

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 7 March 2025



Kia ora koutou and welcome to Week SIX of Term one.

Our Biology Superstar

Year 13 and Head Student Jaskeerat Randhawa, has been selected for the NZIBO (New Zealand International Biology Olympiad) training and selection camp. Over 400 students from all over Aotearoa started the selection process, and Jaskeerat is one of just 25 selected for the camp. At the end of the camp, a team of four students will be selected to represent New Zealand in July at the 2025 International Biology Olympiad which will be held in the Philippines. Congratulations Jaskeerat, and a huge thanks to Mrs Michelle Isbister for supporting our Biologists.



Online Learning Day Wednesday 19th March

Following the events of 27/2, the Board has formed a subcommittee to undertake a review of events and ensure that we continue to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our school community. Part of this process includes a review of the Emergency Response Procedures and 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 learn from home. Classes will not be running on this day. Students who don't have supervision at home can come to school for supervision only. Buses will be operating as usual.

The purpose of the 19/3 online learning day is for all HPC staff (teachers and support staff) to undertake hands-on training to improve our situational awareness and our responses in emergency situations. 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. If students would like to issue a Chromebook to take home at the end of Tuesday 18th of March, they can do so from the Hub.

Upcoming parent-teacher Interviews

All students and parents will be emailed a short progress snapshot for how their student has started the year on Friday 14 March. For juniors, this will include e-asTTle start of year results for Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Their River guides will also be writing a short comment. Junior parents are encouraged to book a parent teacher interview using the code at the bottom of the report (**booking site wont go live until 3pm 14th Mar**). These are happening for junior parents on Tuesday 18th March, 3.30-5pm and Thursday 20th March 3.30-7.30pm. Our business classes are also running a food stall on the evening of the 20th of March so please come hungry and

hopefully you can support their projects (see below). Senior parent-teacher interviews will be taking place in June, booking information will be shared closer to the time. Please know that you can make alternative arrangements to meet with junior and senior teachers - they are very contactable via email.

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.

'Test' message planned for Tuesday, 11th of March at 11am

We will be conducting a test message across multiple platforms to ensure our communication channels are working effectively. At 11am, on Tuesday, 11 March 2025, we will send a message to our school community via:

- School app
- KAMAR text
- KAMAR email
- Facebook (to notify parents to check emails)

If you do not receive these notifications, please advise us by emailing studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz

Please note that due to the volume of messages being sent at once, the KAMAR server may experience delays in distributing the messages, which means that messages may take longer to come through. However, we expect the school app notification to arrive more quickly. Thank you for your patience as we test these systems.

Checking parent contact details

Yesterday and today during River time, students received a printed copy of the caregiver details we have listed for them in our student information management system (KAMAR). If any details need updating, please write the corrections on the form, sign the bottom, and have your student return it to their River Guide or student services. Alternatively, you can email Student Services directly with any updates or changes. Keeping contact details up to date ensures we can stay connected and reach you when needed. Thank you for your support with this. studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz

Links to mini e-bulletins sent through the week

[Monday 3rd March](#)
[Wednesday 5th March](#)



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Wishing our Services Academy all the best

On Sunday 9th March our 16 Service Academy students head down to Trentham Army Base for their induction camp. They will join 13 other schools from the central region and will experience life as a military recruit for 10 days.

Class Photos - Tues 11th March

PhotoLife will be here next week. A reminder all students will be in their correct summer school uniform, long hair needs to be tied back and boys need to be clean shaven. Students will be asked to remove their jackets and jerseys for the photos - girls, remember your ties.

Carry the Baton - Wed 12th March

On Wednesday, 12th of March, all Year 9 and 10 students will be participating in the annual Carry the Baton Duathlon Challenge at the Ngatea Domain. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend and support their child on the day. Students have been training hard over the last four weeks in PE classes, both individually and collaboratively in their teams. Each student is either a runner or a biker for their team and requires the following:

- Bikers: Hapu gear, sports shoes; own bike and helmet, if they wish (school can provide)
- Runners: Hapu gear, sports shoes (optional)

As well as the above, please bring a water bottle, sunscreen, and food for the day. Students will be expected to be at school in their full school uniform before and after the event. As this is an assessment, all students are expected to attend school on the day of the event. If students are unable to attend, parents/caregivers are required to contact their child's PE teacher. Extra information can be found on your child's Hauora/PE Google Classroom page.

