

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday 28 Nov 2025



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

REMAINING PRIZEGIVINGS!!!!

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

All parents and family are invited to attend and celebrate our Junior students. Special Award invites were emailed out today.

Every junior student will be crossing the stage to collect their award - but only if they are in the correct uniform. Please ensure your child heads to school in tidy, correct summer uniform. Please check jewellery, hair - boys to be clean shaven and girls to have hair tied back. Please contact your students' Dean no later than Monday if this is going to be an issue for you, and we can put support in place.

KINDO - WE ARE IN THE 200'S - 298 FAMILIES NOT SIGNED UP YET!

Thank you to the parents that have already signed up. Unfortunately, we still have 298 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. Please discontinue all payments to the school bank account, including any existing Direct or Automatic Payments. We are working towards being cashless in 2026.

END OF YEAR AND START OF YEAR DATES

Term 4 - 2025	Term 1 - 2026
Tuesday 2nd December 9.30am: Yr 9 Prizegiving (all Year 9's attend)	Tuesday 20th January - Thursday 22nd January 2-5pm: Senior Course Confirmation
Tuesday 2nd December 12:00pm: Yr 10 Prizegiving (all Year 10's attend)	Friday 23rd January 9am-12pm: Senior Course Confirmation
Wednesday 3rd December - Friday 5th of December: Yr 9 and 10 camps	Monday 26th January: Auckland Anniversary Day (public holiday)
Monday 8th December: Last day of regular classes. Students must complete all unfinished work and clear out their lockers on this day.	Tuesday 27th January and Wednesday 28th January: Staff Only Days
Tuesday 9th December: Yr 8 Discovery Day. No regular classes will be running. Online activities available through google classroom for students to learn from home. Our focus is on welcoming our Year 8 and new students.	Thursday 29th January 9am: Yr 9 pōwhiri, and Yr 13s head to camp, Yr 10-12 learning from home
Wednesday 10th December: School open for administrative tidy up. No regular classes will be running. Online activities available through google classroom for students to learn from home. This is the last day staff are expected to be on-site.	Friday 30th January: Yr 10-12 at school, Yr 13 at camp. Yr 9 learning from home
	Monday 2nd Feb: All year levels at school
	Thursday 12th February: Yr 11 NCEA evening
	Tuesday 17th February: Meet the river guide (all year levels)
	Brand new split swimming sports
	Tuesday 24th of February: Girls swimming sports
	Wednesday 25th of February: Boys swimming sports
	Friday 2nd March: Full school Athletics



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ATTENDANCE HUI

Thank you to the parents, caregivers, and staff who joined us yesterday for our first Attendance Hui. It was a productive session with a clear, shared vision: How do we ensure our school is a place where every student genuinely wants to be?

We know there is a direct link between high attendance and positive student wellbeing. Building on the momentum of our improving attendance statistics, we are moving forward with a purposeful, data-driven approach.

Our Next Steps & Focus Areas:

- Data-Informed Support: We are currently analysing attendance patterns across different demographics (location, age, etc.) to better understand how to support our community.
- Communication: We will share our attendance data in a meaningful and clear way with our community

Targeted Initiatives:

- Year 9: As our newest cohort, they will be the first to pilot our new positive engagement initiatives.
- Year 12: We are prioritising support for this year level to help them maintain consistency and momentum during this crucial academic year.
- Enriching the School Day: We are exploring new break-time activities that balance active engagement with opportunities for quiet decompression for those who need it.
- Celebrating Success: We are reviewing how we effectively celebrate attendance milestones and keep our messaging hopeful and encouraging.

Join the Conversation. This is a shared journey, and the trend is moving in the right direction! We will be holding these hui once a term to keep our community connected. We warmly invite all whānau to attend our next meeting (dates to follow), either in person or online.

2026 SENIOR TIMETABLES

Students will be able to access their NCEA exam results on 14 January. Senior students will be able to access their 2026 timetables on 19 January via the Parent Portal. 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:

- Tuesday 20th January - Thursday 22nd January 2-5pm
- Friday 23rd January 9am-12pm

SCHOOL APP

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our School App:

- NOVUS Glass Thames
- Travel Insurance Brokers
- My Washing Hub Laundromat

- The Glory Company
- Gas & Plumbing Solutions
- Carpet Court Thames
- Ark Plasterers Ltd
- Plumbnetix
- EDL Builders
- Central Motors Hauraki Ltd
- Hayley MacKay - Richardsons Real Estate
- Atahu Aesthetics
- T & A McWatters Ltd

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Nga mihi
Sharon Moller (PRINCIPAL)



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Upcoming Term 4 Dates

Day/Wk	Week 9 - Week commencing 1st Dec		Week 10 - Week commencing 8th Dec	
Monday	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NCEA Exams - Block 1 Extended River singing practice - Block 3 Yr9 Prizegiving practice - Block 4 Yr10 Prizegiving practice 	8	- Last day of regular classes
Tuesday	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9.30am Yr9 Prizegiving - 12pm Yr10 Prizegiving - 3pm Junior reports emailed home 	9	- Yr 8 Discovery Day. Online learning is available
Wednesday	3	- Yr9 & 10 Camps	10	- School open for administrative tidy up. Online learning is available
Thursday	4	- Yr9 & 10 Camps	11	
Friday	5	- Yr9 & 10 Camps	12	

Careers Corner

Your Future Starts Now: Career & Work Exploration!

We have two key staff members ready to provide you with expert guidance and real-world experience!

Meet Mrs. Pippa Lawlor: Your Careers Advisor

Mrs. Lawlor is your go-to person for planning your next steps:

- **Career Pathways:** Get advice on career choices, what you need for university, job training, or employment.
- **Subject Selection:** Receive guidance on choosing the right subjects for your goals.
- **Accelerated Learning:** Get assistance applying for university papers, funded placements, or experiences while still in school (Year 12/13).
- **Special Programmes:** Book a spot on the Learner Driver Course (HPC), a STAR Taster Course (Wintec), or apply for the Waikato Trades Academy.
- **Tertiary Links:** She manages all university liaison, visits, and open days.

Meet Mrs. Lauren Scott: Your Gateway Coordinator

Mrs. Scott can help you bridge the gap between school and work through practical experience:

- **Pathway Alignment:** Plan a Gateway experience that is directly aligned with your vocational pathway and career interests.
- **Valuable NCEA Credits:** Access courses and work programmes where you can Gain Skills, Grow Experience and earn NCEA credits matching your current level.
- **Workplace Readiness:** Learn essential skills, receive training, and gain knowledge that will be highly useful for your future in the world of work.

Ready to Explore Your Options?

Book an appointment with Mrs. Lawlor: pippal@aurakiplainschool.nz or Mrs. Scott: laurens@aurakiplainschool.nz today to make informed decisions about your future!