

# HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 11 April 2025



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

## One Autumn Night

A favourite event across the HPC events calendar - this year's One Autumn Night was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. Check out more pictures on our Facebook page.

## Exciting news!

We have partnered with the Public Office, who are going to teach our Year 9 and 10 Food Technology classes for Term two. Sarah and Simon Sheehy own the Public Office cafe/restaurant across the road from school, and the successful catering business Orchard Providores. Sarah has an extensive background in food science, while Simon is a fully qualified chef. We are thrilled to have industry experts able to support our junior students for a 9-week partnership project. We will update you on their progress through Term two. Next time you go into the Public Office, make sure you tell Sarah and Simon how awesome they are for supporting our young people!

## Successful Lockdown Drill

Yesterday we had our Lock It Down trainers, Richard and Hannah onsite. We ran a drill at 2.15pm. We were able to practice using our updated processes, and continued to make refinements based on the drill. Well done to all our students for taking the drill seriously and following the BLOCK process (ask them what this acronym stands for).

## Anzac Day Dawn Service

We warmly welcome students, families and community to attend our dawn services on the 25th of April. Please assemble 5.45am at the dogbox, in front of school. Students in the first teams to report to the hall at 5.30am in their Number 1s.

## Junior Maths Easter Break Holiday Competition

To encourage some revision or learning in Mathematics this Easter break, the Maths department has created a competition on Education Perfect for all Junior Math classes. It begins this Friday after school 11th April 3:05 pm and ends on Monday the 28th April 9am. Students may go in to revise or learn **any** topic in Mathematics.

The Maths department will be presenting prizes next term for students with the highest usage in terms of content completed.

## A Note about Emails

All staff email addresses end with [@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:@haurakiplains.school.nz).

If you are sending an email to an address that ends with [@hpc.school.kiwi](mailto:@hpc.school.kiwi) it will likely not get to the recipient. The school kiwi emails are the ones sent directly from Kamar, our student management system and are usually automated. The inbox for these emails is not regularly monitored. Please use [@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:@haurakiplains.school.nz).

## Additional Security Cameras

We have installed an additional four cameras around our school, adding to the 10 existing cameras. Currently, there is a camera facing the entrance to the exterior doors of the male bathroom. This has helped us identify students who have broken school rules, such as vandalism and misbehaviour. In the past 4 years, we have spent over \$70,000 in fixing vandalised toilets.

The female bathrooms are more challenging to monitor. There is a communal space in the girls' bathroom near the sinks, as well as multiple individual cubicles. We have encountered issues with students vaping, doing damage, multiple students entering a single cubicle, and other misbehaviour inside the girls' bathroom. There is an increasing number of female students who do not feel comfortable using the bathroom, and we have a responsibility to put measures in place to ensure they feel safe.

We are looking to install a camera that will cover the communal area of the bathroom (not individual cubicles)

## One Autumn's Night



## Sarah & Simon Sheehy



## ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

5:45 AM - Gather at the Dog Box (the front of Hauraki Plains College) for a 6 AM start

- Haka Pōwhiri
- Karakia
- New Zealand National Anthem E Ihowa - Bridgette Marshall
- Australian National Anthem (Advance Australia Fair)
- Head Students - Benjamin Beard, Jaskeerat Randhawa, Cayden de Graaf, Ellie Martin, Natalia Taufu
- Services Academy Student - Sameera Hayes
- Guest Speaker - Services Academy Director, Paul Dodds
- The Last Post (Bugle) - Emily Logan
- One Minute Silence
- Reveille - Emily Logan
- The Ode to the Fallen
- Closing & After Service - Tea, coffee, ANZAC biscuits and a breakfast treat



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## Key points:

- The camera would only view the communal area, not the individual cubicles.
- Only five female staff members would have access to the footage: the Principal, two female Deputy Principals, and two female Deans.
- The footage would be deleted after two weeks.
- No audio would be recorded.
- Signage would be installed to inform students that there is a camera operating and that cubicles should be used for getting changed - students will be discouraged from using the communal area for changing
- The footage would not be regularly monitored.
- The footage would only be reviewed if there were concerns about students breaking school rules inside the bathroom or if there were safety concerns.