- Year 10 students 9.15am - 12 pm
- Year 9 students will meet in the school gym at 12.15pm - 2.30pm

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@aurakiplains.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@aurakiplains.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@aurakiplains.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@aurakiplains.school.nz



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Careers Corner

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our **Seaweek** competitions and visited the special displays in the Careers centre this week.

Congratulations to all the winners:

Fergus Tate (Year 9); Carly Loader and Liam Millar (Year 10);

Catherine Remnant (Year 11) and Andrea McMeekan (Year 12)

University Liaison visits

These start next week and run throughout the rest of the year. Sign up via the links in your year group's Google classroom. Students - please check your emails at least once a day for Gateway, Wintec and Careers updates!

TERM 1

Day	Date	Who	Time	Where
Monday	10th March	PIHMS International School of Business Management	10:20 Block 2	Hall
Monday	10th March	University of Auckland - online	12:00 Block 3	Careers Centre
Thursday	13th March	Lincoln University	9.00 Block 1	Careers Centre
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

SPORTS:

HPC JUNIOR BOYS HIGH JUMP RECORD BROKEN!
TOBY KEMBLE
 JUNIOR BOYS HIGH JUMP - 1.53M
 BENJAMIN PEARCE-CHAPMAN - 2000
NEW RECORD - 1.73M

BREAKING SPORT NEWS
 Tuesday, March 4, 2025
HPC Swimming Records Broken!

Junior Boys 1 Length freestyle
 Record 2019 - Lucas Dowty - 16.62
 New Record 2025 Sol Barshai-Sherrock 16.25

Intermediate Girls 1 Length Breaststroke
 Record 2021 - Sophie Perry - 23.16
 New Record 2025 Riley Green 21.65

Intermediate Girls 2 Length Breaststroke
 Record 2012 - Georgia McCormack-Goeth - 49.31
 New Record 2025 Riley Green 49.02

Senior Boys 1 Length Backstroke
 Record 1995 - Martyn Taka - 19.93
 New Record 2025 Cayden De Graaf 19.02

Senior Boys Medley
 Record 2010 - Mitchell Yeager - 1.32.25
 New Record 2025 Cayden De Graaf 1.29.28

JUNIOR BOYS RELAY RECORDS BROKEN

BREAKING NEWS

Freestyle - 1.17.45
 OLD RECORD: 1.17.80 - TAINUI - 1968
Medley - 1.30.36
 OLD RECORD: 1.34.28 - TAINUI - 1991

OHINEMURI JUNIOR BOYS
 BRODY ECCLES, AIDAN BELL, WILSON SLAVIC, LEVI DOWTY



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HPC Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 7 - Week commencing 10th March		Week 8 - Week commencing 17th March	
Monday	10	Hockey Big Day Out 12BIO Rocky Shore Service Academy Trentham	17	Waikato Uni Presentation @ Y11-13 Assembly 12OTE Kayaking (Line 3&5) Hockey Big Day Out Service Academy Trentham
Tuesday	11	Hockey Big Day Out Class and individual photos Service Academy Trentham	18	Junior parent teacher interviews 3.30pm-5pm TVSS Athletics Service Academy Trentham
Wednesday	12	Hockey Big Day Out TVSS Swimming Yr 9/10 Carry the Baton WaiBOP Schools XC MTB Champs Service Academy Trentham	19	ONLINE LEARNING DAY Students learn from home, no classes running Staff are onsite doing training SADD Workshop Service Academy Trentham
Thursday	13	Hockey Big Day Out 11/12 Junior Young Farmers trip TVSS Snr 3x3 Basketball 13BUS YES Trip Service Academy Trentham	20	Junior parent teacher interviews 3.30pm-7.30pm 11COM Night Market Service Academy Trentham
Friday	14	Progress Reports issued via email Hockey Big Day Out Service Academy Trentham	21	TVSS Tennis Service Academy Trentham

