

HPC e-Bulletin



Friday, February 13th, 2026



Kia ora koutou and welcome to Week Three of Term One!

Valentine's Day!

Well done to our Services Council prefects, Camryn Young and Greer MacDuff, for organising fun activities to celebrate Valentine's Day. As well as acknowledging those we care about, this day is a big fundraiser for our Year 13s, who work hard saving up for their graduation dinner at the end of the year. Sales for serenades were very popular - capped at 60 this year!

Our Careers Advisor, Mrs Lawlor, has run a career quiz for the Junior students which included prizes of hand-made soaps to give to a special mum/aunty/nana/sister for Valentine's Day. Students were asked to write a small paragraph to say why that person should get a special treat. Check out these beautiful responses:

My mum works as a nurse-practitioner. Whenever the nurses need help she is always the first one there, and when it comes to her patients she never is rude or unkind or unhelpful, you can even go around and ask and they will agree. My mum never gets off work on time because she is helping everyone. For example, on Thursdays she finishes at three o'clock but doesn't get home till six. She even helped at my old school, even after she left the PTA. I can't remember one time my mum hasn't helped someone, so for once I want to give back.

I think that my mum deserves a treat because she works at a job she doesn't really like, just to pay the bills and make sure me and my sister get what we need and sometimes what we want. She always puts herself after everyone else and forgets to look after herself.

My mother has four kids that go to 3 different schools. She has to run around after my little brothers all day and deal with me and my older brother fighting. She makes us happy as much as she can and she is almost always overwhelmed. My mum deserves a treat. She needs to know she's loved and her needs are seen.

My mum is a Year 0-3 teacher at XXXX School, and because she works in a very demanding class and often comes home exhausted, I believe she truly deserves some time to relax and recharge

Year 11 NCEA Information Evening

Thank you to the parents and students who supported the Year 11 NCEA information evening. Here is a link to the slides if you missed them <https://shorturl.at/aEdH4>. Here is a link to a helpful NCEA 5-minute video <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/about-ncea/>. A huge thanks to our Academic Council Prefects, Benjamin Martin and Lucia Suess, and Head Student Georgia Green for sharing their perspectives on NCEA.



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Student Lockers

Lockers are available for annual hire via the Kindo app for \$40. Once payment has been completed, keys can be collected from the Student Centre. A \$10 credit will be refunded to your Kindo account when the key is returned at the end of the year.

Change to Kaihere bus run

Please be advised that the Kaihere bus (all runs) will operate 15 minutes later than usual in the mornings, beginning Monday 16 February and continuing until further notice.

Students are requested to be at their designated bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to the new scheduled arrival time. Afternoon bus services will continue to operate as normal.

All Year Levels: Meet the River Guide Evening – Tuesday, 3rd of March, 6:00–7:30 PM

River Guides are your students' champions – they are your child's biggest advocates, mentors, supporters, and cheerleaders here at HPC. Each morning, River Guides meet with their River groups to take the roll, check uniforms, read the notices, and check in with students. On Mondays, this time is extended to include assembly and learning activities.

River Guides are your first point of contact if you need help or have questions. It is important to connect with your student's River Guide and get to know them – we warmly encourage ALL students and their families to attend this evening.

Upcoming Splash Days!

Our Splash Days are coming up, with two action-packed days of swimming, fun and Hapu spirit at the Ngatea Domain Pool. Tuesday 24th February – Boys and Wednesday 25th February – Girls

Participation is compulsory for all students and Splash Days are designed to include something for everyone. With a mix of competitive races and fun events, all students are expected to get involved, have a go and support their Hapu. In addition to swimming races, Splash Days will also feature a range of fun events:

- Clothing Race (shirt and shorts required), Noodle Race and Walking Race
- Girls are welcome to wear shorts over their togs for comfort during events.

Every event a student takes part in earns their Hapu 1 point, so getting involved really counts. Whether racing, taking part in the fun events or cheering on others, everyone plays a part in supporting their Hapu. Entries are online, visit the HPC Sports Facebook page or check your school email, where the entry link has been sent.