We welcome any questions or feedback via email. The camera in the girls' bathroom has not been installed. We want to give our community time to ask questions and to share their feedback. Please get in touch before the 9th of May. Feel free to email your questions or feedback to [principal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:principal@haurakiplains.school.nz)

## Transition to Winter Uniform

We are currently in a transition period from summer to winter uniform. This period started on Monday 31 March and ends on Friday 9 May - this gives whānau/families 6 weeks to get winter uniforms sorted out. During this time students may wear either summer or winter uniform, but not a combination of both, e.g. no scarf with sandals. By Monday, 12 May all students are expected to be in the correct winter uniform.

**Acceptable Winter School Shoes:** Going into winter uniform it is appropriate for whānau/parents to know what our expectations are. The only acceptable winter school shoes, as indicated in our uniform requirements in the HPC prospectus, are black leather lace up school shoes with a heel of no more than 5 cm (as shown in the image). There are often a number of students wearing incorrect school shoes – they may be advertised in the shoe store as school shoes, but they are not acceptable under our policy. Please make sure your children are in the correct footwear.



## Last notice: Wellbeing Support Available During the School Holidays

Although the school will be closed for the two-week break, our Wellbeing Team is still here to support our students. From Tuesday, 2nd April, you can book an appointment with our Wellbeing Team Leader, Karen Hinton, if you would like to stay connected or need some extra support during the holidays.

Karen is offering 30-minute appointments, and you can choose to meet in person at HPC, over the phone, or via Google Meet - whatever works best for you. Available times:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- Tuesday, Thursday: 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Click the [link](#) and use the code: **kptbj** to book your appointment now! If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to contact Karen directly at [karenh@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:karenh@haurakiplains.school.nz). Your wellbeing matters, and we're here to help.

## 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](mailto:amandas@haurakiplains.school.nz)

## Do Days Approaching

The first Tuesday next term marks the start of our 6 days of 'Do Days'. Student timetables have been updated to reflect these changes and can be viewed in the Parent Portal. Blocks 1 and 2 will be timetabled classes, and blocks 3 and 4 will be timetabled double blocks for Do Day activities. This will include field trips, guest speakers, career based activities and project based learning.

## Learning Support

As term 2 fast approaches we are once again in need of volunteers to support the increasing needs of our students requiring Special Assessment Conditions (SAC). If you or someone you know would be interested in reading to, writing for, or even supervising assessments, we would love to hear from you. Please contact [jacqui-maya@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:jacqui-maya@haurakiplains.school.nz) or [laurad@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:laurad@haurakiplains.school.nz) for more information.

## Question and Answers from Whānau Hui

Thank you, whānau for attending our hui on the 2nd of April. Matua Te Wai, Matua Normie and our rangatira ākongā did a great job in sharing key information and helping build connections. Here are the answers to questions that were raised:



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- Year 11, 12 and 13 students have access to Te Reo Māori achievement standards. You can read more about the standards in the course outline booklets available on our website <https://haurakiplains.school.nz/learning-pathways/senior-pathways-and-nea-qualifications/>
- We would love to have more whānau attend and welcome ideas from whānau as to how we can get more coming along. Students performing in the past have helped whānau come. We currently advertise here in the E-bulletin and the Māori department Facebook page. Please contact us if you have ideas on how to boost attendance.
- The Board has a property subcommittee made up of Steve Morrison (leader), Tim Williams, Carl Van Hellemond, Sallie Norman - they are leading property development for the wharenui project. Doug Cresswell (staff rep on the Board) is also part of the Board, and he has attended meetings with iwi. Scott Russell, the HPC Business Manager, has helped provide information when required.
- The proposal is still being constructed using the initial kōrero from iwi and the Board. This will also include some of the 2023 wharenui designs done by students.

*Nga mihi*  
Sharon Moller (PRINCIPAL)

## HPC Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 1 - Week commencing 28th April		Week 2 - Week commencing 5th May	
Monday	28	Massey University visiting 1.50pm	5	Day 5 - Do Days 13GEO Rotorua Trip
Tuesday	29	Day 1 - Do Days 11OTE (Line 1AL) MTB Skills Trip 1	6	Day 6 - Do Days 11OTE (Line 6) MTB Skills Trip 1
Wednesday	30	Day 2 - Do Days 13OTE Bush Survival	7	H&S A Module Course
Thursday	1	Day 3 - Do Days 13OTE Bush Survival TVSS Bowls University Victoria Wellington visiting	8	H&S A Module Course 11OTE (Line 1WD) MTB Skills Trip 1
Friday	2	Day 4 - Do Days 13PRI Takinini Feeds 13ENG Leftbank Thames	9	TVSS Golf - Round 1 MotoX - Awakaponga

