

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 10 May 2024



Kia ora koutou and welcome to the second week of term two.

Internet/phone line disruption next week

We are having a major network upgrade next week. We will be without internet/phones at the start of the week, and it could be patchy throughout the latter part of the week. There is a mobile phone that parents/whanau can text or call if there is an urgent matter: Office (022 694 0422) or Student Services (022 062 9553). Our admin staff will still be able to access their emails, so we encourage the use of email (studentservices@aurakiplains.school.nz) or the school app to notify the school of any student absences, rather than phoning in.

Food Truck - bring cash!

It is highly likely that the Food Truck eftpos may be offline as well, we recommend that students bring cash or a packed lunch for the next few days.

Whānau Hui 14th May 6pm

We look forward to meeting on Tuesday 14th of May at 6pm. This event will be held in the Hall, and the agenda is on our facebook page.

Kopuarahi School Tree planting - From Principal, Chris Patel

Thank you for allowing the Year 12 students and Rachael Clelland to support us in our massive planting day. We are thrilled with getting 889 plants in the ground! Your students were fantastic and our students loved working with them.

Mufti Day Friday 17th May

Nikora Tawa, our Head student and firefighter, shared the mufti day plan for Friday, 17th May, at assembly. Nikora is racing up the Sky Tower in full firefighting kit to raise vital funds and awareness for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBC). Every day 8 children and adults in New Zealand are diagnosed with a blood cancer like leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. LBC is the national charity dedicated to supporting patients and their families, this support can last months or even years. Students are encouraged to dress up as a service person. This might include (but is not limited to) Army, Airforce, Navy, Police, Nurse, Teacher, Doctor, Coast Guard, Paramedic, St John - anyone that provides a service. LBC receives very little government funding, so if you would like to donate and help us support this great cause, please follow the link <https://firefighterschallenge.org.nz/nikora-tawa>



22nd May, Paid Union Meeting - school closing at 12.30

On Wednesday 22nd May classes will finish at 12.30. The majority of teachers will be attending the paid union meeting in Paeroa. Bus students will be supervised in the Hub. Classes will not be running. Students are welcome to go home at 12.30.

Advance Notice - Year 9 Camp

This year's camp will be held at the Ngaruawahia Youth Camp. All Year 9s will go at the same time, for 3 nights from the 9th to the 12th of December. The purposes of the camp are to:

- Form strong bonds with river groups, river guides and staff
- To be pushed out of your comfort zone
- To have some fun together to celebrate the end of the school year

The approximate cost for the camp will be \$200+ per student. We will have the finalised cost later this term and a breakdown to show you. If you would like to start making regular payments now, please contact the school office. We have not yet booked a spot for Year 10 camp, and will have more information coming out about that soon.

Buses

A reminder that buses are not public transport vehicles. Travelling on another bus from your normal one is **not** permitted. This is outlined in our General Information Booklet.

Information for parents who use Kopuarahi School carpark to pick up and drop off students for the HPC bus, a letter from the Kopuarahi Board is [here](#). This was also sent home to you via email and paper copy via your child, last week.

Congratulations Zara Leaman

Zara, in Year 11, has completed Level 2 Automotive in 8 weeks and is currently doing Level 3 Automotive! We will be acknowledging her at assembly next week.

Common Assessment Activities

From 29-31 May, we will be running the CAAs at school. These are the NCEA Reading, Writing and Numeracy exams. The majority of our current Year 11s sat these last year. Year 11s who did not pass any of the three exams last year will re-sit those exams in this testing window. Many of our Year 10s will also sit these exams during this window. When deciding which Year 10s we will enter into the exams we will consider their academic level and readiness for the exams. Parents and students will be emailed their exam timetable two weeks prior to the exams. If you have any questions please contact Mr. O'Neill (jonathano@aurakiplains.school.nz)

Summer to Winter Uniform

Summer to Winter Uniform transition has finished today. Students are expected to be in full winter uniform next week (week 3).



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Careers Corner

Flying high

Many students have shown an interest in working in the aviation industry. We currently have two students studying an aviation programme through a Gateway placement. Last term we had the New Zealand Defence Force visit and they explained their options for cabin crew career pathways.

Recently I interviewed staff from Emirates Airlines and asked them for their advice. Here's what they said:



1. You need to love variety and be flexible in your attitude.
2. You need to like working with people and understand how to make them happy. You've got to be able to remain calm and polite at all times and while under pressure.
3. A second (or third language) is useful because you are often dealing with people from many different countries. However, being able to communicate in English is essential. First aid qualifications are a bonus.
4. Learn about other people's countries and cultures. You have to be able to be respectful to the expectations of others, including dietary restrictions and religious customs.
5. Follow the rules. Good grooming is essential because you have to be prepared to wear a uniform and conform to expectations for dress and behaviour - even if that means you have to wear the same shade of lipstick!
6. It's a physical job. You need to be able to stretch and reach up to 212 cms. You have to be able to swim, to bend, balance and move in restricted spaces - often while balancing a tray of drinks! You have to be within the ranges for BMI (neither underweight nor overweight for your height).

