

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 5 August 2025



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

Senior Dance Evening

A huge congratulations to our Year 11 and 13 dance students who performed their NCEA work on Wednesday evening. The performances were very artistic and professional - a very high calibre of dancing. Well done to Mrs Turner, our Dance teacher, and the Arts Department.



Year 13 Dance: Kate Bond, Tara Bourne, Lily Carter, Skyla Frater, Libee Middleton, Nea Stokman, Kaia van Doorn.

Year 11 Performing Arts: Summer Ellery, Isabella McLaurin, Eliza Mannering, Madison Mischewski, Brooke Pearson.

CAA Exams this Week

Well done to our Year 10s and some Year 11 and 12s who completed their literacy and numeracy exams this week! We had a very good turn out for this second event and processes ran very smoothly. A big thank you to our learning support team who provided spaces and assistance to students who needed support. 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.

Senior Practice Exams Week 9

Our senior students will be sitting their practice exams from 9th -11th September. Students are expected to attempt these exams for two reasons: one, it is good preparation for the end of year exams, and two, it generates an emergency grade should something traumatic and/or severe medical event prevent a student from sitting the final exams.

Follow up Tournament Week Results

At the time of writing last week's bulletin we didn't have these results. We are very proud of all students who took part in last week's secondary school competitions

Equestrian Team, NISS Champs, Taupō

Our Equestrian team competed at the North Island Secondary Schools (NISS) Equestrian Championships, taking on large and competitive classes with confidence and determination. Despite the tough competition, our riders put in fantastic performances, showcasing their skills, teamwork, and

dedication to the sport. It was a great few days of riding, learning and representing HPC with pride. A huge well done to our team.

Boys U15 League Team, NZRL U15 Boys Carnival, Auckland

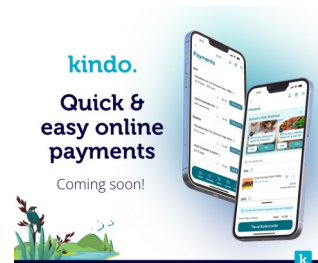
Our U15 Boys League team recently competed in the NZRL U15 Boys League Carnival, taking on some of the best teams from across the country. The boys showed incredible determination, skill, and teamwork throughout the tournament, representing HPC with pride. It was a fantastic opportunity for our players to grow their game and gain valuable experience. Great to see League up and running at HPC, an exciting step forward for the sport in our school community!

Girls 1st XI Hockey Team, Chica Gilmer Trophy, Mount Manganui

Our Girls 1st XI Hockey team competed hard throughout the tournament, demonstrating great teamwork and determination. They showed strong growth and resilience, with a focus and effort that stood out. Well done girls!

Kindo Coming Soon!

Quick, easy online payments - 24/7. We're excited to introduce Kindo. This user-friendly platform will allow you to purchase school items, register for sports and support fundraisers 24/7, with one convenient account for the whole family. Enjoy flexible payment options anytime, anywhere!



We'll share more details soon, so keep an eye out for this new way to manage payments.

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- Easily track all expenses in one place.
- Available 24/7 - purchase school items, manage registrations, and support fundraisers anytime, anywhere!

Year 8 School Visits Continue

Over the next few weeks, we will head out to all of our local primary schools with our Principal, the



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2026 Year 9 Dean, Gemma Fisher, and HPC students who are former students of those schools.

This week we visited Kaiaua, Kerepēhi, and Netherton schools. A huge thanks to Year 12 Paige Tevita-Williams who came along to Kaiaua - she even bought her rowing medals to show the students! We were joined by Year 11 students Amy Hayward and Jaziah Toko, who were well loved by their past teachers and students, plus shared some neat tips to the Year 8 students. Year 12 Emily Povey came along to Netherton School and enjoyed sharing what she likes most about HPC.

Winter to Summer Uniform Transition Period

From Monday 8th September (Week 9) until Friday 17th October (Week 2 of Term 4) we will be in a transition period from winter to summer uniform. This gives 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.



HPC Sports Page

Did you know we have a dedicated page for all things sport at Hauraki Plains College? The page is designed not only for current students and whānau, but also for anyone who wants to stay connected with our sporting successes. It's the place to find updates, photos, and celebrations of our students' sporting achievements. <https://www.facebook.com/HPCSports>

Local event: Spring Ball

While the Spring Ball is not a school event, we would like to acknowledge those who put the time into organising this awesome event. A huge thank you to Year 13 student Rory Cordes and her wonderful mum Jess - they have been working hard over the last couple of months to put this event together. Thank you to all those adults and Year 13s who made this event a success. We hope you have a fantastic time this Saturday.

