

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 27 Sept 2024



Kia ora koutou and welcome to the final week of term three.

Farewells

Today is a special day for Hauraki Plains College as we celebrate the retirement of our wonderful teacher, Brian Woolcock, after 35 years of service in a number of significant roles. You can read more about Brian's accomplishments in our community newsletter, which will be heading home over the term break. Brian has positively impacted the lives of students, staff, and the wider community, and we will be forever grateful for the privilege of being taught by him, working alongside him, and receiving his support.



Brian Woolcock

Today, we also farewell David Angell, who has been the Curriculum Leader of Science for the past two years. David is returning to Canada with his wife Tammy, and we wish them both all the best for the future.



David Angell

Arts and Cultural Awards

Thank you for coming along on Weds night to celebrate our Arts and Cultural successes. It was a brilliant evening of performances and acknowledgments. Thank you Jaspreet Kaur for attending on behalf of the HPC Board, and thank to our awesome MC's - Emily Logan, Joel Hunt, Jaymee Davies and Oscar Muir. The following students received the special awards:

Cultural Blues:

- Harvey Allen - Rockquest (AC Whale)
- Joel Hunt - Rockquest (AC Whale)
- Emily Logan - Rockquest (AC Whale)
- Jaskeerat Randhawa - Rockquest (AC Whale)
- Isaac Smith - Rockquest (AC Whale)
- Matthew Tegg - Rockquest (AC Whale)



Cultural Blues Winners

Cultural Service Blues

- Mackenzie Vale - Photography
- Tiana Tanner - Promotions



Cultural Service Blues Winners

Rhodes Green Trophy

- Joel Hunt - Contribution to the Arts at HPC

A full list of award winners can be found on our Facebook Page.

BYOD Information Evening

From 2025, Year 9 and 10 students at Hauraki Plains College will be required to bring their own laptop to school, with our preferred device being a Chromebook. A BYOD information evening will be held at 7pm on 15 October in the school hall.

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.



Joel Hunt



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

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. [NZ Uniform](#) offers Roman sandals for \$65, which are of good quality. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Fitzpatrick (amandaf@aurakiplains.school.nz).

No Birkenstocks! (or knock-offs)

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](#) sandals should you wish to purchase them. The only exceptions to this rule are for medical letters from doctors and orthopaedic specialists.

Jewellery Expectations

We are noticing an increase in students wearing jewellery that does not comply with our uniform expectations. These guidelines are clear, and students are aware of them. Facial piercings are not permitted, except for two plain studs (gold or silver), one in each ear. Taonga is permitted and may be visible. Other culturally significant items may be worn, provided a note from home is supplied, and the appropriate exemption form is completed and returned to Mr. Dreyer.

If your child is considering getting additional piercings, such as for the nose or eyebrow, we ask that this be done during the school holidays to allow sufficient time for healing. This will ensure that any piercings can be removed during school hours. We understand that healing times can vary, so please plan accordingly.

We would greatly appreciate the support of our families in ensuring these rules are followed, as managing this issue is currently taking up considerable time for our Deans and staff.

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, rachp@aurakiplains.school.nz or laurad@aurakiplains.school.nz.

Summer job opportunity for students

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

Paeroa Amateur Athletic Club - Give it a Go Night

Weds 16th Oct 6pm at the Paeroa Domain - advert [here](#).

Franklin Bulls are hosting a Next Up [Development Camp](#) with NZNBL Coach Sebastian Gleim for those who are keen to learn some new skills and hear from a new coaching perspective ahead of the upcoming trials for 2025 Rep Season. Or, even if you are keen to just get some skill sessions in during the off season!

- Any players in U16, U18 & U20 in 2025

- Sunday October 20th (time to be confirmed closer to registration close)

\$50 per players (\$60 on day registrations) <https://www.bullsbasketball.nz/event-details/bulls-development-camp-2025-1>

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

10-12
December
2024

PRICE
\$200
Made by Mackenzie Vata

Year 9
Camp

Ngarauawahia
CYC

Kayaking
Archery
Hydroslide
minigolf
And more!



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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

Careers Corner

Congratulations to students in the student volunteer army who have gained their member participation pins: Daniel Conroy, Jaskeerat Randhawa, Mackenzie Vale, Matthew Tegg, Nikora Tawa, Oscar Muir, Rhona McInnes and Ruby Mackay.

Mackenzie Vale, Matthew Tegg, Nikora Tawa, Oscar Muir, Ruby Mackay, Sophy Liang and Rose Wheeler have earned their Bronze pin, and Matthew Tegg has also earned his Silver pin. We will be presenting these in assembly at the start of next term. Well done everyone!



Congratulations to Danika Webster for obtaining paid holiday employment with her Gateway employer, Robertson Bixley accountants, with the offer of full time employment in 2025, Well done for proving yourself capable as a deserving employee. Also for surviving her first ever behind the wheel driving experience / lesson (in an electric car)!

HPC Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 1 - Week commencing 14th Oct		Week 2 - Week commencing 21st Oct	
Monday	14		21	Yr 13 Dress up and lunchtime activity week ECM meeting with exam students
Tuesday	15	BYOD Information Evening 7pm	22	
Wednesday	16	Level 2 DCAT Exam	23	
Thursday	17	Restricted Drivers Licence Session Unplugged Music Concert 6pm	24	Sports Prizegiving 6pm
Friday	18	Level 3 DCAT Exam	25	
Weekend			Weekend	Chess Nationals online

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Sharon Moller
(Principal)