Emergency Services Open Day, May 11 from noon at Tapu School field and Tapu Hall

A chance to meet the emergency responders and see exhibits and demonstrations, climb into fire engines and learn a lot about how to keep yourself safe in a local emergency.

In attendance will be:

- FENZ (Thames and Tapu Brigades with appliances and demonstrations including crash rescue simulation)
- Land Search and Rescue
- St John
- Civil Defence
- Coast Guard
- NZ Police

There will be a sausage sizzle. Timed to allow you to attend after your kids' Saturday sport! All are very welcome to attend. A fun and informative afternoon for children and adults.

Taking Care

During the holidays, student Makayla Holtham (pictured right) attended the Girlboss' program **ChangeMakeHer**. Here's what she had to say:

I attended a five day course online based around encouraging girls in Healthcare. This was an international seminar week with over 700 other girls being involved in the activities that would boost ourselves including several other students from our school. It focuses on interviews, LinkedIn, studying, mental health, CV's, scholarships and several live streams talking to working and studying doctors, nurses and general practitioners.



We were given the opportunity to ask questions and hear the stories of Dr. Ashna Basu, Dr Ineke Meredith, Dr Justin Sung and Dr Nini Prescott. All of which taught us valuable advice and tips for being able to manage the stress of medical school and encouraging us to follow our goals. It was an incredibly rewarding experience and one that I would recommend to anyone who is considering a pathway into medicine. It taught me valuable skills around careers and helped me feel more confident in my pathway as well as provide me with a cohort of eager and friendly girls who will have my back.

Huge congratulations to Makayla who also was part of the winning team for the Sir Alfred Robin Trophy. This is the highest and most prestigious award you can earn in competitions within the St John youth program in New Zealand.

Gateway Placements

It's a busy term for Health and Safety courses, which are happening on 20th/21st May, 10th/11th June and 1st/2nd July. At this time courses are fully booked and we have waitlists.

Future Focus

For Year 11 students who are going out on placement in Term 3, or for anyone who is currently in Year 11 and would like to do Gateway either this year or next year, we are organising a special training course on Wednesday 3rd July. Please come and speak to Mrs Scott or Mrs Lawlor in the Careers Centre if you have any questions. Please email pippal@aurakiplains.school.nz to secure a place on this training course.

Driving Licences

The next drivers' licence course is booked as follows:
Dates - Wednesday 19th June, Thursday 20th June
TESTING - Friday 21st June.



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You **MUST** be able to attend on all 3 days/dates and will need to check that you have no clashes with assessments or trips out (eg. Rockquest) You **MUST** be at least 16 years old before you start the course. The training is provided free of charge. Students will only need to pay for their student ID (\$5) and the cost of the test (\$96.10)

Places are limited. If you are interested, please email Mrs Lawlor (pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz) in Careers and she will keep you informed.

University Visits

Event	Date	Where	Notes
Lincoln University Liaison	15th May 9am	Careers Centre	Please email Mrs Lawlor if you intend to attend
Waikato University Open Day	24th May - 9am-3pm	Waikato University	Open Day - Hamilton :: University of Waikato
Waikato University Liaison	27th June - 9am-10am	Careers Centre	Please email Mrs Lawlor if you intend to attend
Waikato University Campus	6th July - 9am-3pm	Waikato University	Hamilton Campus Community Day

*Correction - Tiana Tanner has earned herself a sponsored trip, including flights, to an experience day at Massey University in Wellington (not Palmerston North). It is great to see students seeking these awesome opportunities.

Student Accounts with Credits

We have a large number of student fee accounts showing credits, some very large. If you would like this credit refunded, please email exec@haurakiplains.school.nz including your bank details for payment.

Board News

The HPC Board is looking to co-opt new members on. Please read the following [information](#).

Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 3 - Week commencing 13th May <i>N4L upgrades, patchy internet this week</i>		Week 4 - Week commencing 20th May	
Monday	13th	Waikato Golf Teams Day 13PRI Trip	20th	Health and Safety Course x130 students taking part in Burn Bright leadership day
Tuesday	14th	Whānau Hui 6pm in the Hall Summer Team Photos	21st	Health and Safety Course Showquest
Wednesday	15th	Auckland Writers Festival TVSS Squash	22nd	12.30 School ends, early closure
Thursday	16th		23rd	
Friday	17th	48 Hour Film Festival starts	24th	X-Country 12/13PRI (Hikutaia planting)



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JASE WILLIAMS

TRAUMA HEALING PRACTICES COMMUNITY HUI

Connecting school and home strategies



It's an opportunity hear from trauma-informed education consultant and former school principal, JASE WILLIAMS, who has been working across the Hauraki Kāhui Ako (Cluster).

Come and connect the dots between what our schools are learning about the science behind behaviour and stress – and how you can support your tamariki at home.

**Join any of the
2 hui being offered**

COMMUNITY HUI

NORTH HAURAKI REGION
MARAMARUA SCHOOL
Monday, 27 May 2024
6:00 – 7:30 p.m

HAURAKI PLAINS REGION
HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE
Tuesday, 28 May 2024
6:00 – 7:30 p.m

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