

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 8 November 2024



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

Services Academy

We are thrilled to announce that we have gained a Services Academy programme from 2025 onwards. We join 29 other schools across NZ and will offer a life skills and leadership course delivered in a military setting at HPC. This course is primarily for Year 12 students and will cover 3 lines of our 6 lines timetable. There will be services academy opportunities set up for Year 10s and 11s to get a taste of what it is about ahead of Year 12. We are fielding inquiries already from parents keen to get their students registered. By the end of next week we intend to have our Services Academy Director appointed, and then we will get the ball rolling with information on how students can apply.

Ngatea Primary School (NPS) Blog

If you follow their FB page you may have spotted [this blog](#). They have been on an incredible journey with a strong leader in Neil Fraser. This blog is well worth a read and has been helpful for our teachers to understand the ethos behind the NPS approach. Awesome mahi NPS!

Teacher Only Day Friday the 15th of November

Our teachers will be joining six other secondary schools at Waihi College on the 15th of November for workshops and upskilling in the curriculum changes. There will be no classes happening on that day, all our teachers will be off site, and no NCEA exams as it is Canterbury Anniversary day public holiday.

Paid Union Meeting Monday the 25th of November

The teacher union is having a meeting at school starting at 1.30pm. Our first three classes will run as normal. There won't be a timetabled class in block 4. Students who need to remain at school for buses will be in the Hub supervised by teachers. Buses will run as normal. Parents are welcome to collect students after block 3 is finished at 1.20pm. Students who live locally are able to walk or bike home.

Learning Support for New Enrolments

If you have a student enrolling in 2025 with additional learning needs, please contact Naomi Fisher (Learning Support Coordinator) naomif@aurakiplains.school.nz or Rachel Purcell (Junior SENCO) rachelp@aurakiplains.school.nz to organise a time to meet in our upcoming school transition visits.

Career Corner

The Careers Centre is still open as usual throughout the exam period. Students are welcome to drop in for help in contacting Universities or with making Studylink applications. Some scholarships are still open and receiving applications. University of Otago have sent out additional information for students who may have missed UE [Link](#). My email is: pippal@aurakiplains.school.nz.

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: *aurakiplains* Community Password: *aurakidocs*

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

Ngā mihi
Sharon Moller
Principal



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HPC Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 5 - Week commencing 11th Nov		Week 6 - Week commencing 18th Nov	
Monday	11	NCEA Exams	18	NCEA Exams
Tuesday	12	NCEA Exams TVSS Junior Volleyball Champs	19	NCEA Exams
Wednesday	13	NCEA Exams	20	NCEA Exams
Thursday	14	NCEA Exams	21	NCEA Exams
Friday	15	TEACHER ONLY DAY No NCEA Exams	22	NCEA Exams
Weekend				Dog trials at school

**** New students to HPC for 2025 ****

2025 Start of Year Dates	
Tues 28th Jan	Year 9, Year 13 and new students Pōwhiri starts at 9am
Wed 29th Jan	Year 10, 11 and 12 only
Thurs 30th Jan	All Students
Fri 31st Jan	All Students
Thurs 6th Feb	Waitangi Day (School closed)
Fri 7th Feb	Teacher only Day

DISCOVERY DAY 2024

Students to please bring: Bag with pen and paper, water bottle, any special dietary requirements.

9.30am	Students start arriving.
10am	Presentation for parents and students in hall.
10.30 - 11.35	Students move to river rooms for activities. Parents move to Hub for questions (optional).
11.35 - 12.05	Morning tea back in the hall (provided).
12.05 - 1.20	River and class activities.
1.20 - 1.50	Lunch - Sausage sizzle (provided) in the hangar. Games on the field.
2pm	Students to be collected from the hall.

**FRIDAY
6TH DEC**