## Careers Corner

### University Liaison and Career Visits

Sign up via the links in your year group's Google Classroom. New opportunities are posted every week, so please keep checking on a regular basis. **There is no cost to students to attend any of the visits.**

**The Careers Expo** is the national show at Hamilton, which provides our students with opportunities to connect face to face with employers, industry representatives and training providers in order to support our young people looking to make key decisions about their future career choices. [Hamilton 2025](#)

**Girls in Infrastructure** is a hands-on day of activities showcasing the diverse Infrastructure industry to young female high school students and raising awareness of all the career possibilities. (You must be 16 by June 12th 2026 to attend) [Girls in Infrastructure](#)

**The Wintec visit** is for students in Years 10 and 11 (you must be 16 by March 1st 2026) who are interested in studying a trade pathway via the Wintec Trades Academy. Pathways that are available are:

- Hair and Beauty
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Manufacturing and Technology.

These courses offer students the ability to study trade pathways off-site one day a week and gain credits at Level 2. More information via the link: [Waikato Trades Academy Programmes](#)



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## Careers Interviews

There have been more than 200 one-on-one interviews in Term 1! Appointments for Term 2 can be requested via email. Please contact [pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz) We look forward to welcoming Year 10 River Groups with their River Guides for Tahatū orientation visits in Term 2. You can visit the website <https://tahatu.govt.nz/> to create your own account and take the inspiration quiz as a starting point.

## Work Shadowing

The dental van is confirmed for Week 6 and 7 in Term 2. Mrs Lawlor will be emailing students who have an expression of interest to confirm dates with you.

## Gateway - new applications welcome

Please come and speak to Mrs Scott if you want to join any of the Gateway programmes for Term 2 and 3. Your commitment as a student is that you will attend health & safety training and participate in a work placement. You will gain 20 credits by completing your Gateway programme. However, you also need to be able to manage your subject workload and assessments, as you will be spending between 8 and 11 days out of timetabled classes.

## Learner's Driver Licence

We are pleased to announce that following the 100% success rate of our last course, we will be offering a further opportunity for students to study with Thames Driving School tutor Gavin Buchanan and take their Learner Licence test onsite at HPC. The course will run from Tuesday 17th June - Friday 19th June (testing day). E-mail [pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz) if you are interested in being part of this course. Mr Harris has posted a very informative presentation in the Year 11 Google Classroom : <https://classroom.google.com/c/NTg2NzA5NjI1Mzg3/p/NzU5NDA2OT03NjE3/details> **You must be 16 years' old by 19th June to take your test on this date.**

## Pathways Graduation Breakfast - Advance notice

This will be a special event held on Thursday June 26th for all students who have completed Gateway and Vocational Pathways certification. Parents of students and employers who have hosted students are also warmly invited. If you will have been involved in Gateway, Work Experience or Wintec in Terms 1 or 2 this year, please put the date in your diary. Further details to follow.

*Pippa Lawlor - Careers Advisor*

### CAREERS DATES TERM 2

Day	Date	Who	Time	Where
Monday	28th April	Massey University	1:50pm Block 4	Hall
Thursday	1st May	Victoria University of Wellington	12:00pm Block 3	Hall
Thursday	22nd May	University of Otago	1:50pm Block 4	Hall
Friday	23rd May	Visit to University of Waikato Open Day - Year 12 & 13 students	9:00am - 2:30 pm	Hamilton - full Now waitlisting
Monday	26th May	New Zealand Defence Force Liaison Visit Year 11, 12 & 13 students	11:00am-12:00pm	Gym
Thursday	29th May	New Zealand Institute of Sport - Year 12 & 13 students	9:00am-2:30pm	Auckland - full Now waitlisting
Monday	9th June	Careers Expo Visit - Year 11, 12 & 13 students	9:00am - 2:30pm	Hamilton
Thursday	12th June	Girls in Infrastructure - Year 11, 12 & 13 students	9:00am - 2:45pm	Hamilton

### CAREERS DATES TERM 3

Monday	28th June	Wintec Pre-Trade visit - Year 10 & 11 students	11:00am - 1:30pm	Kopu Campus
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