

# HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 30 August 2024



Kia ora koutou and welcome to week six of term three.

## Power Outage

Thanks to all the parents for your positive support about the power outage situation on Wednesday. Unfortunately our sewage system has an electric pump and we were worried that having the full school here over Break 2 would cause toilets to become unusable. We are looking at getting a generator to ensure we can manage if we have longer periods of outages. I couldn't believe it when the power came back on within 20 minutes of making the call to allow students to head home if they were able to. While it disrupted  $\frac{1}{3}$  of our classes, we did get through over half of our school day.

## DanceNZMade - Update from Jacqui-May Allison-Dodds

We had 4 teams competing against 550 other dancers, 57 team dances, learnt six 1 min routines at their workshops and did HPC proud! There were 15-18 teams in each age group vying for Top 4 but the competition was fierce. All our HPC students were still elated to have performed their best routines to date (after getting over their initial stage fright of such a huge audience of adults and dancers). Huge shout out to our HPC whānau who came to shout support for them all and students who helped with costumes, hair and makeup. My heart is full (but very tired!) of how far our dance and non dance students have come in a Term and a bit of Learning Labs and break times.

## Introducing our new co opted Board Member - Jaspreet Kaur

"As a mother of two boys—Jorawer in Year 9 at Hauraki Plains College and Nihal currently in Year 7 at Moanataiari School—I am honoured to be part of Hauraki Plains College as a newly co-opted member of the Board of Trustees.



I am an active community member and a full member of Chartered Accountants New Zealand. Since 2012, I have been working as the Finance Manager at CAPS Hauraki while also leading Thames Taxis Limited, which is our family business. With over six years of experience on the Board of Trustees at Moanataiari School, I have had the privilege of contributing to the school's strategic direction and financial management. I am passionate about community engagement and volunteer my time to run Punjabi language and culture classes in Thames. I am deeply committed to promoting the holistic well-being of our school community, focusing not only on financial stability but also on the overall health and well-being of both students and staff.

I look forward to contributing my experience and dedication to the Board and supporting our school's continued success."  
Jaspreet Kaur

## 2025 Senior Subject Selection Evening

We had over 200 parents and students attend our Senior Subject Selection Evening - thank you to everyone that was able to come along and speak with teachers about courses for next year. [Here](#) is the presentation from the evening. The School Point online portal opens on Monday, 2 September for students to make their selections, and closes on Friday, 13 September. A link to School Point has been added to each year level Google Classroom.

## Common Assessment Activities (Reading, Writing, Numeracy exams)

Many students from Years 9-12 will be sitting these exams from 10-12 September. Students will receive their exam timetables next week.

## Catch up Day - coming up - only selected students at school

On the 20th of September, at the end of senior practice exam week, we have catch up day for selected senior students, with the goal of completing assessments alongside their teachers. All other students will be working from home on this day. This day has been running once a year for over 10 years and proves to be a successful final push for a number of our students.

## Community Feedback on School Policies

Each term the Board has different school policies to review. The community is very welcome to provide feedback on these too. The three policies under review for Term 3 are listed below. You are welcome to log into school docs and leave your feedback online at <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/> Community Username: haurakiplains. Community Password: haurakidocs

1. [Concerns and complaints](#)
2. [Performance Management](#)
3. [Protected Disclosure](#)

## Sports Team Photos

Parents have been emailed their child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2024 School TEAM Photos. <https://photolife.co.nz/> \*\*\*FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 1 SEPTEMBER\*\*\*. Keep an eye on your trash / spam folder if you have not received it.

## Phones at School

We would like to remind parents of the Ministry's ban on mobile phones during school hours. We understand the importance of staying in touch with your child before and after school, especially for drop-offs and pick-ups. However, if you need to contact your child during the school day, we ask that you call the Student Centre and leave a message. We will ensure your child receives the message, and they will have the opportunity to use a school phone to respond.

We have noticed an increasing number of students using their



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phones to communicate with parents during school hours. Please be aware that these students will have their phones confiscated for the remainder of the day. Repeated offences may result in further disciplinary action.

Thank you for your cooperation in supporting a focused learning environment.

## Transition Visits

We are out visiting primary schools this term to meet our incoming Year 9s. This week we visited 55 students at Ngatea Primary School. Students asked us questions ranging from the Eeling Learning Lab to leadership opportunities. Year 12 Danika Webster came along as our student speaker and shared her tips for incoming Year 8s. We are lucky to have such a thriving community with amazing primary school students! It has been an absolute pleasure getting out to visit the students, teachers and principals.

## Learning Support for New Enrolments

If you have a student enrolling in 2025 with additional learning needs, please contact Rachel Purcell or Laura Dowding to organise a time to meet in our upcoming school transition visits, [rachelp@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:rachelp@haurakiplains.school.nz) or [laurad@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:laurad@haurakiplains.school.nz).

## Year 9 Camp Payment Plans

A big thank you to parents who have payment plans for camp up and running already - this has been great to see. Year 9 camp running 10th-12th of December at the Ngāruawāhia Christian Camp for three days of awesome activities with their river group and guides. Activities such as mud slides, orienteering, raft building, bush walking, team building, kayaking, outdoor pool, outdoor movies, flying fox, mini golf - how cool is that! The cost is \$200 per student.

## Yr 10 Elective Camps

We are chasing the final few students who are yet to select their camp option.

