

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 3 May 2024



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

One Autumn's Night Success >>

From Mrs AD:

Thank you to the staff, whānau and friends who came to support One Autumn's Night and The Arts Department last night. Their loud cheers, applause, phone lights swaying above their heads and clapping along to the beat helped our music students confidence to shine on stage. A massive thank you to Mark Houghton and his very talented music students for a fabulous night of music, song and fun! From the guitar ensemble to the jazz band and every act in between, was a pleasure to watch. Beautiful voices and harmonies, classical Elton, quirky musical theatre, Reggae jamming', Girl Bands, Boy Bands, BackStreet Boy Steven, Original compositions - there was something for every enthusiastic audience member, both young and old. Emily and Joel were the epitome of Art Leaders and MC's, injecting their personalities to their intro's and 'buying time' between acts. Kudos again to all The Music Department (both on and off stage) you did HPC proud. Next venue - Rockquest.



ANZAC Day >>

Thank you to the students, staff and community who supported our dawn service. The feedback from this event has been incredibly positive. We offer huge thanks to ex-student Hannah Cryer for being our guest speaker. Hannah is currently serving in the Navy as an Able Seamanship Combat Specialist. Emily Logan played the bugle and Bridgette Marshall sang the National Anthem.



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](#) and also going home to you via email and paper copy via your child.

Calculator Request from our Senior Maths Teachers

Scientific calculators are required for Year 11 to 13 Math classes. While we have a small supply at school, there is not enough for everyone. Can you please help us in the following ways:

- Remind your young person to bring their calculator to school
- Purchase the calculator from the stationery list <https://haurakiplains.school.nz/general-information/stationery/>
- Year 9-13 Maths: Casio FX82AU Plus II 2 Scientific Calculator Black
- Year 12/13 Calculus: Casio FX9860GIII Graphic Calculator White
- Reach out to your students' maths teacher if you need financial assistance.
- Have a look around the house and donate any unused scientific calculators to the front office (much appreciated!)



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Common Assessment Activities

From 29th - 31st 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. Please click [here](#) to access previous exams and sample answers. Please note that some of the images in the exam papers have been removed due to copyright restrictions, which does affect the ability to fully comprehend some questions. If you have any questions please contact Mr. O'Neill (jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz)

Summer to Winter Uniform

We have one more week in the transition to full winter uniform. Please make sure students have the correct school shoes (<https://haurakiplains.school.nz/general-information/school-uniform/>).

Whānau Hui new date!

New date for Term 2 is Tuesday 14th of May 6pm. This event will be held in the Hall, and the agenda is on our Facebook page.

Careers Corner

- We have Ava Steel in Year 12, completing a Unistart paper through Waikato University. Ava earned a B+ in her Philosophy assessments and is on track to complete her papers through a funded scholarship - well done Ava!
- Tiana Tanner has earned herself a sponsored trip, including flights, to an experience day at Massey University in Palmerston North. It is great to see students seeking these awesome opportunities.
- A number of students are cracking into their scholarship references - we recommend getting onto this early. We have a template set up where students collect the information and send it to the person they are asking to create the reference. So far Mrs Moller has only had two requests, there should be another 80 coming.

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 in. Please read the following [information](#). This is also on the next page over.

Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 2 - Week commencing 6th May		Week 3 - Week commencing 13th May <i>N4L upgrades, patchy internet this week</i>	
Monday	6th	Health & Safety Course 120TE(6) Overnight	13th	
Tuesday	7th	Health & Safety Course 120TE(6) Overnight World Vision Youth Conference TVSS Golf	14th	Whānau Hui 6pm in the Hall Summer Team Photos
Wednesday	8th	First Aid Course (Part 1)	15th	Auckland Writers Festival TVSS Squash Lincoln University Visit 9-10:15am RNZAF Visit 12-13:20
Thursday	9th	120TE(5) Overnight	16th	
Friday	10th	120TE(5) Overnight Rockquest Heats (Sunday 12th)	17th	



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Hauraki Plains College Board, the Co-option of Members:

Rationale

The Hauraki Plains College Board are seeking expressions of interest from community members who are interested in being co-opted onto the Board.

We would like to encourage community members who might be interested in standing for our next election, or who would like to find out more about how Boards work, to consider applying to be co-opted onto our Board.

From mid 2025, the election process will start for the next triennial Board. To ensure future stability of our Board, we are encouraging interested candidates to consider co-option now. We aim to form a board and develop good governance skills from as wider section of the school community as possible.



Timeline	Process
1st May - Friday 28th June Advertising	Co-option information shared with community via weekly E-Bulletin, school Facebook page, and word of mouth
Wednesday 29th May 4.30 pm Board Meeting	Candidates are very welcome to attend Board meetings (they are public meetings)
Thursday 27th June 4.30 pm Board Meeting	
Friday 28th June Expressions of interest close	Candidates to send a short email to Board secretary Carolyn Purcell, exec@haurakiplains.school.nz outlining: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why they are seeking co-option• What skills and expertise they could bring to the Board
Friday 5th of July Outcome	Board notifies successful and unsuccessful candidates
Thursday 25th July 4.30 pm Board Meeting	New co-opted members part of the Board

Additional reading:

- [Information about co-opted Board members](#)
- [Criteria for selecting co-opted and appointed Board members](#)
- [Who cannot become a Board member](#)
- [HPC strategic and annual plan](#)
- [Current Board Members](#)

Questions to:

- Board Presiding Member, Carl van Hellemond carl.vanhellemond@ballebros.co.nz
- Board Secretary, Carolyn Purcell exec@haurakiplains.school.nz