

# HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 8 March 2024



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

## Townshend Thomas Charitable Community Trust (TTCCT) Event >>>

On Thursday 7th of March we were thrilled to host a tour for TTCCT and invited guests. Our Year 13 students did an excellent job of showcasing our school. It was a walk down memory lane for our ex-students and community members. Each year a number of our students apply for TTCCT Education Grants and Scholarships. Thank you for supporting our students, TTCCT trustees.

## Carry the Baton - next week

On Wednesday 13th of March, all Year 9 and 10 students will be participating in the annual Carry the Baton Duathlon Challenge at the Ngatea Domain. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend and support their child on the day. Students have been training hard over the last four weeks in PE classes, both individually and collaboratively in their teams. Each student is either a runner or a biker for their team and requires the following:

Bikers: Hapu gear, sports shoes; own bike and helmet, if they wish (school can provide)

Runners: Hapu gear, sports shoes (optional)

As well as the above, please bring a water bottle, sunscreen, and food for the day. Students will be expected to be at school in their full school uniform before and after the event. As this is an assessment, all students are expected to attend school on the day of the event. If students are unable to attend, parents/caregivers are required to contact their child's PE teacher. Extra information can be found on your child's Hauora/PE Google Classroom page.

- Year 9 students 9.15am - 12 pm
- Year 10 students will meet in the school gym at 12.15pm - 2.30pm

## Thames Valley Secondary School Swimming Sports >>>

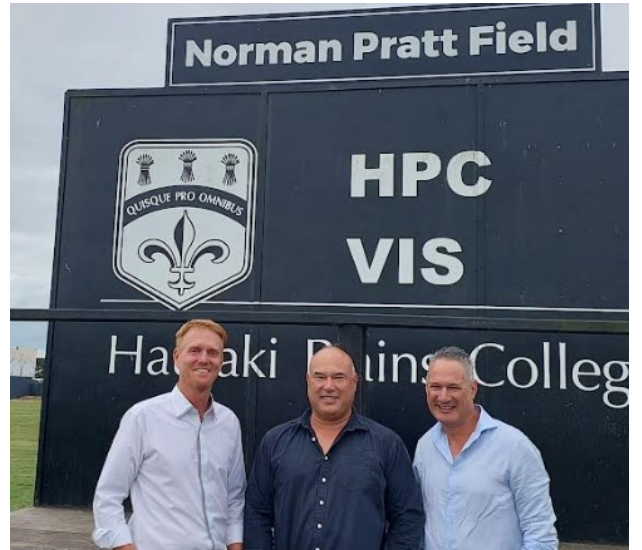
Congratulations to all the swimmers who participated in the TVSS Swimming Championships on Wednesday. HPC emerged in the no.1 spot - this hasn't happened for a number of years. Well done everyone.

## Reports and Interview Evenings

Students received their Progress Reports on the 7th of March. We have two report evenings if parents/students would like to come along and meet subject teachers to discuss their child's reports. Go to website: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>

- Seniors - Thursday 14th March 3.30-7.30pm (code: kfceu) - now live
- Juniors - Thursday 21st March 3.30-7.30pm (code: fk2g4) - goes live 14th Mar @ 9am

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.



TTCCT Event (above & below)



TVSS Swimming Sports ^



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## Absence Manager

We have changed our provider for our absence manager this week. Apologies if you have received multiple notifications. We are still sorting through some teething issues. Parents can still go the same way to record an absence through the school app, by phoning us on 07 867 7029 or by emailing [studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz)

## Student Survey

The strategic plan of Hauraki Plains College incorporates a vital objective focused on student wellbeing, aiming for a 10% enhancement. To gauge progress, we will conduct surveys among students midway through each term and at the beginning of every term, employing the WHO-5 + 1 (World Health Organization) assessment tool. These surveys will consist of six questions designed to assess students' wellbeing. Letters were emailed out to parents/caregivers this week. If you prefer for your child **to not** take part in this survey, please email [amberf@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:amberf@haurakiplains.school.nz) with the name of the student by Monday 11th March, and we will ensure that they are excluded from the survey.

## 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](mailto:exec@haurakiplains.school.nz) We would love to hear from you!

## Advance Notice for end of year Teacher Only Day

Teacher Only Day - last day of term 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.

## DO Days Double Blocks - calling our experts

We have Do Days coming up from 4th - 11th 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](mailto:jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz)

## CAREERS CORNER

### Gateway Health & Safety Courses

Next week sees the start of our Health & Safety Courses for students going out on Gateway placements. All students should have already been notified by email of the days on which they are expected to attend. If you are not able to attend for any reason, please contact the school and let us know. There is a waitlist and we are keen to keep the courses running at maximum capacity.

### University Visits

This week sees the start of the University liaison visits on the 12th March 9-10.20 am Massey University. We will be in the Career Centre. Please register with your River Guide before you come to the meeting.



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Here's what's happening in the rest of term 1:

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

Please contact Mrs Lawlor: [pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz) if you want to be included for any of these visits.

### Life Changing Exchange Visits >>>

We were pleased to welcome representatives from AFS on Thursday and find out more about global exchange visits for students from New Zealand. There is a scholarship opportunity specifically for students from the Thames Valley area. AFS has been operating for more than 76 years and offers full support for participating families. Find out more on their website: <https://www.afs.org.nz/>

### Driving Licence

The first course is happening soon March 25th-27th. Participating students should have received an email about this. You will need to pay for a photo ID (\$5) from the student centre and have this ready BEFORE the start of the course.

### 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 7 - Week commencing 11th March	Week 8 - Week commencing 18th March
All wk		Summer Sport Tournament week
Mon	11: Health and Safety Course #1	18: Pegasus Cup - Equestrian
Tues	12: Health and Safety Course #1 TVSS Athletics WaiSS Tennis Singles Massey University liaison visit	19: Pegasus Cup - Equestrian Health and Safety Course #2
Wed	13: Carry the Baton WaiSS Tennis Doubles TVSS Show Jumping Expectations class for H&S #1, #2	20: Health and Safety Course #2 130TE Bush Shelter NZDF Liaison visit
Thurs	14: WAIBOP MTB Champs TVSS 3x3 Basketball Auckland SS Shoot Seniors - parent teacher interviews 3.30-7.30	21: 11 Commerce Market Day 12BIO Rocky Shore University of Waikato visit
Fri	15: TVSS Tennis MX Club Challenge - Patetonga Sailing - Waikato Thames Burgess Trophy	22:

