

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 28 March 2024



Kia ora koutou and welcome to week nine of Term one!

Busy day for HPC!

Good luck to all 160 students at the Waiuku Exchange today. We won't know the results at the time of printing but please keep an eye on our Facebook page.

We have a group of students working with the Environmental student council sorting and analysing yesterday's rubbish in an 'audit'. They are aiming to implement some new initiatives and then do another audit later in the year to see if they have made an impact on our rubbish habits. Big thanks to Jo Buchan from the Waikato Regional Council for supporting our students.



Hoods Up 3rd April - a message to students from Jaymee Davies and Makayla Holtham

Next Wednesday, the 3rd of April, there will be a partial mufti day to celebrate Hoods Up for Autism. If everyone could please come to school wearing your normal uniform plus a hoodie, it would be greatly appreciated. Wearing a hoodie symbolises how we can support people who may be sensitive to lights or sounds as the hoodie blocks out some of this stimulation. There will be a gold coin donation collected from students. Let's get our school behind this awesome initiative and spread awareness of autism. <https://autismnz.org.nz/autism-acceptance-month/>

ANZAC Service

Each year we have a dawn service at school on ANZAC day at 5.45am. We are looking for a speaker who is currently in one of the services. Last year we had ex-student Flight Sergeant Rebecca Trethowen, in the Air Force, as our guest speaker. If you have any family connections to a potential speaker, please email principal@haurakiplains.school.nz Thank you!

Email from Estelle McCoid, Turua School

Kia ora,
I just wanted to feedback what a pleasure it was to have Tiana Tanner, Sarah Muckle, and Oliana Chidley volunteer to help us at our recent pumpkin festival. They all worked very well with



facepainting and everyone was impressed with how well they got on and did their mahi despite the subpar weather. Happy Easter

Shortened two weeks

Next week is Easter Monday and Tuesday. School will not be open on Tuesday 2nd April. Easter usually falls in the April school holidays, so we often forget about school being closed on Tuesdays. There will be no buses running, schools are closed throughout NZ on Tuesday 2nd of April. We look forward to seeing our students back on Wednesday the 3rd of April! Have a lovely long weekend.

Whānau Hui Tuesday 9th April 6pm

E te tī, e te tā, rau rangatira mā, tēnā, rauika mai ki raro i tō tātou whare, ki raro i te kotahitanga matapaki ai i ngā kaupapa nui o te wā. Kia rere te pātai, kia rere ngā kōrero, kia mahi ngātahi tātou hei painga mō ā tātou tamariki mokopuna.

We welcome all of our whānau Māori to a Hui here at HPC to meet the Māori Department, learn about our curriculum and let us collaborate on upcoming events and other wider matters pertaining to the academic, cultural and social success of our ākonga Māori (students). Hei reira, see you there! [\(more information here\)](#)

'Do Days' Timetable Changes

From 4th-11th April our timetable will change to allow double-periods for subjects each morning and two single periods for the remainder of the day. For example, a student might have two periods of Science back-to-back before interval and then a single period of English before lunch and a single period of P.E. after lunch. Some senior teachers will use the double blocks for NCEA assessments. It is therefore important that students prioritise school attendance during this window. Any planned absence should be directly communicated in advance to the subject teacher(s) conducting assessments.

Change in dates! It's getting colder...Transition to Winter Uniform

From Monday 25th March (Week 9) until Friday, 10th May (Term two Week two), we will have a transition period from summer to winter uniform. This will give families seven weeks to get winter uniforms sorted out. During this time students may wear **either** summer or winter uniform, but **not a combination** of both, e.g. no scarf with sandals. By Monday, 13th May all students are expected to be in the correct winter uniform.

Acceptable Winter School Shoes: Going into winter uniform it is appropriate for whānau/parents to know what our expectations are. The only acceptable winter school shoes, as indicated in our uniform requirements in the HPC



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prospectus, are black leather lace up school shoes with a heel of no more than 5 cm (as shown in the image). There are often a number of students wearing incorrect school shoes - they may be advertised in the shoe store as school shoes, but they are not acceptable under our policy. Please make sure your children are in the correct footwear.



Winter Sports Teams

With winter sports trials completed today and teams currently being finalised, it is timely to get sorted for the upcoming season. Our HPC Sports Hoodie is required for all codes and can be purchased here <https://haurakiplainscollege.nzuniforms.com/product/hauraki-plains-college-sports-hoodie-black-1917467.htm>. All codes have their own HPC Sport Socks, which are compulsory to wear. Check out the Facebook page to see which socks are required for each code and see here to purchase <https://www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/waikato/hauraki-plains-college>

Free counselling for students

<https://whatsup.co.nz/>

Mon-Sun 11am - 11pm
free call 0800 942 8787

Mon-Sun 11am - 10:30pm

Linewize

Our school is committed to providing safe and educationally focused digital journeys for our students. To support this, we have partnered with leading online safety provider, Linewize by Qoria. Linewize is a world leader in online safety for schools and communities, supporting over 27,000 schools and more than 22 million students globally. Linewize services help ensure our students use the internet safely and effectively. Two Linewize tools help us to do this: *Monitor and Classwise*.

