

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 10 October 2025



Kia ora koutou and welcome to the first week of Term Four.

Unplugged Concert

A very appreciative audience filled the Music Room last night for our annual Unplugged acoustic event. Around 30 students took the stage, from classy solos with piano accompaniment through to the 10-piece Guitar Ensemble. The night showcased an incredible range of talent and styles from Metallica to The Ronettes, with Rihanna, Nirvana and The Cranberries (plus many more) in between!

A huge thank you to our wonderful itinerant teachers Fiona, Mike, Andrew and HPC Music teacher Mark Houghton and coordinator Trish Smith for their dedication and support of our young musicians. Special mention to our entertaining hosts Selwin and Ryker, who kept the audience laughing with their sharp wit and Dad jokes.

A special evening celebrating the depth of acoustic musical talent here at Hauraki Plains College.

Recognition Points

We have recently awarded the following students for demonstrating our school values in these ways.

RANGATIRATANGA: Looking after yourself

* Positive role modelling * Doing the right thing * Working independently * Being a leader * Working hard

MANAAKITANGA - Looking after our people

* Showing respect for other people * Being inclusive and welcoming * Helping others

KAITIAKITANGA: Looking after our place

* Caring for our environment * Leaving our classes and grounds looking nice * Improving the look of our school

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of 94 students who have earned their 20-Recognition Badges!

This badge is no small feat. It means these students have been "caught" reflecting our school's core values at least 20 times—both inside and outside the classroom. These students consistently demonstrate the respect, integrity, and commitment we value so highly.

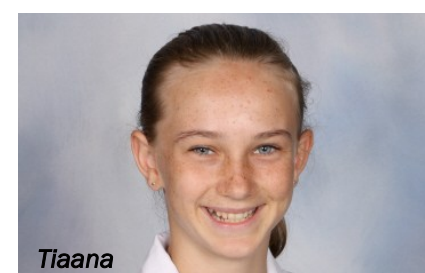
This accomplishment shows consistent dedication to being model citizens within our school community. Congratulations to all the recipients on this brilliant milestone!

We also want to give special congratulations to the following students for gaining their 40 Recognition badge: Tiaana de Jong (9DG), Matthew Haimes (9NI), Ashlee Van Hellemond (9NI), Sofia van Eyk (9TH), Imogen Beagley (9LU), Connor Friend (11MG), Chloe Sargent (11AU), Cynthia England (10AO), Nathan Wills (11MG)

And, congratulations to Tiaana de Jong, Matthew Haimes and Ashlee Van Hellemond for being the first to gain their **60 Recognition badge!**

World of WearableArt (WOW) Show

At the start of the recent school holidays Mrs Stilwell and Mrs Lawlor took a group of Year 12 and 13 students to Wellington for the World of Wearable Art Show. It was something of an epic road trip! Great accommodation right in the heart of Wellington meant that there



Tiaana



Matthew



Ashlee



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was plenty of time to explore Te Papa, cafes and markets. Students were able to meet with one of the backstage team of dressers and learn more about how such a huge production is staged and managed. Mrs Stilwell had secured perfect seats and the show certainly lived up to its name!

****Kindo our new Financial System - Launching Fri 17th Oct!!****

From 3pm Tues 14th Oct, we ask that you **do not** make any more payments into the school bank account. Kindo will be launching and you will need to setup your new Kindo profile to make payments against your child's account. More information to come next week.

Prizegivings!!!!

- Wednesday 15th October 6pm: Cultural & Arts Prizegiving - Invites were emailed out to students/parents this week. Please let Mrs Allison-Dodds know if your child will be attending.
- Wednesday 22nd October 6pm: Sports Prizegiving (**please note new date**)
- Thursday 30th October 5.30pm: Senior Academic Prizegiving
- Tuesday 2nd December 9.30am: Yr 9 Prizegiving
- Tuesday 2nd December Midday: Yr 10 Prizegiving

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 have also received an updated statement, confirming the camp their child will be attending along with the associated cost. Camps will run from December 3rd to 5th. Those students who selected the Marae Experience Camp will receive updated information shortly with details and costs.

Hauraki Rowing Club Open Day - Saturday 11th October 8.30am - 11.30am

We're excited to welcome all community members, families, sponsors and supporters to our Rowing Club Open Day. Come along to:

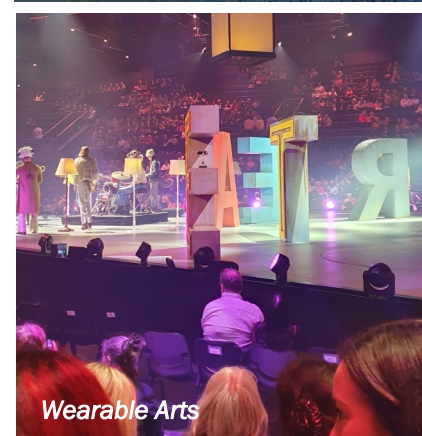
- See what rowing is all about
- Check out some of our crews on the water
- Meet our coaches, crews and volunteers
- Take a tour of our facilities and boats
- Celebrate the sponsors and supporters who make our club possible

CAA Exam Results for Second Opportunity

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

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 17th October (Week 2 of Term 4) - students need to be in full summer uniform by Monday 20th 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



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durable sandal (bottom image) available through our online uniform shop, NZ Uniforms. **Birkenstocks are not part of our school uniform.**

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)

Upcoming Term 4 Dates

Day/Wk	Week 2 - Week commencing 13th Oct		Week 3 - Week commencing 20th Oct	
Monday	13		20	Head student interviews 11OTE Overnight Camp Kauri Tree Programme team building Students in full summer uniform
Tuesday	14	9am-11.30am Gateway Celebration 1:30pm Korean exchange students arrive	21	Head student interviews 11OTE Overnight Camp
Wednesday	15	6pm Cultural and Arts Prizegiving	22	6pm Sports Prizegiving Head student interviews
Thursday	16		23	
Friday	17	Korean students depart Winter to summer uniform transition ends Kindo launching	24	



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Careers Corner

Accelerate + with Massey University

Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa Massey University has offered us an opportunity to enrol up to 20 students in the Accelerate+ programme for **zero tuition fees*** in 2026.

Accelerate+ provides able students the opportunity to extend their secondary study with university level courses while still at school.

Eligible students can take up to two 100-level courses per year (one per semester), via distance.

More information can be found using the link:

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/study/planning-your-study/complement-your-secondary-schooling-with-accelerate-plus/>

This is most suitable for students in Years 12 and 13. Any interested students are asked to email pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz to express their interest. There will be a meeting next week to explain more to students and make applications.

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.

Invitations have been emailed out directly to students but whānau, parents and caregivers are also warmly welcomed.

Gateway Applications

Mrs Scott and Mrs Lawlor are beginning to organise the programmes and dates for 2026. If your Gateway form is sitting in your bag or still at home - please dig it out and get it back to the Careers Centre as soon as possible.

Waikato Trades Academy (WTA/Wintec)

WTA (Wintec) applications officially open on 14th October. However, Mrs Lawlor has already been calling for interested students to begin the application process (this has to be done online) and the enrolment opportunities will be continuing for at least another 2 weeks.

The programmes on offer are;

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

There is no guarantee that you will be offered a place and it is strongly recommended that you enrol in the Gateway programme as well, for your vocational pathway options.

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