not all parents will want their child to participate so **we offer an opt out**, all you have to do is send your child's name to Toni Ross at tonir@haurakiplains.school.nz and she will let the team know to find an alternative for that child. Your child will bring home a permission slip today and you have also been emailed it. Your opt out needs to be registered by next Wednesday Block 1 prior to the first lesson. Any queries about the course content please feel free to contact becky.familysafetyservices@gmail.com

Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan

These are in draft form and we welcome feedback on both of our key documents for 2024-2025. Please send your feedback to principal@haurakiplains.school.nz Once finalised in March, they will be on our school website.

[Strategic Plan - draft](#)

[Annual Implementation - draft](#)



Roman Sandals are in stock

Our supplier [NZ Uniforms](#) has hundreds

of pairs of the much better quality roman sandal. Buy them here - <https://haurakiplainscollege.nzuniforms.com/product/roman-sandal-black-1910523.htm>

Do Days - calling our experts

We have Do Days coming up from 4-11 April. This is a full day in each of the students' 6 classes. The rationale for Do Day is to:

- Connect students to careers and pathways that relate to the subject
- Create learning experiences so students are taking action and doing something with their learning.

We are on the hunt for parents, ex-students and community members willing to come into school to work with students for a short block of time. Scientists, artists, entrepreneurs, tradespeople, writers, food producers, engineers, healthcare professionals, farmers, musicians, fashion designers, historians, I.T. professionals... you name it, we need you! It is a great opportunity to get our community experts involved and share their stories with our students. If you, or someone you know, would love to be a part of this please contact Jonathan O'Neill jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz

CAREERS CORNER

Gateway Placements

A huge number of students have expressed an interest in taking up work experience or Gateway placement. Here at HPC it is a prerequisite that students complete a full Health & Safety programme and our Expectations course. This is to ensure everyone is aware of their rights and responsibilities and will be safe during their experience. There are credits attached to all of these various courses, mainly at Levels 2 and 3. Therefore priority has to be given to senior students in Years 12 and 13, although all students from Years 11-13 are most welcome to make an appointment to discuss their options. We are currently booking the Health & Safety courses into May and June - that's how popular they are!

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 Principal. This first course is nearly full but we will be running others later in the year. Please come and speak with Mrs Lawlor/Mrs Scott in the Careers Centre to book your place. Letters will be going out soon to advise students what they need to bring with them on the first day.



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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 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 . Come for a chat about career opportunities in the forces.

Wednesday 20th March 9am - 10.15am

Open to students in years 11-13, only a couple of places left.

Please email Mrs Lawlor pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz to book your place 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

Upcoming Dates		
Day/Wk	Week 5 - Week commencing 26th February	Week 6 - Week commencing 4th March
Mon	26:	4: 11OTE Rock Climbing (WD)
Tues	27: HPC Athletics Day - all school	5: Class and Individual Photos
Wed	28: Out of Zone Information Evening 6pm Waikato SS Show Jumping	6: Junior and Senior Reports issued at River TVSS Swimming
Thurs	29: TVSS Touch (hosting)	7: 11OTE Rock Climbing (WD/MK)
Fri	1: MotoX King of the Schools - Te Kuiti 1-3: NISS Rowing - Lake Karapiro	8: 11OTE Rock Climbing (MK)

Ngā mihi
Sharon Moller
PRINCIPAL