We are proud to be a **Positive Vibes Only** school. At all sporting events and activities, we promote encouragement, respect and positive behaviour from students, staff and supporters.

Learn to Row

Every Tuesday and Thursday after school till 5:30 pm during Term 1. Meet at the rowing shed. Normal PE gear, water bottle – hat – sunscreen. Y9–Y10's or Yr11–12s, but you have the intention of rowing next season. Please register at the Student Centre and collect a consent form.



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Upcoming Athletics Day!

Our whole-school Athletics Champs are coming up on Monday, 2nd March, and it's a day where everyone gets involved. With a wide range of track and field events on offer, there's something for all students to take part in.

Entries will be opening soon and students will be able to choose the events they'd like to compete in. Whether you're chasing a personal best or giving something new a go, every event counts; each event entered earns your Hapu 1 point.

3000m Event: the 3000m will take place earlier, Friday 20th February at 9.00am. Get ready to represent your Hapu, support your mates and enjoy a positive vibes only event!

HPC Sports - Wall of Fame

Our School Sports Wall of Fame celebrates past and present students who have proudly represented New Zealand in sport. It is a living record of the outstanding achievements within our school community and is continually being updated as we uncover more stories, names and photos.

Each week, we highlight Wall of Fame athletes through our HPC Sports Facebook page, sharing their sporting journeys and achievements.

If you or your whānau have information, photos or know of a former student who has represented New Zealand in sport, we would love to hear from you. Together, we aim to ensure this Wall of Fame truly reflects the rich sporting history of our school.

Visit the HPC Sports Facebook page to view the Wall of Fame and our weekly spotlights or email sport@haurakiplains.school.nz to get in touch.

WE NEED YOU!

We are on the look out for some amazing Restricted Ready Driving coaches to join our team to mentor and nurture learner drivers to gain their Restricted License. All it needs to be is 1 hour per week. If this sounds like you contact the school office or email amandas@haurakiplains.school.nz

Learning Support

When to Contact the Learning Support Team?

For most day-to-day questions, please use the following guide:

- Subject learning and classwork → Contact the classroom teacher, then the Curriculum Leader
- Behaviour or pastoral concerns → Contact your child's Dean
- Wellbeing concerns → Contact our Wellbeing team
- Learning needs, additional support, or barriers to learning → Contact the Learning Support Team

If you're unsure who to approach, our Learning Support Team is always happy to help point you in the right direction.

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KINDO, Subject Fees, and Timetables

Just a reminder that "Kindo" is the only way to pay your child's fees, sign up for sports events/teams and find out information in regards to accounts. [Here](#) is the flyer with the QR code to sign in if you still have not done this.

We have enjoyed meeting with many students and families over the past week to tailor student options. To ensure academic stability moving forward, any class transitions starting this Monday will now involve a consultation process between parents and our Curriculum Leaders or Senior Leadership team.

Subject fees based on the subjects your student has chosen, will be added onto your Kindo account. If you are not happy with their subject choices, please ensure any changes are made by Thursday, 5th February. For support with subject changes, please contact the year-level Dean or Deputy Principal: [Staff Contact Emails](#).

Homestays for HPC International students

The international roll at HPC is expanding. We are constantly on the look out for local homestay families to accommodate both short and long-term students. Students come from many different countries and all different age groups. It is usually preferable to have HPC siblings in the home, but not a requirement. Remuneration is \$350 a week. Please consider hosting! If willing or interested to find out more, please contact Mike Dwight (HPC International Director) at 027 3258 881 or international@haurakiplains.school.nz. Right now we are looking for a welcoming home for an outgoing and sporty Year 11/12 Chinese boy coming for two weeks from 7th February. If interested, the International Director can send you a student profile for more details.

Attendance Corner

It has been a fantastic start to the year! Seeing our classrooms full of energy and students reconnecting with friends has been the highlight of our week.

Our Goal: Every Student, Every Day. We know that the first few days set the tone for the entire term. To ensure everyone is off to the best possible start, we are checking in with families whose children haven't made it through the gates yet.

What to expect: Families of students who have been absent for these first five days will receive a supportive email from our Attendance Service.

