

# HPC e-Bulletin

Thursday 19 June 2025



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

## Honouring Matariki at Hauraki Plains College

As Matariki approaches, we look forward to taking time as a school community to reflect on the past, give thanks for the present, and set our aspirations for the year ahead. Matariki, the Māori New Year, is a special time that reminds us of the importance of whānau, connection, and renewal.

At assembly on Monday, I encouraged students to take this opportunity for a reset and to reflect on the goals they want to achieve by the end of 2025.

We invite our school community to join us for our *Matariki Winter Showcase* on **Wednesday 25 June at 6.00 pm**, where students will share performances and creative work that reflect the spirit of Matariki.

Next week, we will also be holding school-wide Matariki activities on **Friday 27 June**, led by *Tikarahi* (our student council), giving all students the opportunity to engage in learning and cultural experiences that honour Matariki.

## Zachariah Siemers

Congratulations to Year 11 student Zachariah Siemers (11IS), who has been selected to attend an Encampment in Japan with the US Air Cadets. This is an outstanding opportunity, and we are incredibly proud of his achievement. Zachariah attended the same Encampment last year, where he was awarded Honour Cadet of his flight. This year, he submitted a resume for a Cadre position and was successfully selected — a testament to his continued dedication and leadership. Well done, Zachariah!



## Mahurangi Exchange Results

This year marks the 62nd year of our historic sports exchange with Mahurangi College — a tradition that continues to strengthen the bonds of friendship between our two schools. It was another fantastic exchange, full of spirited competition, mutual respect, and shared memories. We are incredibly fortunate to be part of such a long-standing tradition, especially at a time when overnight school exchanges have become increasingly rare. Our students are lucky to experience not only the thrill of sport, but also the chance to build lasting connections across schools. A big thank you to all of our Coaches and Managers who were part of this exchange — your time, energy, and support made it all possible.

- Netball - Loss
- Boys Hockey - Win
- Girls Football - Loss
- Girls Basketball - Loss
- Girls Rugby - Win
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- Boys Rugby - Loss
- Boys Football - Loss

## Leaving School During the Day

A reminder to all families that students are not permitted to leave school during the day unless special arrangements have been made. This includes things like medical appointments, which must be communicated to the school by a parent or caregiver, either verbally or in writing. If a student needs to leave, they must sign out at the Student Centre before doing so.

Please note: if a student arrives at school by bus, they are considered to be under school supervision from the moment they step off the bus. They are **not** allowed to go into town before coming on site.

**Year 13 students** are allowed to leave school grounds at interval and lunchtime, but this is a **privilege, not a right**. We monitor behaviour closely, and if any issues arise, this permission may be revoked. We expect Year 13s to role model responsible behaviour while offsite.

**Students who live in Ngatea** must also go straight to school in the morning. Going into the shops before school is not permitted.

Thanks for your support in helping us keep students safe, focused and where they need to be during the school day.

## Lockdown practice feedback

Last week, we held another lockdown practice. This one was a bit different, as our trainer informed us of the week he would arrive, but not the exact day or time. I was sitting in a meeting when I saw him walk through the front door at 8.57am!

We went into lockdown during River time. Our students and staff were brilliant, and we were safely locked down within minutes.

The main area for improvement is managing students who arrive late and are unable to enter their classrooms. We have reminded students that, in this situation, they should go to the nearest secure building. If their classroom is already locked, they need to head to the bathrooms or another room that is unlocked.

Our Term three practice will be completely random, with no advance notice. It will be another good test of our processes.

## Year 9 and 10 Puberty and Sex Ed Term three

Our Year 9 and 10 Students will begin a two-week Puberty and Sex Education unit, in Term three, as part of the PE/Health Curriculum. An information letter outlining each unit will be emailed out to parents/caregivers of Year 9 and 10 students shortly. If you would like your child to opt out of the unit, please email Physical Education Curriculum Leader, Nick Joynes. Alternative learning will be provided for those who do not wish to participate: [nick@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:nick@haurakiplains.school.nz).

## Upcoming Teacher Only Days

Secondary schools have been allocated two teacher-only days to progress curriculum development in 2025.

Our two dates are:

- **Monday 15th of September**, last week of Term 3. We are heading out to spend 2 hours at our local primary schools. We are excited to learn more about the



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curriculum being delivered before students come, to then modify ours and improve the transition into HPC. This was the best date for us, taking into consideration of practice exams and when our primary schools were available.

