

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 9 Feb 2024



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

I hope you enjoyed a beautiful Waitangi Day in the sunshine. We had over 80% of students attending school on Monday, and appreciate those that resisted taking a long weekend. Classes have well and truly kicked off and after this week there will no longer be any subject changes. Things are feeling very settled and there are a lot of happy students getting back into their learning. We enjoyed a full school outdoor assembly on Wednesday morning, where we recognised our students who gained NCEA endorsements, students leading the councils were introduced, and Matua Normie put down a wero to our other hapu/school houses with his Ohinemuri rap!

Learning Labs

The last block on each Friday is dedicated to 'Learning Labs'. These are 75 min blocks of learning where students get the opportunity to choose one activity each term aligned to their interests. There are [many exciting activities](#) to choose from. A Google Form will be emailed to all students today to make their selections. They are encouraged to select five of their most preferred options and will be provided with one of them.

Year 11 NCEA Evening Thursday 15th February 6pm (Hall)

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 will have some of our Head Students, Academic Council and Hospitality Council supporting this event.

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.

Bus Update

The buses have had issues with cars being in the bus bay and not giving them enough space to move, turn, and park. This is creating a hazard and we ask parents to please keep away from the Bus Bay before and after school. Thank you for helping keep our students safe. A reminder that our bus controller is the wonderful Biology teacher, Michelle Isbister, 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. 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!

Camping Gear from Junior Camps

We still have a few camping items left behind from junior camps last year. If you are missing anything, please call into the office. Any unclaimed items still here by next Thursday, will be donated.

School App and Parent Portal

We have sent out 3 notifications using this app so far this year - so please do add it to your phone.

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.

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 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) if you have any questions.



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Facebook

Facebook continues to be the fastest 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 email are monitored during school hours if you have news to share with us. This page is primarily for student and school promotion and we have a media team moderating the relevance of what we choose to post. For general queries please contact the Student Centre - studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz

Careers Corner

Year 13 University Applications

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:



12 March 9-10.20am
21 March

1 May 9-10.00am
15 May 9-10.00am
27 June

21 August

Massey University
University of Waikato (time to be confirmed)
AUT
Lincoln University
University of Waikato Scholarship (time to be confirmed)
University of Waikato Course Planning (time to be confirmed)

All meetings will be in the **Careers Centre** unless otherwise notified. Please contact Mrs Lawlor: pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz

Run Deep

Have you got what it takes? The New Zealand Defence Force is looking for new talent. Come and try the "beep" test. Weds 20 March 9am-10.15am. Open to students in Years 11-13 but places are limited. Please e-mail Mrs Lawlor pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz to book your slot or visit the careers centre for more information. [NZDF Codewords](https://www.nzdf.govt.nz/careers/codewords)



Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 3 - Week commencing 12th of February	Week 4 - Week commencing 19th February
Mon	12:	19: Swimming and Relay Champs
Tues	13:	20: Year 9 Meet the River Guide Event 6pm
Wed	14: Valentines Day Activities	21:
Thurs	15: Year 11 NCEA Evening 6pm	22: Board Meeting 4.30pm
Fri	16:	23:

Ngā mihi
Sharon Moller
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