

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 19 Sept 2025



Kia ora koutou and welcome to Week Ten of Term Three.

New HPC Board

Congratulations to the following Board members who take office now to govern our school:

- Kirsty Peterson
- Paul Taylor
- Stephen Loft
- Jaspreet Kaur
- Sallie Normie
- Tezhar Paymani - Staff
- Taryn Houltham - Student

Year 9 Speech Competition

Well done to all the students who were selected to participate in this year's speech competition. The range of topics was impressive, and it was clear that each of you spoke about something you cared about.

Congratulations to our place-getters:

- 1st: Lena Rumble – *Why being an older sibling is hard*
- 2nd: Kiera Ea – *We need a 3-day weekend*
- 3rd: Kyla Redmond – *Supporting women in sport*

We'd also like to acknowledge **Audience Favourite**, Jack Karam, for his engaging speech on *Why Rugby is better than Soccer*.



L-R: Lena, Kiera, Kyla and Jack

Year 9 Camp Forms

These are now overdue. Please return any outstanding forms to the office as soon as possible please.

Year 10 Camps

Students have been informed by their River Guides which camp they have been allocated to. Families will receive an updated statement by early next week, confirming the camp their child will be attending along with the associated cost. Camps will run from December 3rd to 5th.

Teacher Only Day Monday, the 15th of September

Thank you for supporting our Teacher Only Day. The focus was on junior curriculum development, and our staff headed to some of our local primary schools to learn more about their programmes, to then further improve ours. The feedback from HPC staff about our primary schools was outstanding! Here are some snippets to share from HPC staff.

Mangatawhiri School: "The school leaders did a great job showing us around their school! Behaviour was great right throughout the school. They follow a well-structured setup, with ingrained routines. The use of Te Reo was evident throughout, which was really cool to see. All the staff were lovely and accommodating. They all made us feel very welcome and were happy to answer any questions we had."

Kaiaua School: "It is a beautiful small school, with a positive and focused environment. Carrie and her staff were lovely to talk to and were very welcoming. It's clear from looking around the school, that each student is valued and cared for as an individual. Seeing the students projects in the foyer area was welcoming and really set the tone for our visit - an appreciative, inclusive, and inviting school to everyone. I also appreciate their focus on consistency in whatever they do."

Kerepēhi School: "I loved the feeling of inclusiveness within the kura. You could tell all the children felt welcomed, loved and nurtured. I loved the visual displays on walls, the checking of and caring for each learners well-being and the playful creativity. The tuakana/teina actions happening during the senior math sessions was good, and they had to explain their working out. More emphasis was placed on how they got their answer, not their actual answers."

Maramarua School: "Michelle (and all of the staff) were very welcoming and showed us wonderful manaakitanga. It was inspirational to be able to see the quality of teaching and learning happening."

The Ideal Literacy programme lesson was robust in its materials and presentation. Having an appreciation of the spaces that Maramarua students occupy, their ownership of work and sense of pride in their school has made me wonder what else I can do to help those students transition to



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HPC so they feel the same level of belonging. Our time at Maramarua was well-organised and structured - which is representative of the overall kaupapa and pedagogy of the school!

Ōrere Point: "I was very impressed that every single student was engaged in their learning. It was also clear that the students knew the school values (I was touched with the students helping the teacher and grounds keeper) and were keen to demonstrate their work with us. The writing that I discussed with students was very clear, detailed, and well thought out."

Kopuarahi School: "Great to see the students engaged in their learning. I felt really welcomed by the students. I enjoyed being interviewed by student A and hearing him confidently recount what he had learned about me to the other students. Use of the outdoors to facilitate learning is exceptional. Chris is highly responsive to students needs. Was really heartwarming for me to hear student B, speak to me in a complete sentence and refer to me by name, remembering me from previous tree planting activities. Really impressed with Chris' ability to gain resourcing to support her students and community."

Waitakaruru School: "We loved the ideas and hearing that patterns of learning and routines are important to build upon the relationship building throughout the different classes and the school. Loved seeing the flexibility of spaces and giving students different support with technology and also building student capabilities and confidence in giving feedback and answering questions. Loved the art and the colour and the SHARP values everyone could see the wisdom from seeing those things and see the visual learning around the classes and the whole school. Thank you so much for sharing your staffroom space with us—the cakes were a treat—the whole time we spent with Tina and her wonderful team at Waitakaruru School was really appreciated".

Kaihere School: "Seeing wonderful positive posters on walls and learning more about:

- handwriting focus
- differentiation strategies for multi-level classrooms
- structured literacy, numeracy, and classrooms
- high behaviour expectations"

Turua School: "Loved our visit and seeing the positive school environment. I chatted to several students in the classrooms and all were very friendly. The student leader was very passionate about the school and was a great role model. The school had a great feel to it. Karen was very knowledgeable and up to date with curriculum changes. Loved the junior fenced in area that extended their play based learning outside".