MONITOR

Allows the school to ensure students use the internet on school IT safely and effectively. Sends senior staff notifications when risk or vulnerable student behaviour is detected (24/7 home & school)

CLASSWISE

Helps teachers guide internet access during lessons, improving focus and reducing digital distractions. (School hours only)

FAQ - FOR FAMILIES / WHĀNAU + STUDENTS

What online activity can school staff see for students when using a school account?

- Screenshots of risky, harmful or vulnerable behaviour typed by a student on the school account
- Searches
- Apps & Websites
- Videos watched

Is it possible for the school to see school account activity (websites accessed/searches/typed words where risk is identified) at home for students?

Yes - but only while a student is logged into their school Google account

Does this work for BYOD devices at school?

Yes - students who choose to bring their own device to school will soon be required to have the Linewize client installed. More information will be provided to those students soon.

Can teachers view students' computer screens at home?

Student screens can only be viewed from home by a teacher in Classwise during learning hours set by the school, and if the student is signed into their school Google account.

What does that mean for other household members?

It is good practice, on shared devices, other family members sign out of the school Google account and use a personal account for their internet use.

What about Privacy and Security?

Our school has chosen to work with Linewize on the basis of their commitment to the highest standards regarding the privacy and security of student data. Please refer [here](#) for further information

CAREERS CORNER

Gateway

Gateway Health & Safety/First Aid courses are fully booked for the first half of Term 2. Places have been allocated to those students who have already returned all their Gateway paperwork. Students should have received an email informing them which course they are attending and on what dates. Don't have FOMO - come and speak with Mrs Lauren Scott or email laurens@haurakiplains.school.nz if you have any questions! We'll be opening up for NEW Gateway applications at the start of Term 2 and we'll keep you notified when spaces become available. You can find out more about our Gateway programme at HPC [here](#).



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STAR Courses

STAR (Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource) courses are for those students who are thinking about higher or further study but are not sure if they want to study for a degree right away. At HPC we offer students the opportunity to participate in a one-day taster session at Wintec in Hamilton. There are many different courses available. You can find all the information using this link <https://www.wintec.ac.nz/study-at-wintec/secondary-schools/experiences> Places have to be booked through Mrs Lawlor and are subject to availability. Terms and Conditions apply, so please come and see Mrs Lawlor WEEK 2 Term 2 if you are interested in attending.

University Visits

In the past couple of weeks we have had liaison visits from University of Waikato and University of Otago. Both sessions have been extremely popular and well-attended. If you missed either of these, information and updates have been posted to the Year 13 Class of 2024 Google Classroom.

Upcoming in Term 2

AUT on May 1st (9am in the Careers Centre)
Please contact Mrs Lawlor: pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz if you want to be included for any of these visits.

Driver Licences

Congratulations to all those students who successfully completed their learner licence this week! Further courses for both restricted and learner licences will be happening later in Term 2. When you contact Mrs Lawlor to express your interest, please make sure to state which course you want to do. For a learner licence you need to be 16 years old. You must be at least 16 ½ years old before you can apply for your restricted licence. You also must have held your learner licence for at least six months. <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roadcode/general-road-code/about-driver-licences/>



Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 10 - Week commencing 1st April		Week 11 - Week commencing 8th April	
Monday	1st	Easter Monday	8th	13OTE Tramp (WD)
Tuesday	2nd	Easter Tuesday	9th	6pm Whānau Hui 11OTE Mountain Biking (MK) 12OTE Kayaking/Paddling (WD) 13BUS Trip Lunchtime sausage sizzle by Camryn Young Do Day Yr11 Performing Arts Play: 2pm & 6pm
Wednesday	3rd	Student led Assembly (Hoods up - partial mufti day with hoodies only)	10th	11OTE Mountain Biking (WD) TVSS Softball
Thursday	4th	12/13 Primary and Ag Trip TVSS Bowls Do Day 12/13DRA Performance 1:30pm & 6pm	11th	11ESS Thames Trip 12/13GEO Trip HPC SS Clay Target Shoot
Friday	5th	Do Day Ag/Farm Trip 10HUM Trip (NI)	12th	Last day of Term 2 Teacher Only Day