

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 7 Nov 2025



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

Kindo - 464 families not signed up yet!

Thank you to the parents that have signed up since last week. Unfortunately, we still have 464 families that are still outstanding!!! **This is the ONLY way to pay for your students' school fees.** Visit mykindo.co.nz to create an account. Don't delay, do it now!! Please discontinue all payments to the school bank account, including any existing Direct or Automatic Payments.

Important: Students without or not knowing their NZQA logins

A number of exams are now in a digital format and it is therefore important that students have a valid and working NZQA login. After only three digital exams, we had a number of students who were unable to login at the start of their respective exams. Whānau/parents can assist by checking with their children whether they have a valid and/or working NZQA login.

- If they need to establish or reset their accounts, they can do so by following this [link](#) (work through the Learner Login portal).
- Here is also a [step-by-step video](#) on how to set up an account from scratch.
- If everything fails, call 0800697296 to speak to an operator.

An important piece of information they need will be their National Student Number (NSN), which is on their admission slip, but can also be found through the Parent Portal.

Reminder: Teacher Only Day on Friday, 14th November - school closed

This is one of our Ministry of Education (MOE) approved teacher training days and has been in our school calendar since Term 1. We are hosting six other Thames Valley Secondary Schools for a day of essential professional development. We understand the timing is not ideal, given the recent teacher strikes; however, this collaborative time is crucial for our staff.

Our work will focus on two key areas:

1. Preparing for 2026: We will be working with colleagues to share ideas and resources for the new English and Maths curriculum, which must be implemented in 2026.
2. Reviewing Draft Curriculum: We will also use this time to review and engage in the consultation process for the new draft curriculum areas for Year 9 and 10 across other subjects.

We value this opportunity to work with our secondary colleagues and appreciate your understanding and support.

Join Our Parent Attendance Focus Group!

HPC is inviting parents and caregivers to partner with us in making regular attendance a top priority for our students' success in 2026 and beyond.

We know that great attendance is critical for high achievement and strong wellbeing, and we want your input on how we can best support our students and families.

Why Join?

- **Raise Success:** Help shape strategies to boost our overall school attendance and student achievement.
- **Share Your Voice:** We want to hear your ideas, experiences, and suggestions for removing barriers to attendance.
- **Collaborate:** Work directly with school leaders and other parents to ensure our goals meet the real needs of the community.

First Meeting: Friendly Afternoon Tea

Come and meet the team in a relaxed setting. We'll use this first session to get to know each other and collaboratively refine our attendance goals for 2026.

- **Date & Time:** Tuesday, November 18th at 5:00 PM
- **Location:** Meet in the foyer of HPC
- **RSVP:** Please let us know you're coming by emailing **Alissa Place** - alissap@haurakiplains.school.nz by the 14th November

Future focus group meetings will offer flexible options, including both in-person and online sessions.

We can't do this without you! Your perspective is invaluable in helping every HPC student reach their full potential.

Measles Update

You will have seen on the news that a handful of schools have reported measles cases. If you require any information or support, please contact our wonderful school nurse, Susan McInnes, susanm@haurakiplains.school.nz

Acknowledging our long-serving Staff

At the Senior Prizegiving last week, our Board acknowledged the long-serving staff with a medal. We are honoured to have them still working at HPC.

- Mary Aislabie (20yrs)
- Amanda Fitzpatrick (22 yrs)
- Normie Anderson (23yrs)
- Nick Joynes (23yrs)
- Chris Allen (27years)
- Ange Forsyth (27years)
- The late Carolyn Purcell (30 years) was collected by her daughter Toni Ross
- Amanda McCormack (40yrs)
- Ann Leuthart (40yrs)
- Trish Smith (42yrs)
- Teena Corbett (45yrs)



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Services Academy Graduation

Thursday 30th October saw the inaugural HPC Services Academy graduate. This was a significant milestone for the HPC Academy as we officially completed our first year as part of the 30 strong Services Academies nationwide programme.

The Services Academy conducted a Graduation March Out Parade in front of friends, family and invited guests. The parade was inspected by Senior Constable Brian Connors who has run several courses for the students throughout the year.

2025 marked a very successful year for the HPC Services Academy, so much so, HPC the highest performing academy in the country!

