

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 25 July 2025



Kia ora koutou and welcome to week two of Term Three.

Successful Mufti Day

July is Sarcoma and Bone Cancer Awareness Month, a time to shine a light on these rare cancers that affect the bones and connective tissues, often impacting children, teens and young adults. We were privileged to hear from Rylee Sayer, who shared her personal journey with honesty and strength. Her reflections on staying positive and treating others with kindness and respect were a powerful reminder for us all. We're grateful to Rylee for her time and for the courage it takes to speak so openly. Today, we had a mufti day to raise funds for this amazing cause and were happy to donate \$932.60.

Voice of Hope Presentation

The Voices of Hope presentation, hosted by our 2025 Student Wellbeing Council, was a powerful and uplifting event. Genevieve Mora and Jazz Thornton shared honest, moving stories that connected deeply with our students, reinforcing key messages around resilience, connection and the importance of speaking up. We're grateful to them for staying on after the session to meet students and sign copies of their books, it made the experience even more personal and meaningful. Thank you again to everyone who helped bring this kaupapa to life.

Korean students update

Our Korean exchange students have settled in incredibly well, and it's been great to see them becoming part of daily life at HPC. With the support of our student buddies, they've been getting involved in classes, joining in with school activities and making new connections across year levels. It was especially heartening to spot some of them cheering on the sidelines at netball this week. Yesterday's sunshine gave them the perfect chance to explore a bit further, with a walk down to the school farm. We're proud of the warm welcome our students have offered and look forward to the weeks ahead.

Te Kuiti Sports Exchange

On Tuesday, we welcomed Te Kuiti High School for our annual Sports Exchange, a tradition that's been going strong since 1964. The day showcased true sportsmanship, strong teamwork, and good-natured competition. Thanks to all who took part and contributed to a great day.

Results:

Netball: Win	Girls Basketball: Win
Boys Basketball: Loss	Boys Rugby: Win
Boys Football: Loss	Girls Football: Win
Mixed Hockey: Win	Girls Rugby: Win

A lovely email from Chris Patel, Principal at Kopurahi Primary School

"I would like to thank and congratulate a wonderful group of rangitahi who spent the morning helping us yesterday. The day was a wonderful example of mahi tahi - working together to achieve good things. Alongside Moanataiari School, we planted 1750 native seedlings, 750 of them grown at our school."

The HPC rangitahi were delightful with our students. They mentored, supported and made the mud seem less daunting. We had 1750 seedlings planted on a sloping, muddy, slippery site very quickly. These students are such strong reminders of the young people as taonga - they offer freshness and vitality to our lives. These young people lived and breathed their school values throughout the day yesterday.

I was very impressed by a young man who shows natural leadership in his smile, his actions, and through his words. Mihi and karakia were eloquent and proudly executed. He showed kindness and manakitanga (even offering to help me when an old knee injury slowed me down!)"

BOT Elections

The school's triennial Board of Trustees election will take place in Term 3 this year, with election day set for 8th September 2025. Nominations for BOT representatives were emailed last week via *My School Election* and will close at midday on 6 August 2025.

If you did not receive the email, please check your junk folder first. If it's not there, contact marya@haurakiplains.school.nz



Jazz Thornton



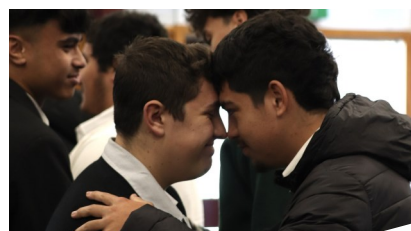
Genevieve Mora



Korean students visiting Hayward Farm



Te Kuiti Exchange



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Nominations and voting will be conducted online. Keep an eye out for emails from the returning officer (returningofficer@myschoolelection.nz) to ensure your contact details are up to date.

Out of Zone Enrolments for 2026

A reminder for families/whanau that live out of our school zone that siblings of **current** students still need to apply through the ballot. Email: anav@haurakiplains.school.nz

Out of Zone Information Evening: Tues 5 Aug 2025 at 6pm

Ballot closes for 2026 enrolments: Tues 19 Aug 2025 at 12.00 noon

Ballot drawn: Tues 26 Aug 2025 (results will be emailed)

2026 Senior Subject Selection and Pathways Evening

This event runs from **4pm-7:30pm on 19 August**. Each curriculum area will provide short presentations in different parts of the school about their 2026 NCEA course offerings, followed by a Q&A.

In the hall we will have a range of education providers providing information about study and training opportunities. So far our confirmed attendees include: The University of Waikato, Wintec, Wintec Trades Academy, Vetel, GR8 Job Hauraki, BCITO (Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation), ETCO (The Electrical Training Company), Griffins Operator Academy (earthmoving), Thames Driver Academy, Dive Zone Whitianga, Massey University (Primary Industries focus), Auckland Airport Job and Skills Hub - Ara P-TECH, NZ Police.

Anyone from our wider community is welcome to come to the hall and chat with these providers. A full schedule will be provided in next week's bulletin.



NEW!

SENIOR SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING

19TH AUGUST 4.00PM - 7.30PM

**More
Than
A School**



Hauraki Plains College

NCEA

NCEA overview
Lit / Num co-reqs and CAA Exams
Endorsements
Special assessment conditions

OTHER PROGRAMMES AT HPC

Foundation Certificate
Services Academy
Ag/Hort Trades Academy
Te Kura

TERTIARY PROVIDERS

Waikato University
WINTEC
Trades
VETEL
BCITO

PATHWAYS

Gateway and Work Experience
UniStart
WINTEC Trades Academy
Apprenticeships

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Local Employers

Each subject area will have short presentations, demonstrations and an opportunity for Q and A.

