

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 27 June 2025



Kia ora koutou and welcome to the last week of Term Two.

Congratulations Nathan Wills

Thank you to the 71 families who completed the short survey on school communication. Everyone who responded was entered into a draw, and we're pleased to announce that Nathan Wills was randomly selected as the winner of a brand new Chromebook! Well done, Nathan. The video of the draw is available on our school's Facebook page.



Please keep an eye out next term for another quick survey, this time focused on what parents would like to see in student reports. We'll be giving away another Chromebook then too!

Gateway/Work Experience Graduation

This week marked the beginning of a brand new celebration at HPC. We held a graduation ceremony to acknowledge the students who have taken part in Gateway and work experience programmes so far this year.

We were grateful to be joined by parents, course providers and employers. Each student received a certificate to recognise their efforts, and we shared breakfast together to mark the occasion.

We look forward to building on this event in 2026.

'HPC Sports' Facebook page

We have 627 people following our **HPC Sports** Facebook page, and 4,800 following our main school page, **Hauraki Plains College: What's happening at HPC**.

We strongly encourage you to follow both pages. Cindy Berridge (Sports Director) and Jo Richards (Sports Coordinator) regularly share sports updates, results, and highlights on the sports page – it's the best way to stay in the loop!

Matariki Winter Showcase

Thank you to the 200 people who watched the live stream and the 150 who attended our Matariki Showcase in person. It was an incredible evening of student talent, with performances from Kapa Haka, Dance, Drama, Bands, Jazz Band and the Guitar Ensemble. Our students truly are stars! Photos have been shared on our Facebook page.

We finished the evening with a shared meal of soup, beef nachos, fry bread, and cookies – a wonderful way to come together. If you weren't able to make it this year, I encourage you to join us next time. Our students were extraordinary.

Successful Blood Drive

Feedback from New Zealand Blood Service: Thank you so much for having NZ Blood back to your fabulous school on Tuesday! Our team had a great day and it was awesome to see so many students, staff and public rolling up their sleeves to donate blood. It was the **equal highest collection** we have ever had at Hauraki Plains College with 52 units of blood being donated! You should all be very proud of yourselves. We really appreciate your donations and the impact they will have on fellow New Zealanders lives is truly priceless!

BOT Elections

The school triennial Board Of Trustees election will take place in Term 3 this year. Our election day is 8th September 2025. Nominations for representatives for the BOT will be going out via email from *My School Election* and will close at midday on 6th August 2025. Nominations and voting will all take place online. Watch out for emails from the returning officer (returningofficer@myschoolelection.nz) to check that your contact details are correct.

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 office 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.

Health Education Consultation

Caregivers will have received a letter from our Board today. Every two years Hauraki Plains College prepares a draft written statement about our delivery of health education and gives the school community reasonable time to give



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feedback. Once we have considered any feedback, we adopt our health statement for the next two years and notify the school community.

We ask for written submissions before Friday the 8th of August 2025.

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 today. If you would like your child to opt out of the unit, please email Curriculum Leader Physical Education, Nick Joynes. Alternative learning will be provided for those who do not wish to participate. nickj@haurakiplains.school.nz.

Dental Truck

The Tooth Group will be back next term. Date is yet to be confirmed.

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. We are heading out to spend 2 hours at our local primary schools. We are excited to learn more about the 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 have released results for the Reading standard on the **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.

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

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.

Nga mihi

Sharon Moller (PRINCIPAL)

HPC Upcoming Dates Term 3

Day/Wk	Week 1 - Week commencing 14th July		Week 2 - Week commencing 21st July	
Monday	14	9am Pōwhiri to welcome new staff	21	Korean Exchange Students arrive for 3 weeks
Tuesday	15		22	Te Kuiti Sports Exchange (here)
Wednesday	16		23	Seniors 1.50pm Voices of Hope Presentation
Thursday	17		24	TVSS Golf Round 3 (HPC) Waikato Uni Library trip Seniors 1.50pm Voices of Hope Presentation
Friday	18	TVSS Golf Round 3	25	Mufti Day for Bone Cancer



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Careers Corner

Learner Driver Licence

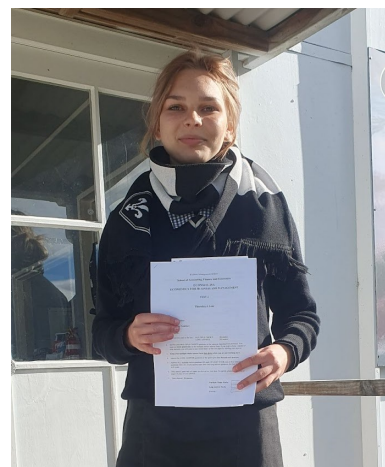
Congratulations to our students who sat their Learner Driver Licence last week. There was a 100% pass rate. Remember that once you get your photo licence you can bring it into the careers centre and claim some credits!

The next course is happening in Week 6, Term 3. You need to be 16 years old. Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th of August are training days with testing on Tuesday 20th August.

Please contact Mrs Lawlor pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz if you would like a place on the course.

Unistart Star

Huge congratulations to Angela Cotter (year 13, pictured right) who recently passed a Unistart paper in Economics. Unistart is a programme which allows students to study university-level papers while they are still at high school.



Experience Psychology

16 senior students (pictured below) enjoyed a day at University of Waikato this week, exploring criminal, forensic and behavioural psychology. There were some great interactive quizzes and students learned more about the 3 different university pathways - community, clinical and behavioural.

If you are booked for any of these events PLEASE check your own assessment timetables to make sure there are no clashes. We have waitlists for all of our events if you are unable to attend.

Please contact Mrs Lawlor pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz for any queries for career events.

Pippa Lawlor (Careers Advisor)



Week	Date	Who	Time	Where
3	Monday 28th July	Wintec Pre-Trade visit - Year 10 & 11 students- Taster sessions for 2026 courses in: - Construction & Infrastructure - Manufacturing & Technology - Hair & Beauty	11.00 am - 1.30pm	Kopu campus-please email Mrs Lawlor if you are interested
3	31st July-1st August	Gateway Health & Safety course for students enrolled in the Gateway programme	08:45 - 3:00 both days	Centennial Centre
4	6th-7th August	Level 3 Flight attending course Year 11-13 students	9:30-2:30 both days	Centennial Centre