- We placed third in Induction Training,
- Second at Basic Leaders,
- First at Advanced Leaders (and Reuben Dodunski finished the course as Top Student in the country!) and
- First in the Adventure Challenge

That level of success is not common, and our Services Academy is the first to achieve such honours in their inaugural year. Congratulations to you all, we are so very proud of you. Your efforts, your teamwork, your resilience and your pursuit of excellence has not gone unnoticed and you should be justifiably proud of yourselves!



Seniors Week 5 onwards

From week 5 onwards, there will be some optional [exam tutorials](#) running during usual class times to give students an extra edge before their exams. Senior students are free to come and go from school around their tutorials as they please. A study room will be provided to those who need to stay in Ngatea all day. **Normal school uniform rules apply.**

2026 Senior Timetables

Senior students will be able to access their 2026 timetables on 19 January. If they have any gaps in their timetable or would like to change subjects, then they will need to come into school during one of our scheduled subject confirmation sessions from 20-23 January. Specific times for these sessions will be announced via an e-bulletin.

Remaining Prizegivings!!!!

- Tuesday 2nd December 9.30am: Yr 9 Prizegiving (all Year 9's attend)
- Tuesday 2nd December 12:00pm Yr 10 Prizegiving (all Year 10's attend)

Uniforms for Prizegivings - Tidy summer uniform is to be worn. Check jewellery, hair - boys to be clean shaven and girls have hair tied back.

CAA Results Now Available

Common Assessment Activity (CAA) results are now live on students' [myNZQA](#) accounts. If they did not pass this year, there will be two further opportunities to complete the CAA's next year. Students can also meet the required 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits through their regular NCEA internal and external assessments, which are approved as equivalent co-requisites during the 2024-2027 transition period. For more information, visit the NZQA website for the [list of approved LIT/NUM standards/courses](#). If you are concerned, please reach out to your child's Maths or English teachers for more specific information.

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

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Upcoming Term 4 Dates

Day/Wk	Week 6 - Week commencing 10th Nov		Week 7 - Week commencing 17th Nov	
Monday	10	- NCEA Exams	17	- NCEA Exams
Tuesday	11	- NCEA Exams - TVSS Jnr Volleyball	18	- NCEA Exams
Wednesday	12	- NCEA Exams	19	- NCEA Exams - 9SCI Waiomu Beach Rocky Shore
Thursday	13	- NCEA Exams	20	- NCEA Exams - 9SCI Waiomu Beach Rocky Shore
Friday	14	- No NCEA Exams - Teacher Only Day (school closed)	21	- NCEA Exams - TVSS Junior Ultimate Frisbee

Careers Corner

STAR courses are short, introductory "taster" courses for students in Years 11-13 that allow them to explore career options and tertiary study pathways while still at school. They are different from our Gateway programme. For 2026 Wintec has developed an exciting new course - A day of Applied Science - He rā o te mahi pūtaiao.

This day is about exploring the exciting world of Applied Science through an interactive 1-day course. Students will explore how science connects to real-world challenges in food production, environment sustainability, and biotechnology, gaining hands-on experience through the practical sessions in the laboratories. During the day, students will participate in interactive environmental science workshops, exploring how soil health and water quality are studied and managed. They will also explore the science behind food innovation and development through creative experiments and finally, they will engage directly with tutors about study options and career opportunities in environmental science, food technology and biotechnology.

More details can be found on the Wintec website: [STAR Experiences](#)

MORE Gateway Programmes for 2026

The work continues to develop courses for 2026 to offer students training, credits and work experiences which specifically align to the different strands of the vocational pathways. So far we have featured pilot training, flight attending, veterinary technicians, forestry and excavator operator courses. Still in the pipeline are trapping/pest control and kaitiakitanga ranger opportunities which Mrs Sayer is creating.

Students are welcome to make an appointment to speak with Mrs Lawlor or Mrs Scott to discuss their specific interests.

It's not too late to sign up to Gateway! It's for anyone who is keen, and available from Years 11-13 inclusive. Programmes and credits are aligned to relevant NCEA levels and made up from different standards, depending on age, experience and work sector.

If you don't know where to start with your career ideas, the best beginning is to create your own account within Tahatū and take the "get inspired" quiz. All students from year 9 upwards should also be logging in to Career Central and updating their profile.

[Instructions for Tahatū](#)

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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 copy.

