

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 14 March 2025



Smashing it in the Pool

The HPC Swimming Team had a phenomenal day at the pool in Thames on Wednesday. The team had multiple individual placings as well as one 3rd, one 2nd and nine 1sts in the relays, including bragging rights for winning the 6x25 Freestyle Flying Squad. Overall HPC ranked 1st in the Junior Girls & Boys, Intermediate Girls & Boys, Senior Girls and 4th in the Senior Boys. Finishing 1st overall from 11 secondary schools.

Special mention to Levi Dowty, Sol Barshai-Sherrock, Boe Leach & Wilson Slavic who broke the Junior Boys 100m Freestyle Relay record with a time of 53.50s, the previous record of 56.03 was set by Matamata College in 1998. Congratulations to all our swimmers, a massive team effort!!

(a full list of results and photos will be up on our HPC Sports Facebook page very soon)



TVSS Touch Tournament

On Thursday 6th March HPC hosted the Thames Valley Secondary Schools Touch Tournament down at the Ngatea Domain. A great day with a large number of teams entered, with both our Junior Girls 1 and Junior Boys 1 finishing in 1st place and the Snr Mixed team in 3rd. HPC were the overall winners of this tournament. Well done to all students who took part in this event and a big thanks to all of our Coaches and Managers! *(Pictured: Snr Mixed team)*



Successful 'test' communications

To test our communication platforms, at 11am, on Tuesday, 11 March 2025, we sent a message to our school community via:

- School app
- KAMAR text

- KAMAR email
- Facebook (to notify parents to check emails)

If you didn't get a message on these platforms, please contact studentservices@aurakiplains.school.nz to check the details we have for you are accurate.

Daily Attendance email and Recognition emails

We have noticed that students omitted from the daily attendance email have also been omitted from the recognition points email. From now on, we will send only the weekly attendance summary on Fridays, along with the usual recognition emails.

We are sorry to hear that some students haven't received their recognition emails. Badges will be awarded to students based on their total recognition points at assembly before the end of this term.

Online Learning Day Wednesday 19th March

Following the events on the 27th of February, the Board has formed a subcommittee to review the incident and ensure we continue to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our school community. As part of this process, we will be reviewing the Emergency Response Procedures and providing further staff training.

Students will be asked to learn from home on Wednesday the 19th of March. Teachers will publish work on Google Classroom for students to complete from home, but classes will not be running on this day. Students who do not have supervision at home may come to school for supervision only. Buses will be operating as usual.

The purpose of the online learning day is for all HPC staff (teachers and support staff) to undertake hands-on training to improve our situational awareness and emergency response. It will also be an opportunity to test our online learning platforms, as all students will be expected to log in and work from home. Students who would like to borrow a Chromebook to take home can do so from the Hub at the end of Tuesday, 18th March.

Upcoming Parent-Teacher Interviews

All students and parents have been emailed a short progress snapshot outlining how their student has started the year (also uploaded to the Parent Portal). For juniors, this includes e-asTTle start-of-year results for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics, along with a short comment from their River Guide.

Junior parents are encouraged to book a parent-teacher interview using the code at the bottom of the report. These will take place on Tuesday, 18 March, from 3:30–5:00 pm, and Thursday, 20 March, from 3:30–7:30 pm.

To book, please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (Code: mtsrv). Booking site goes live at 3pm today.

Our careers advisor, Pippa Lawlor, is also available for appointments.

Year 11 Business classes will be running a food stall on the evening of 20 March, so please come hungry and support their projects.

Senior parent-teacher interviews will take place in June,



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with booking information to be shared closer to the time.

Please remember that you don't have to wait until parent-teacher interviews to contact teachers—you can arrange alternative meetings with junior and senior teachers. They are easily contactable via email to organise a time to meet.

Year 11 Commerce 20th March HPC [Night Market](#)

Our Year 11 Commerce students have been working hard to create small businesses and are excited to sell their products at HPC's first night market. The market will be held on the front courts and in the school hall from 3.30pm to 7.00pm on Thursday 20 March. Some groups are selling international food such as crepes, dumplings and sliders and others are selling homemade candles, soaps, bracelets and more! Some of our music students will also be performing live music on the night. All whānau and community are welcome and encouraged to come along to support our budding entrepreneurs.

