

# HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 21 February 2025



Kia ora koutou and welcome to Week FIVE of Term One!

## Full School Athletics Day Tuesday 25th February

Athletics day is just around the corner, and it is for the whole school. All students at school next Tuesday are expected to be in their PE uniform and participate. Students will need to bring their Hapu Shirt & Black Shorts, a hat (any hat is fine for today only), a drink bottle and sunscreen. Mr Whippy will be onsite and spectators are most welcome. The food truck will be open as usual for kai, and we will have a water trailer on the field for drink bottle refills. Students who don't bring gear will be moving around with their year level groups - there is no alternative programme provided - everyone is on the field.

## Swimming Sports (optional) Friday 28th February

Swimming Sports gets underway at 9.15am down at the Ngatea Domain pool. All students taking part are to bring their swimming gear, sunblock and plenty of food and drink for the day. Normal classes happening for those students not participating.

## Year 9 Meet the River Guide Evening

Thank you to our 50+ parents and students who attended Year 9 Meet the River Guide Evening. A special thank you to the Year 13 Peer Support Leaders who did a fantastic job in making our students and parents feel welcome, and providing some fun opportunities to learn more about HPC. If you missed this evening, please contact your student's River Guide for more information. You are welcome to make an appointment after school to meet them, you don't need to wait until reports or evenings to start these important connections.



## Signing out during school time

When students need to sign out during school time, they must produce a note or have a parent/caregiver phone or email through to [studentservices@aurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:studentservices@aurakiplains.school.nz). If we do not receive this, the student will be marked Truant. We appreciate your cooperation on this.

## Shoe Passes - NO Birks or Crocs

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 or tidy covered 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.



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## Promoting Academic Authenticity at Hauraki Plains College

At Hauraki Plains College, we are committed to ensuring that all student work is authentic. Our approach includes teaching students about academic integrity, setting clear expectations for assessments, and providing support to help them develop original work. With advancements in technology, we must evolve our assessment practices to ensure students are submitting their own work.

Like every other secondary school in NZ, we expect that students (and parents) acknowledge their understanding of academic authenticity by signing our Authenticity Statement. This statement is not optional - signing it confirms that students are aware of the expectations and the steps that are in place to ensure fair and valid assessment.

We appreciate the support of our school community in maintaining academic integrity. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Dreyer, our NZQA Principal's Nominee [jacod@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:jacod@haurakiplains.school.nz)

## Google Classroom Guardian Summaries

Parents and caregivers of 2025 new enrolments were sent an invite on Monday to opt-in to receive daily or weekly updates on activity in Google Classroom. This includes announcements, classwork and assignments. If you did not receive an invite or have any questions please contact our technician Hardeep Singh - [hardeeps@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:hardeeps@haurakiplains.school.nz)

If you are currently receiving weekly updates, but would like to change these to daily, then please follow these steps:

1. Go to one of the email summaries you received
2. Scroll to the bottom of the email and click on 'notification settings'
3. Choose the daily option and then exit the tab (there is no 'save' button).

## Attendance Corner

Attending Regularly*	Week 2	Week 3
HPC	83.9%	76.9%

\*90% or more

Currently, every student and parent receives an attendance summary on Friday night.

Students who are new to our school in Yr 10-13, and those under 90% last year receive a daily attendance summary.

We have had a few parents saying how great this is, and others wanting to opt-out. Please email [studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz) if you want to opt out of the daily one. Please note, we will only take parent requests for the opt-out email.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

365 Days in a Year

**180 School Days**

to give your children the very best opportunity to excel in learning and set them up for the rest of their life

**185 Family/Whānau Days**

to spend on family times, shopping, visiting whānau and friends, birthdays celebrations, haircuts, etc.

**GOOD**  
Good chance of success

**WORRYING**  
Less chance of success

**CONCERNING**  
Hard to make progress

**SERIOUS CONCERN**  
Very hard to make progress

**Less than 5 days absence**  
in a school term

Equates to 0 - 0.6 school years over 5 years

**Up to 10 days absence**  
in a school term

Equates to 0.6 - 1.1 school years over 5 years

**Up to 15 days absence**  
in a school term

Equates to 1.1 - 1.7 school years over 5 years

**15 days or more of absence**  
in a school term

Equates to MORE than 1.7 years over 5 years

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## HPC Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 5 - Week commencing 24th Feb		Week 6 - Week commencing 3rd March	
Monday	24		3	
Tuesday	25	Athletics for all students - no classes running	4	WAISS Tennis Singles YWRC Employment Rights & Responsibility Course (9-10.30am)
Wednesday	26	WAISS Show Jumping NZIBO Exam	5	WAISS Tennis Doubles
Thursday	27		6	TVSS Touch (HPC) Gateway Hospitality Course
Friday	28	HPC Swimming Champs (optional) Massey Uni visit (9-10am) 13PRI United Flower Auction Moto-X North King Country	7	Gateway Hospitality Course
Sat/Sun			9	Services Academy drive to Trentham for Induction