

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 17 October 2025



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

Cultural and Arts Prizegiving

Hauraki Plains College celebrated an incredible evening of creativity and achievement at this year's Cultural and Arts Awards, featuring stunning live performances in Dance, Drama, and Music, interspersed with professional Media Studies documentaries.

The most prestigious honour, the Rhodes Green Trophy for Greatest Contribution to the Arts, was awarded to Bridgette Marshall (pictured top right) for her masterful performances in *Drama*, *exceptional vocal leadership*, and *enormous dedication to The Arts*.

Cultural Service Blues were presented to Gustav van Niekerk for his commitment and leadership in Te Ao Māori; Nea Stokman for her passion for Dance, inspiring Showquest choreography and leadership; and Keegan Wilgermein for his excellence in lighting design, photography, and film.

A huge thank you to our Head Students and Arts Leaders for their confident MC roles, the Senior Leadership Team and Ms Jaspreet Kaur (BoT) for presenting awards, Matua Normie and the Kapa Haka students for their powerful haka and waiata performances, Mr Mark Houghton and the Technology students for overseeing the spectacular sound, lighting and projection setup, and Mrs Allison-Dodds for coordinating another uplifting celebration of The Arts, supported by Mr Harmzen, Ms Turner, Mr O'Neill, and Mrs Smith. A video of the evening is viewable [here](#).

Cultural Arts Prizegiving



Incheon Korean Exchange

On the 14th of October, we welcomed 29 Korean Students and 6 adults from three schools in Incheon, Korea. Students have been communicating over Instagram and Snapchat, and it was neat for them to finally meet in person. Mr O'Neill organised a wonderful few days where the visitors attended the NPS Calf Club, walked the Karangahake Gorge, tried their hand at rowing, attended our Cultural & Arts Prizegiving, and joined in some HPC classes. Next year in April, our students will be visiting Korea and Japan, and reconnecting with their new friends. A special thank you to Yr 11 Parati Watene-Morrison, and Matua Frank Taipari, who led the whaikōrero for our pōwhiri.

School Closed Thursday, 23rd of October

The PPTA teachers union is joining the nationwide teacher strike. School is closed, and buses will not be running. Senior students, even though it's a strike day, use the time wisely to review notes, catch up on assessments, and show the self-motivation that sets you up for success.

Thank you for supporting the partial strikes this week. We will keep you posted if there are any changes to the planned industrial action.

Kindo our new Financial System

Launching Monday 20th October. We will let you know when you can download the Kindo App. Please discontinue all payments to the school bank account, including any existing Direct or Automatic Payments.

Seniors Week 5 onwards

The official last day of timetabled classes for seniors is Friday, the 31st of October. From week 5 onwards, there will be some special exam tutorials running during usual class times - a timetable will be issued to students next week via Google Classroom and linked to our e-

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Bulletin next Friday, 24 October. We also have 20 students who are expected to attend a workshop that will be run in the Centennial Centre to support their NCEA. If you have any questions about what your senior student needs to be doing after the 31st of October, please reach out to the year level Dean.

Remaining Prizegiving's

- Wednesday 22nd October 6pm: Sports Prizegiving (invites sent out 15/10)
- Thursday 30th October 5.30pm: Senior Academic Prizegiving
- Tuesday 2nd December 9.30am: Yr 9 Prizegiving
- Tuesday 2nd December Midday: Yr 10 Prizegiving

Uniforms for Prizegiving's - No.1's or tidy summer uniform are to be worn. No.1s are not available to hire presently due to the Hub being closed.

Year 9 Camp Forms

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

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.

CAA Exam Results for Second Opportunity

NZQA aims to release 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.

Special Assessment Conditions (SAC) for 2026

As we approach the end of Year 10 and look ahead to NCEA next year, we are beginning the process of identifying students who may qualify for [Special Assessment Conditions \(SAC\)](#). This process takes time, as it involves gathering evidence, trialling supports, and submitting applications to NZQA for consideration.

If you believe your child may benefit from SAC or have any questions about the process, please email Mrs Jacqui-May Allison-Dodds for more information. jacqui-maya@haurakiplains.school.nz

Nga mihi,
Sharon Moller
(PRINCIPAL)

Upcoming Term 4 Dates

Day/Wk	Week 3 - Week commencing 20th Oct		Week 4 - Week commencing 27th Oct	
Monday	20	- 11OTE Overnight Camp - Kauri Tree Programme team building - Students in FULL SUMMER uniform	27	- Labour Day: Public Holiday
Tuesday	21	- Head student interviews - 11OTE Overnight Camp - Sports Prizegiving practice (B1 & 2)	28	
Wednesday	22	- Head student interviews - 6pm Sports Prizegiving - 5.30pm Haurakian Charitable Trust AGM, Centennial Centre	29	- Last block: Pinnock Cup
Thursday	23	- Teacher Strike - School is closed	30	- 12.05pm: Services Academy Graduation Parade - 5.30pm: Senior Academic Prizegiving
Friday	24		31	- Last block: Spirit Day - Last day of timetabled classes for Seniors



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THE
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Haurakian Charitable Trust AGM

Wed 22nd Oct 5.30pm

HPC Centennial Centre
Hayward Road, Ngatea

Supper will be provided

**TURUA PRIMARY SCHOOL AND OUR STUDENTS
PRESENT...**

OLIVER WITH A TWIST

PERFORMING LIVE AT THAMES CIVIC CENTRE

MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER

- MATINEE 1PM
- EVENING SHOW 6PM

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER

- EVENING SHOW 6PM

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Careers Corner

Waikato Trades Academy (WTA/Wintec)

If you want to put in an application for any of the Level 2 programmes and haven't already seen Mrs Lawlor, please email or call in to the careers centre to set up an appointment. 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.

Gateway Graduation

Thank you to all staff, students and parents who attended our Graduation celebration. It was a pleasure to be able to share everyone's latest achievements and acknowledge the success of the Gateway programme in 2025.

If you weren't able to attend to collect your certificates in person, they will have been given to your River Guide to distribute.

Gateway Applications

Please make this your priority if you have not already submitted your form. Mrs Scott could fill 75% of available places at this time, but there are still opportunities available. Please come and have a chat and pick up a form.

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

Leaving School?

Check out the latest edition of Leaving School Magazine. Available on line using this link:
<https://oliverlee.co.nz/leavingschool-issue34/> Call in to the Careers Centre to pick up your own



Year 11 Gateway grandaunts



Year 12 & 13 Gateway grandaunts