Māori Pastoral Care Report

This year, one key target that has been set for Māori pastoral care is to meet with all 226 of our ākongā Māori and carry out our new 'Checks' initiative. With this initiative, we hope to meet with all our ākongā Māori at least once to see how they are tracking at school and to see what support systems they may need to improve their academic, cultural, and social experience here. This provides a chance for Matua Te Waiheruata to establish relationships with all ākongā Māori and have a kōrero with them around aspects of ākongā school life such as their classes, interpersonal relationships, hobbies / sports, and overall

wellbeing. It is our hope that we can create holistic initial profiles of our ākongā that informs our school and staff systems, processes, and practices here at Hauraki Plains College.

Volunteers for Restricted Ready Program

We are on the lookout for volunteers to help our students gain driving skills to pass their restricted licence. Please email Amanda Sayer amandas@haurakiplains.school.nz

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.

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.

HPC Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 8 - Week commencing 17th March		Week 9 - Week commencing 24th March	
Monday	17	Waikato Uni Presentation @ Assembly 12OTE Kayaking (Line 3&5) Hockey Big Day Out Equestrian - Pegasus Cup	24	12SCI Thames School of Mines trip NZSS 'Maadi Cup' Rowing Champs Waikato SS Matchplay Golf Champs
Tuesday	18	Junior parent teacher interviews 3.30pm-5pm TVSS Athletics Equestrian - Pegasus Cup	25	Kapa Haka WBOPSS Athletics Out of Zone Information Evening 6pm NZSS 'Maadi Cup' Rowing Champs Waikato SS Matchplay Golf Champs
Wednesday	19	ONLINE LEARNING DAY Students learn from home, no classes running Staff are onsite doing training SADD Workshop	26	Kapa Haka Learner Driver License Course 1 NZSS 'Maadi Cup' Rowing Champs Waikato SS Matchplay Golf Champs
Thursday	20	Waikato Uni liaison visit 9am Junior Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm-7.30pm 11COM Night Market Waikato SS Ultimate Frisbee Tournament	27	Kapa haka Learner Driver License Course 1 12SCI Aviator Experience trip NZSS 'Maadi Cup' Rowing Champs
Friday	21	TVSS Tennis OTE Kayaking (Line 6)	28	Learner Driver License Course 1 NZSS 'Maadi Cup' Rowing Champs Equestrian - NISS Dressage Carnival MotoX - Battle of the Schools Round 2



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Careers Corner

There were a huge number of entries to the International Women's Day quiz, and an equally large number of people who got all the answers correct! Ka pai! The careers slideshow for this is available in your year group's Google classroom.

Learner Driver Licence Course

It's not too late to sign up for this course. Please speak with Mrs Lawlor in the Careers Centre or email pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz

New Events

We will be organising a coach for students who are interested in studying at the University of Waikato so that they can attend the Open Day in May. Sign up will be via Google Classrooms. Watch for the form drop! We are also taking a coach for students to be able to attend the Tahatū careers expo in Hamilton in June. Watch for the form drop in your Google Classroom and sign up.

Work Shadowing

Year 12 and 13 students intending to study health science, medicine, dentistry, nursing, medical imaging etc. are invited to sign up for some relevant work-shadowing experience in Term 2. The form is in your Google Classroom.

University Liaison visits

Sign up via the links in your year group's Google Classroom.

TERM 1

Day	Date	Who	Time	Where
Monday	17th March	University of Waikato	Assembly	Hall
Thursday	20th March	University of Waikato	9:00 - 10.20 Block 1	Hall
Monday	7th April	AUT	12:00 Block 3	Careers Centre

TERM 2

Day	Date	Who	Time	Where
Thursday	1st May	Victoria University of Wellington	12:00 Block 3	Careers Centre
Thursday	22nd May	University of Otago	TBC	Careers Centre
Friday	23rd May	Visit to University of Waikato Open Day - Year 12 & 13 students	9:00am - 2:30 pm	Hamilton
Monday	9th June	Careers Expo Visit - Year 11, 12 & 13 students	9:00am - 2:30 pm	Hamilton