Conservation Week Event

This week, Year 9 Environmental Studies and Environmental Projects Learning Lab students represented HPC at a regional gathering organised by Enviroschools at the Department of Conservation Visitor Centre in the Kauaeranga Valley. 11 schools took part in this event, to share the environmental work they are doing at their schools, and to attend workshops by

local experts. Workshops for our HPC students included learning about native fish, pest control, biosecurity and more. Students found this event inspiring and they look forward to increasing our collaboration with local groups for better environmental outcomes for our school and communities.



Last chance - please participate in the Board elections - our voting numbers are sitting at 20%

Parents have been emailed with their invitation to vote in our Board Elections. This is your chance to vote for your parent representative. [Voting closes 8th Sept.](#)

Student Election: Students will be emailed their electronic invitation to vote on 8th September. Voting closes 4pm on 17th September, 2025.

2026 Senior Subject Selection

Current Year 10, 11 and 12 students must make their selections by this evening, 5 September. A link to access the Schoolbridge website for subject selection has been posted to each year level Google Classroom. If you have any questions about subject selection, please contact our curriculum leaders:

Arts

Mrs Jacqui-May Allison-Dodds:
jacqui-maya@haurakiplains.school.nz

Business Studies and Primary Industries

Mr John Tate: johnt@haurakiplains.school.nz

English

Mrs Nicolette Banwell: nicoletteb@haurakiplains.school.nz

Health and PE

Mr Nick Joynes: nickj@haurakiplains.school.nz

Mathematics

Mr Peter McGregor: peterm@haurakiplains.school.nz

Science

Mr John Aloï: johna@haurakiplains.school.nz

Humanities

Mr Rich Entwisle: riche@haurakiplains.school.nz

Technologies

Mr Kyle Backhouse-Smith: kyleb@haurakiplains.school.nz

Te Reo Māori:

Matua Normie Anderson:
normiea@haurakiplains.school.nz



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Services Academy 2026

Interested in joining the Services Academy next year? We are holding two Information Evenings on Wed 17th Sept 7-8pm and Tue 7th Oct 7-8pm.

Year 8 Parent Evenings - Wednesday 8th October 6-7pm

We warmly invite ALL 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.

Junior & Senior Uniforms for sale - Stock that still meets uniform policy will be available at the Year 8 evening from 5pm - 8pm. Please note that there are not a lot of mid-range sizes available after our sale this week, there are more larger sizes. There are also no junior red jerseys for sale.

Rowing

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@haurakiplains.school.nz or forms can be picked up from the student centre.

Dental Truck

The Tooth Group are here onsite week 9.

Year 12 Health Class

This term our Year 12 Health class is focusing on the importance of healthy sleep routines. Getting enough sleep isn't just about rest. It helps with concentration in class, improves mood, and supports our overall wellbeing. We're encouraging everyone to think about small changes that make a big difference, like putting phones away earlier, keeping a regular bedtime, and giving your brain a chance to reset overnight. Look out for our posters, tips, and reminders around school created by us students to help us all get the rest we need to feel our best.

FREE online mental health support service

This mental health service is designed for anyone navigating everyday challenges like stress, burnout, anxiety, relationship strain, body image concerns, bullying or low motivation. Think of it as a safe space to talk, be heard and build practical strategies to feel more in control. Available for anyone aged 16+ exclusively on the Tend app. <https://mailchi.mp/tend/free-mental-health-consults-now-available-with-tend?e=35543c119a>

Nga mihi
Sharon Moller PRINCIPAL

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Thurs 4th Sept 7-8pm
Wed 8th Oct 6-7pm
in the School Hall.

JUNIOR & SENIOR uniform that still meets uniform policy will be available at a discounted price in the foyer on the following days / times:

Thurs 4th Sept 6pm - 8:30pm
Wed 8th Oct 5pm - 8pm

3 TIPS FOR QUALITY SLEEP

CREATE A COMFORTABLE ROOM ATMOSPHERE
Make sure your bedroom is clean, tidy, and has dim lighting. A cool temperature and a comfortable mattress also help you sleep better.

REDUCE GADGET USAGE BEFORE BED
Try to stop using gadgets at least 30 minutes before bed. Replace it with reading a book or light meditation for relaxation.

