

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 15 August 2025



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

Upcoming PPTA Teacher Strike Action Wednesday, 20th of August

On Wednesday, 20th August, the PPTA Teachers' Union will be on strike. There will be no classes running.

However, we have approval for 47 students to still take part in a Driving Course, and the Gateway Health and Safety Course. This has been prebooked for a long time, and students are expected to be at school for this. The Food Truck will be open.

Buses will operate as normal (as they also transport primary students). If students require supervision in the Hub, a small number of non-union teachers will be on site.

Out of Zone Enrolments

The ballot closes for 2026 out of zone enrolments on **Tues 19 Aug 2025 at 12.00 noon**. A reminder that we cannot accept any out of zone enrolments after this date, even if you already have a student enrolled at HPC!!

Congratulations Rugby Winners

We had a big weekend of rugby finals last Saturday. Congratulations to all the teams! Check out our HPC Sports page to see more results and photos. <https://www.facebook.com/HPCSports>

- U55 White Rugby team - finished 3rd in the Waikato Secondary Schools Boys U55 Rugby Competition.
- U55 Black Rugby team - winners of the Waikato Secondary Schools Boys U55 Rugby Competition.
- Girls 1st XV - winners (4th consecutive title)
- Boys 1st XV - Runner-Up in the Thames Valley Secondary Schools Boys 1st XV Rugby Competition.
- U15 Black Rugby team - Runner-Up in the Thames Valley Secondary Schools U15 Boys Rugby Competition.

Important Event for current Yr 10,11, 12 students: 2026 Senior Subject Selection and Pathways Evening

This event runs from **4pm-7:30pm on 19th August**.

Each curriculum leader will provide short presentations about their 2026 NCEA courses, followed by an opportunity for a Q&A. They will also be available in their designated areas throughout the evening to answer any questions. Please pop in to chat with them at any time.

A range of local education and training providers will be based in the hall from 4pm-7:30pm. Most of these providers also have

presentation slots. This aspect of the evening is open to all members of our local community.

Please follow the links below for more information:

[Presentation schedule](#)

[Education provider information](#)

[HPC Pathway Programs](#)

What about dinner? We've got you sorted! Food stalls will be running throughout the evening, selling a range of delicious options for everyone. Cash and EFTPOS available.

2026 Senior Subject Selection course guides will be provided to students on Monday, 18 August.

Please participate in the Board Elections

Parents were emailed this week with their invitation to vote in our Board Elections. This is your chance to vote for your parent representative. Voting closes 8th Sept. If you did not receive an email, please contact: maria@aurakiplains.school.nz.

Lock Down Update

Yesterday, our lockdown trainers conducted their 'surprise visit'. We knew it was coming, but we did not know the day or the week. The trainers split up — one observed the leadership team in the communication headquarters while the other moved around the school, rattling door handles and keeping on the move.

Students and staff were informed that this was a practice, and we have explained to students what is expected if a lockdown happens during break time. Aside from a handful of students being silly in the bathrooms, the majority of students responded exceptionally well. From the time the lockdown bells started, parents were sent a notification via email within 5 minutes and through the school app within 7 minutes.

When we go into lockdown, our first priority is to get to the nearest secure building. It takes a few minutes to lock buildings and set up the communication headquarters. Here is an extract from our emergency poster, which is displayed in every room.



Lock Down

Lockdown signalled by - short bells and/or intercom announcement

Building: Head to the nearest secure building

Lock doors and windows, barricade if possible

On the ground, get as low as you can, away from windows

Calm and quiet

Keep following the teacher's instructions

Police or SLT will announce when the Lockdown is over.



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Schools are required to conduct a lockdown and/or evacuation drill each term. This helps us stay refreshed on what to do in the event of a real emergency, and it means we can continually improve our processes. Well done, everyone.

Year 10 Camps

Later this afternoon we will send an email out to families of Year 10 students with a link to an online form to make camp selections. A reminder that these camps run from Monday, 3 December to Wednesday, 5 September. Here are the camp options to select from:

Camp	Days or overnight	Details	Cost
Hiking Camp	2 nights / 3 days	Hiking around Rangitoto and Motutapu Islands in Auckland. Activities will also include fishing and swimming. Students will be sleeping in tents. The \$90 fee does not include food, so students need to purchase their own food to cook.	\$90
School Based Activities	3 days	A variety of activities designed to challenge and entertain everyone. Whether you're into esports, cooking up something delicious, crafts, splashing around at the Ngatea pool, or playing games with friends, there's something for everyone. Most activities are free, but some will have a fee to cover materials for take-home products (e.g. candle making, Xmas decorations) if students opt into those. Last year students paid on average between \$20 to \$40.	Between \$0 to \$100 depending on activities selected
Marae Experience	2 nights / 3 days	Based at Otawhiwhi Marae in Bowentown, students will be exposed to the Māori culture, traditions, customs, language and systems of knowledge as understood by the local Māori people of Hauraki and the wider Tainui region. Students will sleep in the Marae. The fee includes all meals.	\$150
Tairua Watersports Camp	2 nights / 3 days	Experience a range of activities such as sailing, paddleboarding, waka ama and ocean swimming. Students will sleep in tents. The fee includes all meals.	\$250
Sports Camp	3 x Day trips	Learn to surf at Waihi Beach, play golf and give track cycling a go at the Cambridge Velodrome. Students need to bring their own lunch and snacks.	\$150

CAA (Common Assessment Activity a.k.a. Lit/Num exam) Dates

The CAA exams will be administered from **1-3 September** (week 8 of this term). Most Year 10 students and a number of Year 11s and 12s will be involved with these. Students will be provided with more detailed schedules to show in which session they are enrolled in.

