

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 21 March 2025



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

Waikato University ambassador at assembly

We have had two visits this week from our University of Waikato liaison, Andrew Gibbs, who presented first at assemblies and then to senior students. Andrew has a connection to our area, having played rugby for the Ngatea club, and working on a roller when the original turf was laid. Andrew shared with us that the University of Waikato gives out 11 million dollars worth of scholarships, is in the top 3 Universities in NZ, has a medical school opening in 2028, all law students who make the grade can progress, and there are nine different Engineering pathways on offer.

Congratulations to our Student Volunteer Army (SVA) ambassador Ruby McKay, who won the assembly quiz and scored herself a Waikato sweatshirt. Andrew was keen to remind students that evidence of community participation is one of the criteria that scholarship applicants need to meet. Participation in the SVA is open to all students <https://www.sva.org.nz/sva-service-award>! Speak to Ruby McKay or Iroha Hayashi, our student ambassadors, for more information.

Remember that we also have a careers visit for students who are interested in studying at the University of Waikato so that they can attend the Open Day in May.

Online learning day Wednesday 19th March

Thank you to our students who were able to learn from home on Wednesday. We had 94 staff participate in 'Lock It Down' training. Some of our next steps from the training include:

- sharing key messages at assembly with students
- having another lockdown drill with our trainers before the end of the term
- sending a notification to parents within an hour of the drill taking place and notification that the drill is finished.
- developing a parent information sheet about what to expect when we go into lockdown
- collecting phone numbers from our Yr13s so we can notify them not to come back into school if we are locked down

We will continue to update you on our progress in this area. Thank you for all the positive support.

Year 11 Commerce Market 20th March HPC

Thanks for those who supported our market night. See some of the photos from the event.

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

Nga mihi
Sharon Moller
PRINCIPAL

Andrew Gibbs & Ruby McKay



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HPC Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 9 - Week commencing 24th March		Week 10 - Week commencing 31st March	
Monday	24	12SCI Thames School of Mines trip NZSS 'Maadi Cup' Rowing Champs Waikato SS Matchplay Golf Champs	31	Transition from summer to winter uniform starts. Either summer <u>or</u> winter, not a combination of both. Agrisea Trip
Tuesday	25	Kapa Haka WBOPSS Athletics Out of Zone Information Evening 6pm NZSS 'Maadi Cup' Rowing Champs Waikato SS Matchplay Golf Champs	1	Waiuku Exchange - home
Wednesday	26	Kapa Haka Learner Driver License Course 1 NZSS 'Maadi Cup' Rowing Champs Waikato SS Matchplay Golf Champs	2	1st Aid Course 12OTE Kayaking (WD Line 6)
Thursday	27	Kapa Haka Learner Driver License Course 1 12SCI Aviator Experience trip NZSS 'Maadi Cup' Rowing Champs	3	1st Aid Course 130TE Bush Survival (Line 3) TVSS Bowls 11ESS Waihi Gold Mine trip Kaupapa Māori Whanau Hui 6pm
Friday	28	Learner Driver License Course 1 NZSS 'Maadi Cup' Rowing Champs Equestrian - NISS Dressage Carnival MotoX - Battle of the Schools Round 2	4	130TE Bush Survival (Line 3) Polyfest TVSS Softball Daylight saving ends on Sunday 6 April

Careers Corner

Students - it's time to get yourself organised! We really need you to be more proactive in checking your emails. It is our main form of personal communication for Wintec, Gateway and Health & Safety course information. You miss out on vital information, opportunities and credits if you aren't in the right place at the right time.

University Liaison visits - Sign up via the links in your year group's Google Classroom.

TERM 1				
Day	Date	Who	Time	Where
Monday	7th April	AUT (online)	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