SET A REGULAR BEDTIME
Go to bed and wake up at the same time every day. This habit makes the body more sleepy at night and fresh when you wake up in the morning.



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HPC Upcoming Dates Term 3

Day/Wk	Week 9 - Week commencing 8th Sept		Week 10 - Week commencing 15th Sept	
Monday	8	120TE Bush survival Dental Van onsite	15	Teacher Only Day - no classes are running
Tuesday	9	Senior Practice Exams Dental Van onsite	16	Year 11 at home (rolling strike) - TBC TVSS Cross Country (HPC hosting)
Wednesday	10	Senior Practice Exams Dental Van onsite TVSS Rugby Sevens	17	Year 10 at home (rolling strike) - TBC TVSS Senior Volleyball
Thursday	11	Senior Practice Exams Dental Van onsite Tauranga SS Shoot	18	Year 9 at home (rolling strike) - TBC
Friday	12	Dental Van onsite Learning Lab: Sports/Hapu Challenge TVSS Golf - Round 4	19	Year 12/13 World of Wearable Arts

CAREERS CENTRE

Student Volunteer Army

Congratulations to all the members of our amazing student volunteer army who this week celebrated gaining further bronze and silver awards. Between them, they have clocked up a staggering 4910 hours of community service since the start of the year!



University Visits

This week we welcomed back HPC alumna Tiana Tanner who is studying film production and screen arts at Massey University. Tiana is currently a first year student but her work has already been featured on the Massey University Instagram. A career in the arts can really take you places!



In week 10 visits will be:

Tuesday 16th September at 1:50 (Block 4) - Massey University
Thursday 18th September at 1:50 (Block 4) - University of Otago.

These meetings are for students who have already applied to these universities to sort out course planning and will be held in the Careers Centre.

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.

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.

2025 HPC Candidate Statements

Parent Representative Election



This is your chance to vote for your parent representative. Check your spam folder if you haven't received it.
Voting closes 8th Sept

Sallie Norman

Kia ora, My name is Sallie Norman and I am currently serving as a co-opted member of the Hauraki Plains College Board. It has been a privilege to contribute in this role, and I am now seeking your support to continue as an elected board member.

I am a proud parent of three children – my son is currently in Year 10 at Hauraki, my daughter is in Year 8 and will be joining the college next year, and my youngest son is in Year 4 at primary school. As a parent, I am passionate about supporting the school environment where our tamariki thrive – academically, socially and personally.

I grew up on a dairy farm in rural Northland, which instilled in me a strong work ethic, community values, and a hands-on approach to challenges. I now bring those same values to both my business and governance roles. I am the director of three businesses – Drainage TV, Mad Dog Backdrops, and Neon Design. Through these ventures, I have gained extensive experience in leadership, strategic planning, financial management and creative problem solving.

Serving on the board has been a rewarding experience. I have enjoyed learning more about the inner workings of the college and contributing to important discussions around student achievement, wellbeing, property, and governance. I believe in a forward-thinking and inclusive approach, ensuring every student is given the opportunity to succeed and feel supported during their time at Hauraki.

I'm a strong communicator, an active listener, and someone who values collaboration between whānau, staff and the wider community. I am committed to upholding the vision and values of the college and helping shape a positive and progressive future for all students. Thank you for considering me for this important role. I would be honoured to continue serving our school community.

Ngā mihi nui, Sallie Norman



Audra Thackwray

Kia ora koutou, My name is Audra Thackwray and I am proud to be part of the Hauraki Plains College community. I have a daughter currently in Year 9 at HPC and two children in Year 5 at Ngatea Primary School.

I am passionate about education and student wellbeing, and I bring both experience and commitment to this role. I work at a primary school in Hamilton, where I serve as the Board Secretary as part of my role. In addition to this, I have previously been a parent representative on a school board, giving me a strong understanding of governance responsibilities and the importance of collaborative decision-making.

With a background in finance, I am confident I can contribute constructively to the board's strategic and financial oversight. I would welcome the opportunity to support the ongoing success of Hauraki Plains College and help ensure a positive, thriving learning environment for all students.

Ngā mihi, Audra Thackwray



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Parent Representative Election



Paul Taylor

I am pleased to stand for election to the Board of Trustees at Hauraki Plains College, where I have served as a co-opted member since June 2024. As both a parent of two current HPC students (Year 9 and Year 11), and an experienced educator, I am deeply committed to supporting the school's continued growth and success.

