

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 22 November 2024



Kia ora koutou and welcome to the sixth week of term four.

Normal School day on Monday 25 November

The Paid Union meeting has been cancelled and there will be a normal school day on Monday.

Our Year 13 Business student group, SWIFF, are in the national finals of the Young Enterprise Competition! All six judges at the Waikato Region



competition said they'd like to buy our product! The YES final is in Wellington on 5 December, and we'd be grateful for your help to get us there by buying a SWIFF box or two - each contains two woollen balls, charcoal deodorising powder and fragrance. Make your sheets and towels smell great from the dryer or remove the pong from sports shoes, boxing gloves, shin pads etc. Just \$15 for one pack or 3 packs for \$40 - great Christmas gifts for the person who has everything. Email nzswiff@gmail.com or call 027 542 0788 for more info or to order. Thanks for reading!

Reactivation of International Student Programme

Following a recent BOT decision, Hauraki Plains College is to reactivate its International Programme.

Mike Dwight, a relief teacher at our school, has been contracted to set up systems and start recruiting students for next year. International students bring educational, cultural and economic benefits to our school community. They also help broaden our perspectives and help equip our students to become stronger global citizens - all essential skills needed to thrive in what is an increasingly, inter-connected world.

A start has been made to build a database of quality homestays. This is also an opportunity for our family/whānau to enjoy an international experience, and the remuneration is good. Should you wish to register interest or wish to find out more information, then please contact Mike at international@haurakiplains.school.nz

We look forward to the International Programme once again, enhancing the life of our school!

No Phones on camp week - advance notice.

Year 9 and 10 students attending camps from the 10th to 12th of December - mobile phones will not be allowed. We are needing parents to help us with this please. There have been instances in other schools where students have reached a really

neat hut in the bush and have spent the night watching YouTube on their phones. For our students to get the most out of their camp experiences, we are asking all students to keep their phones at home during camps. This also includes the day camp options e.g. Sports Camp. If a student is found with their phone out, it will be removed from their use in line with our (and all NZ schools) phone policy. Each camp organiser will be providing a contact number for parents if they need to reach us at camp. It is only for 3 days!

Students who are at school during camp week (Yr10 School-based camp and Yr9s who have opted out of Yr9 camp)

Students will have the opportunity to purchase food from the school food truck during camp week. Please note that a limited menu will be available. Students will not be permitted to leave the school grounds to purchase food elsewhere. To help our staff accurately plan and order sufficient food, we kindly ask families to indicate whether they expect to purchase food during the three days of camp. Please register your interest via this [form](#) - this is NOT an order form, students will still be required to line up, order and pay for food each day.

Important Changes to River Classes

Due to differences in the number of students across year levels, we will be consolidating three Year 13 River classes for 2025. As a result, students in 12HU, 12DG, and 12NI will be reallocated into other Year 13 River classes next year. Your new River allocations will be shared with you before the start of the 2025 school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your current River teacher or a member of the leadership team.

2025 Services Academy Information Evenings

This is a leadership and life skills course delivered in a military setting here at HPC. We have spaces for 20 Year 12 students. They will be in their Academy classes for 50% of their timetable and will be able to select 3 other classes to do across the year. Students will earn 30+ credits through Services and their remaining 30 credits through 3 other classes. If there is space, we will welcome Year 13 students.

We encourage interested students and parents to attend one of our two information evenings 7-8pm in the Hub:

- Wednesday 27th November
- Monday 2nd December

We will outline programme information, introduce you to our Director and answer any questions. Both sessions will have the same content - so you just need to attend one.

We are looking for 2nd hand gear - feel free to drop off 55+ litre backpacks or thermal sleeping mats if you have any older items at home you are no longer using.



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Junior Prizegivings Thursday 5 December

Year 9 Prizegiving will start at 9.30 and Year 10 Prizegiving will start at midday on Thursday 5 December. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend. All our Year 9 and 10 students will receive recognition for completing their year, and there will be achieved/merit/excellence awards given out for students Grade Point Average for the year. Final reports are due home via email the week commencing 25th November.

NCEA Literacy and Numeracy exam results

Students from Years 9-12 who sat the Reading, Writing and Numeracy exams in September will be able to access their results on 5 December by logging onto the NZQA website and entering their user details. Please contact Mr O'Neill (jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz) if you need any assistance with this.

Community Feedback on Term 4 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 4 policies under review for Term 4 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

- [Asset Management and Protection](#)
- [Financial Conflicts of Interest](#)
- [Managing Income and Expenditure](#)
- [Finance and Asset Management](#)

Modified timetable for 4 days starting next Wednesday

We will have double blocks of learning for assessments, trips and activities across the various departments. Students need to keep an eye on the daily notices for information about what to bring for events e.g togs for PE. (Table below)

Ngā mihi,
Sharon Moller
Principal

		Year 9	Year 10
Wednesday 27th Nov	Blocks 1 and 2	1 - Science	2 - Tech
	Blocks 3 and 4	8 - Careers/PI/AGH	7 - Arts/Languages
Thursday 28th Nov	Blocks 1 and 2	3 - Humanities	4 - PE
	Blocks 3 and 4	5 - Maths	6 - English
Friday 29th Nov	Blocks 1 and 2	7 - Arts/Languages	5 - Maths
	Blocks 3 and 4	2 - Tech	1 - Science
Monday 2nd Dec	Blocks 1 and 2	6 - English	8 - Careers/PI/AGH
	Blocks 3 and 4	4 - PE	3 - Humanities

HPC Upcoming Dates				
Day/Wk	Week 7 - Week commencing 25th Nov		Week 8 - Week commencing 2nd Dec	
Monday	25	Normal school day for Year 9/10s NCEA Exams	2	Modified junior timetable
Tuesday	26	NCEA Exams	3	
Wednesday	27	NCEA Exams Modified junior timetable	4	
Thursday	28	NCEA Exams Modified junior timetable	5	Year 9 Prizegiving 9.30am, Year 10 Prizegiving 12pm
Friday	29	NCEA Exams Modified junior timetable	6	Discovery Day - Year 8s at school Normal school day for Year 9/10s
Weekend		1st Dec - Year 13 Graduation Dinner		