

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 1 March 2024



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

Year 13 Student Leaders

On Wednesday the 28th of February we held an Out of Zone Information Evening. Our three student speakers were exceptional. A huge congratulations to Sarrah Bibi, Joel Hunt, and Xanthea Greaves for their fantastic speeches. They were well supported by Ashlee Thompson and Ant Plienankool who do the hard mahi at every school event as our hospitality council. We are incredibly proud of you all and grateful for the strong ambassadors you are. On the right is Mary Aislabie, our super star enrolments administrator who handles all out of zone inquiries. We really are in good hands.



Year 13 Student Leaders ^

Athletics Day

Well done to all participants and supporters for a superb athletics day on Wednesday. We apologise for the postponement, but the fields were too wet on Tuesday morning after the rain on Monday night. Despite Ohinemuri being the best hapu (in my opinion...) Tikapa won all 6 relays - it was amazing to see! It was great to have a number of parents and grandparents supporting our young people.

Trish Smith - 40 years!

Today marks 40 years since Trish Smith started working at Hauraki Plains College. We celebrated with a speech from Jonathan O'Neill and a beautiful cake today. Trish is currently our part time Arts Coordinator and we are so lucky to have her supporting our staff, students and community.



Trish Smith with DP Jonathan O'Neill ^



Thames Valley SS Touch

Well done to all students who competed at the touch tournament yesterday, a fantastic day down at the domain and some great results from our teams. Congratulations to the Junior Girls who won their grade and HPC Black for finishing runner-up in the Junior Boys comp. HPC finished 1st equal overall with Matamata College and will share the shield.

Reports and Interview Evenings

On Wednesday 6th March students will receive their progress report in extended River time and these will be emailed home. We have two report evenings if parents/students would like to come along and meet teachers to discuss their progress report:

- Senior students/classes - Thursday 14th March 3.30-7.30pm (booking link sent 1 week in advance)
- Junior students/classes - Thursday 21st March 3.30-7.30pm (booking link sent 1 week in advance)

If these times/days are unsuitable, you are welcome to contact subject teachers directly to organise an alternative time to meet. We will also have more parent/teacher interviews in term two.

Advance Notice for end of year Teacher Only Day

Teacher Only Day - last day of term one Friday 12th of April. We will be joining with a number of local primary schools to learn more from a PLD expert, Jase Williams. We are hoping Jase will be able to work with our Board and interested parents later this year.



HPC Black ^



HPC White ^



HPC Junior Girls ^



HPC Senior Mixed ^



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Van Drivers

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

Photos next week

On Tuesday 5th of March we will have photos for River groups and individual photos. All students need to be in their correct SUMMER school uniform for class photos (unless they have a permanent uniform pass). Long hair needs to be tied back – boys clean shaven. Students will be asked to remove their jackets and jerseys for the photos. River Guides will inform students what time their photos will be.

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.

<https://haurakiplainscollege.nzuniforms.com/product/roman-sandal-black-1910523.htm>



DO Days Double Blocks - calling our experts

We have Do Days coming up from 4-11 April. This is a ½ a 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

What is STAR?

A Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource (STAR) course introduces secondary school students to training for a specific career or study at tertiary level. STAR courses are short and are only available through polytechnics and private training organisations. Students participate in short-term programmes or 'taster courses' for a few days at a time, or one day per week for several weeks; and longer term programmes leading into Gateway are also available. There are a number of one-day 'taster courses' available at Wintec. Year 12 and 13 students who are interested, please come and see Mrs Lawlor for further information.

Year 12 and 13 - Thinking of University?

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.



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Here's what's coming up for the rest of term one:

12th March 9-10.20 am	Massey University
20th March 9am - 10.15am	NZDF (Run deep & beep test in the GYM)
21st March	University of Waikato (time to be confirmed)
27th March	University of Otago

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

Focus on Farming

New information and opportunities just in! Whether you are interested in a vocational pathway, a specific career, further study or holiday work, come and see us in the Careers Centre and explore the possibilities.

Driving Licence

The first course (March 25-27th) is full. Letters will be going out soon to advise students what they need to bring with them on the first day. Heads up - you will need a passport or birth certificate as one of your documents to prove identification. These must be original documents (not photocopies or verified copies). Information about further courses and restricted licence courses coming soon.

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

Ngā mihi
Sharon Moller
PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Dates		
Day/Wk	Week 6 - Week commencing 4th March	Week 7 - Week commencing 11th March
Mon	4: 110TE Rock Climbing (WD)	11: Health and Safety Course #1
Tues	5: Class and Individual Photos	12: Health and Safety Course #1 TVSS Athletics WaiSS Tennis Singles
Wed	6: Junior and Senior Reports issued at River TVSS Swimming	13: WaiSS Tennis Doubles TVSS Show Jumping
Thurs	7: 110TE Rock Climbing (WD/MK)	14: Senior Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm - 7.30pm WAIBOP MTB Champs TVSS 3x3 Basketball Auckland SS Shoot
Fri	8: 110TE Rock Climbing (MK)	15: TVSS Tennis MX Club Challenge - Patetonga Sailing - Waikato Thames Burgess Trophy