Rowing Camp and Meeting

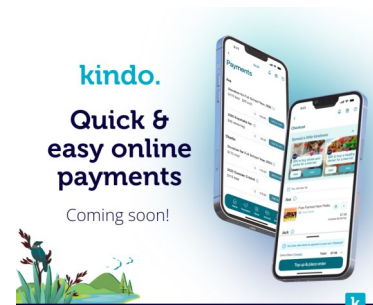
For any returning rowers or new rowers going to our Spring Camp please get your consent forms to the office **ASAP**. Any queries email: amandas@haurakiplains.school.nz

CAA exam results for second opportunity

NZQA aims to release the results for the Reading standard for Assessment Event 2 at 3pm Thursday 9th October and the results for the Writing and Numeracy standards at 3pm Monday 20th October. The school will upload the results to KAMAR as soon as it is available so it can be viewed through the parent portal.

Kindo Coming Soon!

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Services Academy 2026

Interested in joining the Services Academy next year? We are holding our second Information Evening on Tuesday 7th October 7-8pm.

Year 8 Parent Evenings

We warmly invite ALL Year 8 parents and whānau to join us for an Information Evening at Hauraki Plains College as we look



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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.

- Wednesday 8th October 6-7pm
- Uniform sale 5pm to 8pm.

Junior & Senior Uniforms for sale - Stock that still meets uniform policy will be available for: Wednesday 8th October 5-8pm. Please note that there are not a lot of mid-range sizes left, there are more larger sizes available. There are also no Junior red jerseys for sale.

Winter to Summer Uniform Transition Period

We are currently in a transition period from winter to summer uniform. The transition period will end on Friday 17 October (Week 2 of Term 4) - students need to be in full summer uniform by Monday 20 October. This would have given whānau/ families 6 weeks to get their children's summer uniform sorted out. Students are able to wear either winter or summer uniform, not a combination of both, e.g. scarf with sandals. We have only one type of summer shoe and that is the traditional Roman sandal (top image), either the readily available ones from The Warehouse or Number 1 Shoe, or the alternative more durable sandal (bottom image) available through our online uniform shop, NZ Uniforms.



Nga mihi
Sharon Moller (PRINCIPAL)

Careers Corner

Hands-on Otago

Congratulations to Prajwal Parajuli and Sage Miller who have been accepted to this programme.

If any students are interested to learn more about early start programmes or accelerated learning programmes for Years 12 and 13, we will hold further meetings in Term 1 2026, or email Mrs Lawlor if you need an urgent conversation.

Gateway Graduation

We will be holding our final graduation breakfast of the year on Tuesday 14th October from 9:00 am - 10:20 am (Block 1) in the Centennial Centre.

Students who have been a part of the Gateway Programme in Terms 2 and 3 and who have not previously graduated are invited to share some kai and receive their certificates.

Whānau, parents and caregivers are also warmly welcomed.

Gateway Applications

Over 200 Gateway forms for 2026 have already gone out to students and River guides. Please return them as soon as possible to help with course planning. We are already 60% full. Programme planning will happen in Term 4 but offers to students will not be confirmed until Term 1 2026.

If you have applied to do a specialist course (Flight attending or Aviation) we will be meeting with interested students in Term 4 to clarify some details.

Waikato Trades Academy (WTA)

WTA (Wintec) applications will open in Term 4. The programmes on offer are;

- Level 2 Construction & Infrastructure
- Level 2 Hair & Beauty
- Level 2 Manufacturing & Technology

If you are interested in making an application for any of these, please email Mrs Lawlor so that she can arrange a time to do this with you. Applications for WTA have to be made through the careers advisor.

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

You are cordially invited to attend

A Celebration of Student Achievement

Please join us for a presentation and a complimentary breakfast buffet to acknowledge community support for the success of students on Gateway, Trades and Work Experience programmes.

October
14

9-10.20AM

Location:
Centennial
Centre

PLEASE RSVP TO:
pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz



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HPC Upcoming Dates Term 4

Day/Wk	Week 1 - Week commencing 6th Oct		Week 2 - Week commencing 13th Oct	
Monday	6	First day of Term 4	13	
Tuesday	7	Services Academy Information Evening 7pm (#2)	14	
Wednesday	8	Year 8 Parent Info Evening 6-7pm Uniform Sale 5-8pm	15	Cultural and Arts Prizegiving 6pm
Thursday	9	Unplugged Concert 6pm Music Rm	16	
Friday	10		17	