Our approach: This isn't about "rules", it's about connection. We want to make sure every child has the resources and encouragement they need to feel at home here.

Need a hand? Mornings can be tough, and sometimes life gets in the way of a smooth school start. If you are struggling to get your child to school, please reach out to us before the "Day 5" email hits your inbox. We are here to listen and help.

Did you know? Last week Mrs Wilkinson's Year 9 River group had 100% attendance!

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Careers Corner

Off to a flying start

Gateway courses started in earnest this week for the 12 students enrolled in aviation/pilot training. Those at Waikato Aviation will be taking to the skies next week. Exciting! Auckland courses also commence next week, including those students taking flight attending.

Barista and Hospitality students made and served over 70 coffees to staff and students and designed a new logo for their 'company' - The Hot Pour Company. This will feature on their aprons/barista uniforms, so watch out for them around the school as they continue to perfect the art of coffee.

Mrs Scott has been contacting students in Year 12 who have already gained Health & Safety accreditation and who are "work ready". Please check your emails regularly, as there are a lot of courses happening in the next few weeks and we're on a tight schedule.

University visits

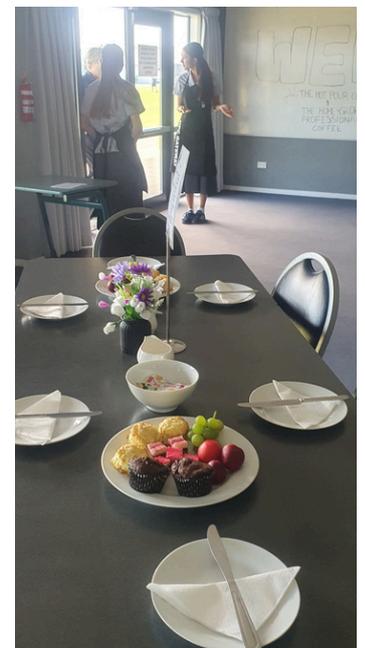
The liaison visits are for students in Years 12-13 who want to find out more about tertiary education. This includes professional qualifications as well as degree level courses. Our next visit is from the University of Auckland, who will be coming into school on Monday 23rd February to speak with interested students. Please sign up using the Google classroom links (see below).

Google Classrooms

There are separate Careers Google classrooms for Juniors, Seniors, Year 13 and Gateway/Work Experience. All students have received an invitation to at least one of the classrooms. Please accept and join so that we can keep you updated with opportunities.

Student Volunteer Army

Membership is open to all. Please sign up using this link <https://volunteer.sva.org.nz/> and then email Mrs Lawlor pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz so that she can invite you to the Google classroom. There are already some wonderful community projects that need your help!



Op Shop Ball Fundraiser

Dust off your finest thrifted threads and join us for the Ngatea Op Shop Ball on Saturday, February 28th! Enjoy a night of 80s and 90s nostalgia with live music from Daughters of Ally, all while supporting a great cause: the HPC trip to South Korea and Japan (<https://bit.ly/49x9Pzw>)

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Upcoming Term 1 Dates

Day/ Week	Week 4: Commencing 16th Feb		Week 5: Commencing 23rd Feb	
Mon	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flight attending course (Auckland) 	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services Academy Induction Waiouru Flight attending course (Auckland) University of Auckland liaison visit Block 2
Tues	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aviation Experience (Hamilton) BOP Schools Triathlon NZ Rowing Club Champs ERO Visit 	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services Academy Induction Waiouru Aviation Experience (Hamilton) HPC Splash Day - BOYS
Wed	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ERO visit NZ Rowing Club Champs 11Art Kerepehi Marae 	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services Academy Induction Waiouru HeadzUp Student Leader Conference HPC Splash Day - GIRLS Waikato SS Show Jumping
Thur	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IIDIT P-Tech 	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services Academy Induction Waiouru
Fri	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPC Athletics 3000m - 9am 	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services Academy Induction Waiouru Moto-X Hawkes Bay Challenge

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you never knew you needed!

SATURDAY, 14 FEBRUARY | 9AM
STALL HOLDERS FROM 8AM TO SETUP

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