Year 8 Parent Evenings

We warmly invite all current Year 8 parents and whānau to join us for an information evening at Hauraki Plains College as we look ahead to 2026. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our school, meet key staff, and hear about the values,

programmes, and support we offer to help your child thrive in their high school journey. We look forward to welcoming you and answering any questions you may have.

- Thursday 4 September 7-8pm
- Wednesday 8th October 6-7pm (*Please note time correction*)

Uniforms for sale - Outdated new stock that still meets uniform policy will be available for sale at a discounted price on both evenings. Uniforms will be available to purchase at the following times: Thursday 4th September 6pm - 8:30pm and Wednesday 8th October 5pm - 8pm.



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Sports Fees Due Now

Students going to the sport tournament week will need to have fees paid before leaving OR have a payment plan in place with 50% paid before tournament week.

Students with outstanding school fees, historical and current, of \$100 or more (without a payment plan in place) will not be recognized for individual prizes at these celebrations/events:

- Sports Prizegiving
- Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving
- Senior Academic Prizegiving
- Cultural and Arts Prizegiving
- Year 13 Graduation Dinner

Please contact the office if you need to arrange a payment plan or have any questions.

Facial Piercings - Reminder About School Uniform Expectations

We have noticed an increase in students wearing nose piercings to school. As a reminder, nose piercing, facial piercings and jewellery is not part of our approved school uniform and should not be worn during school hours. We kindly

ask parents and caregivers not to support their child getting a nose piercing if it cannot be removed during the school day due to the risk of the piercing closing. Please note that covering piercings with plaster is not permitted. Students who are seen wearing nose piercing jewellery at school will be asked to remove it and may receive a consequence in line with our uniform policy. If your child is looking to get a piercing, we strongly recommend that they do so during the summer break. We appreciate your support in upholding our uniform expectations and assisting our staff by ensuring your child is not wearing a nose piercing to school.

Fundraiser for Korea/Japan Trip 2026

Trivia Night Fundraiser - INFO [HERE](#)

Dental Truck

The Tooth Group will be back this term. We are looking at Weeks 8-9 but this is yet to be confirmed.

Nga mihi

Sharon Moller (PRINCIPAL)

HPC Upcoming Dates Term 3

Day/Wk	Week 6 - Week commencing 18th August		Week 7 - Week commencing 25th August	
Monday	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learner License Course • Ski Trip • Services Tough Guy/Girls • 120TE Thames 	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Week
Tuesday	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learner License Course • Ski Trip • 110TE Climbing Wall (DP) • OOZ Ballot closes noon • 4pm-7.30pm Senior Subject Selection evening 	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Week • OOZ ballot drawn
Wednesday	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learner License Course • GW Basic Skills course • TVSS Golf - Round 3 @ Hauraki Golf Club 	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Week • NZ Fashion Week
Thursday	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateway Health & Safety Course 	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Week
Friday	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waikato Uni Course Planning • Pare Hauraki Native Nursery • Waikato ITM Music Festival • 6pm Korean Trip Quiz 	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Week



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Careers Corner

Business as usual

Although there is a teacher strike on Wednesday 20th, both the Learner Driver Licence course and the Health & Safety Gateway course will still be running as planned.

Reminder - Learner Licence Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th.

Gateway Health & Safety Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st.

Students have all been emailed to advise them of this.

If anyone's plans have changed, Mrs Lawlor needs to be contacted by email no later than Monday.

Students - help yourselves to make great subject selections for 2026!

Our upcoming subject selection evening is a great opportunity to make sure that your future pathway to study and employment is secure. Ahead of the event, there are two things that you can do to make this more meaningful and productive for yourself.

1. Log in to Career Central and update your profile. Make sure to add your driver licence qualifications and your career interests. If you haven't completed any of the activities on your dashboard, now is a good time to start! [Link to instructions for How to access Career Central.](#)
2. Log in to Tahatū - our career database- and make an account using your school email. From here you can take the "Get inspired" quiz which will suggest some pathways that line up with your interests, and then you know who you need to speak to at the subject selection evening, and even what subjects to take next year! [Link to instructions for Tahatū](#)

The Careers Centre will be open for subject selection evening and you can come and use the [Inzone kiosk](#) on the date or any time before.

Gateway 2026

If you want to take part in the Gateway programme for 2026, please come and speak with Mrs Scott. You will need to complete an application form and have this signed by parents/caregivers.

University liaison planning meetings

Our first meeting will be on Friday 22nd for the University of Waikato. Students have been sent an email to inform them of their appointment time. Meetings are also scheduled for Massey University, University of Otago, Victoria University of Wellington, University of Waikato.

If you are heading somewhere else and want to talk to an advisor, course planner or future students team and need to set up a Zoom or phone call within school hours, please contact pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz for help.

A reminder that both AUT and University of Auckland host their open days on Saturday 30th August.

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

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