## Thrifiers 2nd Hand Uniform

We have heard from Thrifiers, main street Ngatea, that there are plenty of 2nd hand uniforms currently available. Please go and check this out!

## SWIFF Advertorial

Hi everyone, We are SWIFF. We are a group of 6 Year 13 Business Studies HPC students who have formed and run a business over the course of the year thanks to the Young Enterprise Scheme. The product that we produce at SWIFF is an odour neutralising powder and scented spheres. Our odour neutralising powder is made of all natural ingredients consisting of baking powder, baking soda, cornstarch and

coconut shell activated charcoal. This powder can be sprinkled in any odour containing objects or areas. For example the powder can be sprinkled in your shoes, sports shoes, boxing gloves or on a plate and stored in your cupboards. The powder will absorb odours and leave your belongings smelling fresher. Our product also comes with two wool spheres and a bottle of fragrance oil. Our customers can choose a scent of their choice (we currently carry lavender, vanilla and strawberry but intend on expanding our range in the future) and spray it generously onto the spheres. These spheres can then be put to rest in your shoes, boxing gloves, cupboards, bags etc after the use of powder in order to leave a nice aroma in your belongings. We have been promoting ourselves on social media and selling at markets. If you are interested in getting behind our business and supporting you local HPC students you can contact us on any of the contacts on our business card to purchase, or even just a follow on social media (where you can find more information) would mean the world to us! Thanks - The team at SWIFF.



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## School Holiday Programmes:

### Embark on an Epic 5-Day Teen Sailing Adventure!

Calling all teens aged 14-18! Get ready to embark on an unforgettable journey that blends adventure, skill-building, and lasting friendships. Sail onboard the Legendary Boat, Steinlager 2 from 30th Sept 2024 to 4th Oct 2024.

Master Sailing Basics: Learn navigation and weather prediction. Cook & Sleep onboards: Prepare meals and experience nights on deck. Rise to the Challenge: Test your grit and decision-making with support from experienced instructors who will guide you every step of the way.

Achieve Greatness: Earn credit towards the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award. All-Inclusive Price: For just \$1,575 per person, you'll get meals, accommodation and adventure. Ready to Set Sail? Secure your spot now and start the adventure of a lifetime!

**Adventure Advanced Outdoors Camp** (8-13yr olds) based at Ngamuwahine Lodge, Tauranga, Monday 7th Oct - Fri 11th



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Oct. \$675 (full week) 50 Spaces available on the bus. The second week of the school holidays brings you a NEW Venue and another set of amazing Edventure experiences. This week-long camp is for children of all ages looking for a mix of our usual fun outdoors activities with the option of some 'challenge by choice' activities on Ngamuwahine Lodge's (owned by Tauranga Intermediate) high ropes and rock climbing wall. You will have the option of sleeping in bivouacs, tents or cabins (or mix it up!). We have access to: bush walks, swimming holes, mountain bikes, kayaks, paintball, laser tag, as well as archery, air-rifle, outdoor cooking and much more! Check out the [NEW: Edventure Tauranga Facebook Page](#); or e-mail: [todd@edventure.co.nz](mailto:todd@edventure.co.nz) for more information.

## Careers Corner

Congratulations to students who have signed up for the Student Volunteer Army and gained their bronze service award - I have these in the Careers Centre for you. Any student who wants to become involved can join in (it looks really good on your CV!). Sign up here: <https://www.sva.org.nz/> and join the HPC groups. For everyone who is thinking about their subject

selection choices. I recommend using the careers website - Tahatū [Career Navigator \(tahatu.govt.nz\)](http://Career_Navigator_(tahatu.govt.nz)) Create your own account using your school email and you can "like" anything you are interested in and save it to your kete.

## Learner Driver Licence

The next course is happening on 10th-12th September. All students who have already expressed an interest have been sent the details and costs. There are a few more places available. You do need to be 16 years old by 10th September. For further information or to make a careers appointment, please come to the Careers centre or email Mrs Lawlor. [pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz)

## Gateway Enrolments for 2025

Thank you to all those students who have already returned their Gateway forms. Any senior students who will be in Year 12/ Year 13 in 2025 and wish to participate or re-enrol, please come directly to the Careers Centre to collect a form or email Mrs Scott - [laurens@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:laurens@haurakiplains.school.nz)

Day / Date	Time	Subject	Who should attend
Wednesday 11th Sept	9.00 in the Careers Centre	AUT	Students who have applied to AUT.
Thursday 12th Sept	12:05pm - 1:50pm Block 3 in the HUB	Victoria University of Wellington	Students who have applied to Victoria University of Wellington.

## HPC Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 7 - Week commencing 2nd Sept Winter Sports Tournament Week		Week 8 - Week commencing 9th Sept	
Monday	2	• Winter Sports Tournament Week	9	
Tuesday	3	• Winter Sports Tournament Week	10	• CAA Lit/Num Exams • Learner Licence #2
Wednesday	4	• Out of Zone ballot drawn • Winter Sports Tournament Week	11	• CAA Lit/Num Exams • Learner Licence #2 • 120TE Bush Survival Line 5 WD
Thursday	5	• Conservation Week Trip • Winter Sports Tournament Week	12	• CAA Lit/Num Exams • Learner Licence #2 • 120TE Bush Survival Line 5 MK
Friday	6	• Winter Sports Tournament Week	13	• 120TE Bush Survival Line 6 WD • TVSS Badminton