- **Friday 14th of November**, Canterbury Anniversary Day no NCEA exams. Week 6 of Term 4. We are hosting a Teacher Only Day for 8 Thames Valley Schools and will have 400 teachers here for workshops

## CAA Results

NZQA will release results for the Reading standard at 3pm on **25 June**. Results for the Writing, Numeracy, standards will be released at 3pm on **14 July**.

When results are released, students/ākonga will be able to access them through the MyNZQA learner login. Students/ākonga who did not achieve one or more of the Literacy or Numeracy standards will be able to download personalised feedback reports as usual.

## Pathways Graduation Breakfast

This will be a special event held on Thursday June 26th for all students who have completed Gateway and Vocational Pathways certification by the end of Term two. Parents of students and employers who have hosted students are also warmly invited. We would appreciate an rsvp if you are attending so we can provide catering.

## Be a life saver!

The HPC Blood Drive is happening on **Tuesday 24th June in the school hall** and is **open to the public**. Book your donation online here: <https://www.nzblood.co.nz/booking/?siteid=a471aa23-a59a-ed11-aad1-00224893bb55#schedule>

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## 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)

## Winter Sports Fees

Winter code sports fees have been added to students' school accounts. Please arrange payment at your earliest convenience. If you would like to set up a payment plan, kindly contact the school office for assistance.

## Dental week competition winners

For the past two weeks our career centre displays and Google classroom competitions have been themed to align with the dental van visits. Thank you to everyone who took part in our online quizzes, challenged themselves to go round the tooth maze upside down and back to front, and played "Operation".

I hope you had fun and learned something new. The display of careers in medicine will stay up until the end of term for when you want to find out more about health services pathways.

Congratulations to *Sofia Van Eyk* (Year 9) and *Brylee Halliday* (Year 11) who are our overall quiz winners.

Nga mihi  
Sharon Moller  
(PRINCIPAL)

## HPC Upcoming Dates

Day/Wk	Week 9 - Week commencing 23rd June		Week 1 - Week commencing 14th July	
Monday	23	Service Academy - Ohakea	14	
Tuesday	24	Service Academy - Ohakea Blood Drive TVSS Golf Round 2 Waikato Uni Psychology Day	15	
Wednesday	25	Service Academy - Ohakea Matariki Showcase 6pm in Hall 130TE Tramp (Line 2&3) TVSS Golf Round 2 Clothes Swap event (@interval in the Hall)	16	
Thursday	26	Service Academy - Ohakea Pathways Graduation Breakfast (9-11am) ShowQuest (Hamilton) TVSS Golf Round 2	17	
Friday	27	Matariki celebration last block Service Academy - Ohakea TVSS Golf Round 2 Shave for a Cure HORT: Cultivate your career End of Term 2	18	TVSS Golf Round 3



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## Careers Corner

Mānawatia a Matariki

As we prepare to celebrate Matariki, it seems appropriate to consider how we help our rising student stars to shine at HPC. Whether students have an academic focus, are pursuing career pathways requiring a University degree or looking to be trade superstars we have a number of programs to support them.

### Stem online

STEM Online NZ is an interactive online teaching and learning resource for all NCEA externally assessed standards in the following subject areas; Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry. Resources are available for NCEA Levels 1-3. It's free and available to all students.

You can view the resources here: [The Standards | STEM Online NZ](#)

Students who want to be a part of the programme sign up via their careers advisor (Mrs Lawlor). They need to specify all of the standards that they wish to access.

### Unistart

If you're a secondary school student, Waikato's [Unistart program](#) gives you a head-start in education by letting you take university papers while you're still at school. Students at HPC in year 13 have the option to study a variety of subjects online. Costs are part-subsidised but students may also be awarded study scholarships by the university.

Papers are taken over the course of a semester. Students can choose one or two papers per academic year.

The University of Auckland and University of Canterbury run similar programmes called [Young Scholars](#) and [STAR program](#) respectively.

For all of these programs entry is a discretionary award and with the recommendation of the principal.

### Trade Academies

HPC offers both external and internal trade academy pathways for those students who truly want to specialise in their vocational pathways. External academies are offered through WINTEC and include Constructions & Infrastructure, Manufacturing & Technology, and Hair & Beauty. Academies offered within school include Agriculture and Horticulture and the Services Academy. There are further development opportunities in the pipeline!

To find out more, make sure to mark your diaries for August 19th and our subject selection evening where you will be able to speak with trainers, employers and HPC staff.

Find your pathway and reach for the stars!

Please contact Mrs Lawlor [pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz) for any queries for career events.

Pippa Lawlor  
Careers Advisor