

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 28 February 2025



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

Link here to updated information sent out to parents/caregivers today <https://shorturl.at/fNy93>

Swimming Sports Tuesday 4th March

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 and 10 Vision and Hearing Testing Update

From 2025, hearing and vision screening for Year 9-10 students will follow a new referral-based process. Instead of every student having the opportunity for a screening, the School-Based Health team will work with Te Whatu Ora's Vision and Hearing Technicians to refer students with identified concerns for targeted screening. This approach ensures timely support for those most in need. Therefore parents and caregivers who have concerns about their child's hearing or vision are encouraged to contact our school nurse or student services to ensure their child is added to the screening list.

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@haurakiplains.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.

Do Days Term 2

We are seeking people from our community to share their career journey with students as part of our 'Do Day' week

at the start of Term 2. Each class will have a double-block allocated within this one-week window to allow for career pathway exploration. We are interested in hearing from people across types of careers. Please contact Jonathan O'Neill jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz if you would like to offer your time to speak to students.

Māori Pastoral Care

At Hauraki Plains College, we are also committed to reducing barriers to education for all ākonga (learners), including Māori and Pasifika ākonga, disabled ākonga, and those with learning support needs. To ensure we continue to work towards overcoming those barriers and foster a learning environment that provides support for all learners, we have established a new Māori Pastoral Care role that works alongside our year level Deans, learning support and wellbeing teams. The role of the Māori Pastoral Care Dean is to monitor and report monthly on Māori pastoral entries, to work with deans on effective interventions to improve ākonga Māori pastoral data, and to provide overall support for Deans when working with ākonga Māori. We are happy to announce that Matua Te Waiheruata Rāwiri (*Ngāti Hinerangi, Ngāti Hauā, Ngāti Mahuta, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Whātua*) has been appointed to this role. If you are interested in finding out more about how we can provide better support for your tamariki, you can contact Matua Te Waiheruata and organise a phone call or a hui ter@haurakiplains.school.nz

Whānau Information Hui and shared kai

Te Whare Toka Tū Moana is calling on all new and current ākonga and whānau Māori to attend an information evening regarding our Māori Department, school-wide kaupapa Māori, and Māori student pastoral care for 2025. But most important of all, we would love to meet you all and have a shared a kai, so let us all bring a plate! If you would like to attend, please express your interest via this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/y5ZZXyF2sTJ5qfKy8>

If you have any issues accessing the Google Form, or have any general queries, please let us know via the email on: maoridept@haurakiplains.school.nz



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HPC Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 6 - Week commencing 3rd March		Week 7 - Week commencing 10th March	
Monday	3		10	Hockey Big Day Out
Tuesday	4	WAISS Tennis Singles Swimming Sports (optional)	11	Class and individual photos 12Bio Rocky Shore
Wednesday	5	WAISS Tennis Doubles	12	TVSS Swimming Yr 9/10 Carry the Baton WaiBOP Schools XC MTB Champs
Thursday	6	TVSS Touch (HPC) Gateway Hospitality Course	13	11/12 Junior Young Farmers trip TVSS Snr 3x3 Basketball
Friday	7	Gateway Hospitality Course	14	Reports issued via email
Sat/Sun	9	Services Academy drive to Trentham for Induction		

FREE EVENT AND FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Move over Spiderman, Wonder Woman and the Hulk... the REAL superheroes are coming to town 🦸🦹🦋

In collaboration with our awesome friends at [Civil Defence Waikato](#), [Matamata-Piako District Council](#) and [Thames-Coromandel District Council](#), we're throwing the ultimate Real Life Superheroes Day.

📅 When: Sunday, 2 March 2025 | 10am - 2pm

📍 Where: Paeroa Domain, 6 Willoughby Street

Get ready for an action-packed day as we celebrate our everyday heroes—Fire and Emergency NZ, Hato Hone St John, Police, and other incredible agencies that help us in times of crisis.

What's in store?

- ✔ Interactive emergency service games

- ✔ Live demonstrations

- ✔ Fun for the whole whānau—so bring a picnic and your superhero spirit!

We can't wait to see you there 🦸

Police Dog, Westpac Helicopter, Dress as your favourite Super Hero, prizes and goodies.