With over 25 years in education, including 16 years in special education, I bring experience in inclusive practice, and student wellbeing. I began my career teaching in primary schools across New Zealand and internationally, before spending over a decade at Kelston Deaf Education Centre (now Ko Taku Reo), where I supported deaf and hard of hearing students and worked alongside mainstream teachers to create inclusive learning environments.

Since 2022, I have been Deputy Principal at Rosehill School, a specialist education setting. My leadership has focused on improving outcomes for neurodiverse learners and fostering a school culture that values equity, diversity, and holistic development. I also hold a postgraduate qualification in Special Education and have led initiatives in partnership with CLM to promote healthy, active lifestyles among students.

My time on the Hauraki Plains College Board has given me valuable insight into the school's strategic direction and the importance of strong governance. I believe my professional background, leadership experience, and passion for inclusive education align closely with the college's values and aspirations.

I am committed to ensuring that all tamariki have access to a high-quality education that supports their unique strengths and needs. It would be a privilege to continue contributing to the Board and supporting the college in delivering positive outcomes for all learners.

Thank you for considering my nomination. I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the Hauraki Plains College community.



Kirsty Petersen

It has been a privilege to serve on the Board for the past three years. As an existing board member, I bring a sound understanding of governance, and I'm proud to have contributed to the strategic direction and future planning of our school. I am now seeking re-election to continue that work and ensure continuity and stability across board terms.

Professionally, I have over a decade of experience in Human Resource Management and advocacy, and I use these skills to help ensure that decisions made around the board table are well-considered, people-centred, and aligned with best practice.

My husband and I have lived in the Hauraki Plains area since 2019. We own a home and a local business and are deeply committed to this community. With our eldest son having attended HPC until he went to university earlier this year and our youngest son currently in Year 11, I feel I have a good perspective on the student journey and the challenges being faced by youth today.

As a parent representative, I believe strongly in the importance of listening to and reflecting the voices of our wider school community even where these differ from my own. I value the customs and culture of Hauraki, including the heritage of tāngata whenua, and believe in the importance of a broad curriculum that supports diverse strengths and the ambitions of all learners.

I would be honoured to continue contributing to the governance of Hauraki Plains College, supporting both continuity and progress as we navigate the years ahead.



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Parent Representative Election



Jaspreet Kaur CA

Kia ora, Hello and Sat Shri Akal,

My name is Jaspreet Kaur, and I'm honoured to stand for election to the Hauraki Plains College Board. Since 2024, I've had the privilege of serving as a co-opted board member and would now be grateful for your support to continue contributing in an elected role.

I bring over 13 years of experience as Finance Manager at CAPS Hauraki, a community-based social services organisation supporting tamariki, rangatahi, and whānau across our region. I also manage our family-run business, Thames Taxis, which provides essential transport services throughout Hauraki and Coromandel. These roles have given me strong governance, financial, and leadership skills—essential for effective decision-making at board level.

I'm a proud mum of two boys—Jorawer Singh Thiara, currently in Year 10 at HPC, and Nihal Singh Thiara, currently in Year 8 at Puriri School. As a parent, I care deeply about creating an inclusive, safe, and inspiring environment where all students can reach their potential—academically, socially, and emotionally.

Alongside my professional work, I am a founding member of the Chaar Sahibzaade Community Trust, where I help promote cultural connection and youth development through community initiatives. I also run weekly Punjabi language and culture classes in Thames, helping young learners embrace their heritage while thriving in Aotearoa New Zealand's diverse society.

With prior 7 years school governance experience and a strong background in community service, I bring a collaborative, future-focused, and values-led approach. I believe in supporting staff, empowering students, and building strong partnerships between school and whānau.

It would be my privilege to continue serving on the Board of Trustees and contribute to a strong, thriving future for Hauraki Plains College. Thank you for your support.

Ngā mihi, Jaspreet Kaur CA



Stephen Loft

Hi my name is Stephen Loft, I have lived in Ngatea for 11yrs but have been farming in the area for 30+yrs.

Our children have been through Hauraki Plains College and our daughter is still there. I have experience on school Boards, I'm just finishing up on the Ngatea Primary School BOT which I've been part of for the last 9yrs (6yrs as Chairman).

I've been involved with coaching and managing our kids sports teams over the years, currently managing the HPC 1st XV rugby team and Co-coaching the girls 2nd X1 Hockey.