Content will be repeated and staggered, so parents and students can come along to the sessions that interest them.



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Bus Safety Message

Due to a near miss last week, we would like to remind parents when passing a stopped school bus that is loading or unloading children, the speed limit is 20km/h. This applies to both sides of the road, regardless of which direction you are traveling. We will also be reminding students to cross the road safely at break times.

Packable bucket hats - your new MVP for sun protection and style!

These have been added to our uniform list. Available from the Hub for \$17 each. > > >

School Trousers for Sale

Mrs Fitz in the hub has a few pairs of brand new trousers available for \$60 each. Sizes available are: 72cm, 77cm, 87cm, 92cm, 97cm. Please email Amanda: amandaf@aurakiplains.school.nz

Rowing

We would like to welcome our new Director of Rowing and Head Coach to Hauraki Plains College, Mr Martin Simoncelli. He has had the opportunity to lead school rowing programmes in similar roles and to be involved with the New Zealand rowing team over the last 10 years. It is an honour to welcome Martin back to Hauraki after a long absence as he coached elsewhere.

The dates for our rowing Novice camp have been set for the 21st to the 24th September. Any new rowers will be attending the camp at Mangakino from the 22nd to the 24th. This is a great opportunity for your child to give rowing a go and see. If you are interested please email Mrs Amanda Sayer your child's name on amandas@aurakiplains.school.nz

Hauraki Rowing Bull Calf Fundraiser

We are reaching out to the farming community across the Hauraki region to support our local rowers by donating a bull calf to the Hauraki Rowing Club. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help provide vital resources and improved facilities, ensuring our athletes can thrive both on and off the water. **More info [here](#).**

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

Nga mihi

Sharon Moller (PRINCIPAL)



HPC KOREA & JAPAN TRIP 2026

? Trivia Night ?

Fundraiser ?

18+ **\$160 PER TABLE** **UP TO 8 PEOPLE** **NO BYO**

FRIDAY AUGUST 22 | **QUIZ STARTS 7PM**

NGATEA WAR MEMORIAL HALL

TO BOOK: Email apnjones@gmail.com
Ring 0274632892

RAFFLES AND AUCTIONS | FOOD AND DRINKS FOR SALE

HPC Upcoming Dates Term 3

Day/Wk	Week 3 - Week commencing 28th July		Week 4 - Week commencing 4th August	
Monday	28		4	
Tuesday	29		5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVSS Junior Badminton 6pm Out of Zone Information Evening #2
Wednesday	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVSS Golf Round 3 (Paeroa) 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flight Attendant Course 110TE (DP) Extreme Edge 6pm Dancing with the staff event
Thursday	31		7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flight Attendant Course WBOPSS Cross Country Champs 110TE (KW) Extreme Edge Police Prep (DP)
Friday	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVSS Senior Badminton Waikato Get2Go Challenge Franklin SS Golf Champs 13PRI Hill Sheep Milk Farm 13BUS Trade Fair (3/8) 	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 110TE (KW) Extreme Edge NISS Show Jumping Carnival (10/8) NZSS Rhythmic Gymnastics Champs (9-10/8)



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Careers Corner

Wintec Open Day - Friday 29th August.

Use this link for full information: <https://www.wintec.ac.nz/about-wintec/events/2025/08/28/default-calendar/open-day-2025>

This is an open day for 2025 school leavers. Mrs Scott is willing to drive a small group to this event if you are interested to learn more about the wide range of courses and degrees on offer at Wintec in Hamilton. Please email: pippal@aurakiplains.school.nz Information about the courses is here: <https://www.wintec.ac.nz/study-at-wintec>

University liaison planning meetings

There is a Google document where you can share your areas of interest. Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfq_BomRNAwv3cPnV10zySN89WCDbn16Q-rxVwRN5Zfv_cbPw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=110322447834459347726

The reason why students need to complete and share this information is so that we can book relevant faculty leaders to meet with them! Our liaisons come to meet with students and help plan their degree courses individually. These are only for students who have made applications or are in the process of making applications to the Universities i.e. for Year 13 students only. All meetings in the Career Centre.

Week 6	University of Waikato	Friday 22nd August at 9.00 am (Block 1)
Week 8	Victoria University of Wellington	Wednesday 3rd September at 9.00 am (Block 1)
Week 10	Massey University	Tuesday 16th September at 1:50 pm (Block 4)
	University of Otago	Thursday 18th September at 1:50 pm (Block 4)

Learner Driver Licence

Yes! There are still places available! Our final course for this year will be running from Monday 18th August to Wednesday 20th August (Week 6) Monday and Tuesday are training days and the testing happens on the Wednesday. You need to be 16 years old to sit your test. To book your place on the course please contact Mrs Lawlor by email pippal@aurakiplains.school.nz

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	11am - 1:30pm	Kopu campus - letters have been emailed out to all students and parents
4	6th-7th August	Level 3 Flight attending course Year 11-13 students	9:30am - 2:30pm both days	Centennial Centre - letters have been emailed to all students
6	18th-20th August	Learner Driver Licence course	9am - 3pm on 2 days with a 1 hour test slot on the final day	Centennial Centre/ Careers
	20th-21st August	Gateway Health & Safety Course	9am - 3pm both days	Centennial Centre

If you are booked for any of these events PLEASE let me know if you can no longer attend. We have waitlists for all of our events.

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