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

Sports Tournament week update

We are hoping to get the final Netball and Hockey results from our teams away this week and can report them next week. Lenny Torrens has competed in the NZ Skateboarding Secondary School Junior Nationals this week and earned a 2nd place - awesome work, Lenny!

Common Assessment Activities - CAA (Reading, Writing, Numeracy exams)

Many students from Years 9-12 will be sitting these exams from 10-12 September. Students have received their timetables in River this week. Please direct any questions to DP Mr Jaco Dreyer jacod@haurakiplains.school.nz

Special Assessment Conditions - CAA

Polly/Assistive Technology Polly (text-to-speech tool) will be available to all students sitting the 2024 English Literacy Writing (32405) and English Numeracy (32406) digital assessments.

Polly converts text into audio so they can listen to text in the assessment being read aloud. Polly also reads students' responses back to them. Polly is not available for the Reading (32403) standard.

Here is a link to support your students using this tool: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/litnum/text-to-speech/polly-students-guide/>

Resources to support parents and students

The following videos have been created by someone else in NZ, who goes through the literacy and numeracy exams. They are well worth exploring at home with your young person, with examples and tip/tricks to help our students get exam ready:

Writing / Reading

- Explanations of how to do these assessments and what a good answer looks like:
- <https://www.youtube.com/@RosyEllisNZ>

Numeracy

- 2021-2024 past assessments and how to solve them step by step.

- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGHMh2fiud5ci9sCqHmAYG6Uwf0FHISY>

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

Students down the road before school

Please don't drop your students at shops in town before school. Students are our responsibility when they are in their school uniform heading to school. If students are in the cafe before school and get up to mischief - it is our responsibility for them. Please wait for your student to buy their items and then drop them off at school. It is a privilege for our Year 13 students to be able to visit the shops independently - and this erodes when non Year 13s are hanging out in the shops before schools.

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 will be informed as to which camp they have been allocated to (based on their selections/availability) by the 11th of September.

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 will commence on Monday of next week (week 8). This means you can wear either the winter or the summer uniform, not a combination of both, e.g. not scarf with sandals, or not sandals with trousers, etc. This transition period will end on Friday 25 October (end of Week 2 of Term 4). All students are expected to be in full summer uniform by Monday 28 October. This gives families 7 weeks to sort out your summer uniform.

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,



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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.

2025 Senior Subject Selection closes Friday the 13th of September

[Here](#) is the presentation from the Senior Subject Selection evening. The School Point online portal for subject selection closes on Friday, 13 September. A link to School Point has been added to each year level Google Classroom.

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.

Transition Visits

We are out visiting Primary schools this term to meet our incoming Year 9s. This week we visited Turua Primary School. Year 12 students Zoe Winter and Elie Martin came along as our student speakers and shared their 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, rachp@haurakiplains.school.nz or laurad@haurakiplains.school.nz.

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](#)

Sports Coordinator Job Opportunity

With the growth in sports and new sporting opportunities, Hauraki Plains College has an exciting role within our Sports department. We are looking to add a new Sports Coordinator to our team. If you are passionate about sports and youth participation, this opportunity is for you. The Sports Coordinator will work closely with our Sports Development Officer to continue the growth of sports at Hauraki Plains College.

This position requires a passion for sports, strong proficiency with Google Drive, a full driver's licence, and the ability to drive manual vans for transport. The role also demands confidence in interacting with people of all ages and backgrounds.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, self-motivated person who can learn quickly and think on their feet, with the primary focus on getting our youth involved in meaningful sports. If this opportunity interests you or if you would like to know more, please send your CV and cover letter to our Business Manager at scottt@haurakiplains.school.nz

Working Hours: 20 hours a week (between Monday to Friday) term time only.

Tenure: Permanent role.

Applications close: Tuesday 24th of September midday.

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 onboard 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 [Edventure Tauranga Facebook Page](#); or e-mail: todd@edventure.co.nz for more information.



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HPC Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 8 - Week commencing 9th Sept		Week 9 - Week commencing 16th Sept	
Monday	9		16	
Tuesday	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA Lit/Num Exams Learner Licence #2 	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice Exams Restricted Licence Session
Wednesday	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA Lit/Num Exams Learner Licence #2 120TE Bush Survival Line 5 WD 	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice Exams
Thursday	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAA Lit/Num Exams Whānau Hui kapahaka performance Learner Licence #2 120TE Kayak Line 6 WD 	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice Exams Paeroa Job Fair 120TE Kayak Line 6
Friday	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 120TE Bush Survival Line 6 WD TVSS Badminton 	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catch up Day - selected senior students at school. Most students working from home. Tree planting Kerepehi

Careers Corner

For everyone who is thinking about their subject selection choices. I recommend using the careers website - Tahatū [Career Navigator \(tahatu.govt.nz\)](https://career.navigators.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. For further information or to make a careers appointment, please come to the Careers centre or email Mrs Lawlor. pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz

Learner Driver Licence

The next course is happening on 10th-12th September. If you have in-class exams/assessments or Lit/Num exams you must do these as a priority before coming to the HUB for your driving classes.

Gateway Enrolments for 2025

Thank you to all those students who have already returned their Gateway forms. Enrolments are now closed.

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.