

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 20 Sept 2024



Kia ora koutou and welcome to week eight of term three. Thankfully Amber is back from AIMS games and we have our regular publication this week!

Tūā Taipari-Thorne, World Champion!

Yr 9 Tūā has recently returned from the Dragon Boating World Championships in Italy, with a gold medal!!! You can see Tūā at the front of the boat in the role of drummer. Beating the drum helps to tell the race story, relay instructions, and encourage the team to fight for victory - it is a key role in a Dragon Boating team. Congratulations Tūā, we are very proud of your achievement! Congratulations also to Carrie Taipari-Thorne for not only winning gold alongside Tūā, but for gaining the Principal role at Kaiaua Primary School. Carrie is finishing her Deputy Principal role at Kerepehi Primary School at the end of this term. The Taipari-Thorne whānau has lots to celebrate!



Kapa Haka Group

It was great to see our Kapa Haka group perform at Goldfields Mall in Thames today. It was a lovely way finish to Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. A number of schools from the area had performance slots and it was neat seeing the age range of students doing Kapa Haka. Our students were outstanding, well done to you all.



Catch up Day Friday 20th September

Thank you for keeping students home today so we could work with 200 seniors to get them additional credits. I also want to acknowledge the small group of students who battled the rain to support the Waikato Regional Council planting 1000 trees on the Kerepehi stopbank! You were absolute troopers!

Cultural and Arts Awards Evening 25th Sept 6pm

Students who have excelled in the Cultural and Performing Arts will be recognised at our awards evening, starting at 6pm on Wednesday, 25th September in the school hall. This is also an opportunity for our students to showcase their talents in a range of areas such as Kapa Haka, Dance, Drama, Music and Film. All of our school community are warmly invited to attend this free event.

Novice Rowing Camp coming up

29th September to Wednesday 2nd October at Mangakino. Email Mrs Sayer for more information and get your consent forms in as soon as possible -

amandas@haurakiplains.school.nz

Winter to Summer Uniform Transition

The transition from winter to summer uniform is now underway. During this period, students may wear either the full winter or full summer uniform, but not a combination of both (e.g., no scarves with sandals or trousers with sandals). The transition period will end on Friday, 25 October (end of Week 2, Term 4), and all students are expected to be in full summer uniform by Monday, 28 October. This allows families seven weeks to organise the summer uniform. [NZ Uniform](#) offers Roman sandals for \$65, which are of good quality. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Fitzpatrick - amandaf@haurakiplains.school.nz

No Birkenstocks

Although Birkenstocks are comfortable and stylish, unfortunately, we cannot accept them as part of our school uniform. If students can't wear the Roman sandals, they can wear their winter shoes with a temporary pass. [Here](#) is an orthotic alternative opposed to our [classic Roman Sandal](#) should you wish to purchase. The **only** exceptions to this rule are for medical letters from doctors and orthopaedic specialists.

Weekend parties

Our deans, particularly those in Year 11, are managing a significant amount of fallout from weekend parties and gatherings. The parents of Year 11 students will have received a special email with more information about our concerns.

Transition Visits

This term, we are visiting primary schools to meet our incoming Year 9 students. This week, we had the pleasure of visiting Kaihere, Kerepehi and Waitakaruru Schools. We were accompanied by Rhona McInnes, Zoe Winter, Nea Stockman, Kaia Van Doorn, Ellie Martin and Tara Bourne who did a wonderful job representing our school. We are fortunate to be part of such a thriving community with amazing primary school



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students! It has been an absolute pleasure to connect with the students, teachers, and principals during these visits.

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) or (laurad@haurakiplains.school.nz)

Year 9 and 10 Camp fees needed before camp

A big thank you to parents who have payment plans for camps up and running already - this has been great to see. We require camp fees to be paid in full before students attend camp. Please get payment plans organised as we have 3 months until camp.

Year 10s have been informed as to which camp they have been allocated to. Camp fees have been added to student accounts.

HPC BNZ Account #02-0380-0011990-00, Please clearly reference the student you are making payment for.

Community feedback on Term 3 policies up for review.

Each term the Board has different school policies to review. The community is very welcome to provide feedback on these too. The 3 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](#)

Driving Coaches needed!

We have 3 students on our waiting list - and require more volunteer driving coaches. If you can help out one hour a week please email principal@haurakiplains.school.nz

Summer job opportunity for students

Blueberry Country Ngata is looking for staff. You must have a full driving licence and be available over the holidays. Hours of work are within 7.30 am-6.30 pm. Please see the [advert](#) for all the details.

School Holiday Programmes:

Embark on an Epic 5-Day Teen Sailing Adventure! Poster [here](#).

Calling all teens aged 14-18! Get ready to embark on an unforgettable journey that blends adventure, skill-building, and lasting friendships. Sail aboard the Legendary Boat, Steinlager 2 from 30th Sept 2024 to 4th Oct 2024. Secure your spot now and start the adventure of a lifetime!

Edventure Advanced Outdoors Camp - Poster [here](#).

For 8-13yr olds - based at Ngamuwahine Lodge, Tauranga, Monday 7th Oct - Fri 11th Oct. \$675 (full week) Check out the **NEW:** [Edventure Tauranga Facebook Page](#); or e-mail: todd@edventure.co.nz for more information.

Careers Corner

Students - when you pass your driver licence at any level (learner, restricted, full) there are credits that you can claim.

Standard Number	Title	Level	Credits
29363 Learner Licence	Learn to drive a vehicle within the conditions of a Class 1 New Zealand learner driver licence	1	2
29364 Restricted Licence	Drive a vehicle within the conditions of a Class 1 New Zealand restricted driver licence	2	4
29365 Full Licence	Drive a vehicle within the conditions of a Class 1 New Zealand full driver licence	2	2

Please bring your full photo driver id (plastic card) to the Careers Centre where Mrs Lawlor or Mrs Scott can help you with the process.

Gateway is finishing for 2024 at the end of Term 3!

Please see Mrs Scott for employer thank you cards, also hand in your workplace learning book (for 3 level 2 credits). There will be **NO MORE WORK PLACEMENTS GOING OUT IN TERM 4**. We will look to open Gateway applications again in Term 1, 2025.

Congratulations to Jayden Woods for gaining a position as an apprentice electrician with an employer.

Ngā mihi,
Sharon Moller
(Principal)



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HPC Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 10 - Week commencing 23rd Sept		Week 1 - Week commencing 14th Oct	
Monday	23	Head Student speeches at assembly	14	
Tuesday	24	Equine Therapy	15	
Wednesday	25	130TE River Crossing HPC Golf Champs Arts and Cultural Awards 6pm	16	Level 2 DCAT Exam
Thursday	26	13BIO Zoo Trip	17	Restricted Drivers Licence Session Unplugged Music Concert 6pm
Friday	27	Last day of Term!	18	Level 3 DCAT Exam

CULTURAL & ARTS AWARDS
Evening

WEDNESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER
6PM
HPC SCHOOL HALL

FEATURING AMAZING LIVE PERFORMANCES OF:
KAPA HAKA
SHORT FILM
DANCE
DRAMA
LIVE ROCK AND JAZZ BANDS

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