

# HPC e-Bulletin

Friday, February 27th, 2026

## MEET THE *River Guide*

TUES 3 MARCH @6PM



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

### **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.

### **Athletics Day 2nd March!**

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.

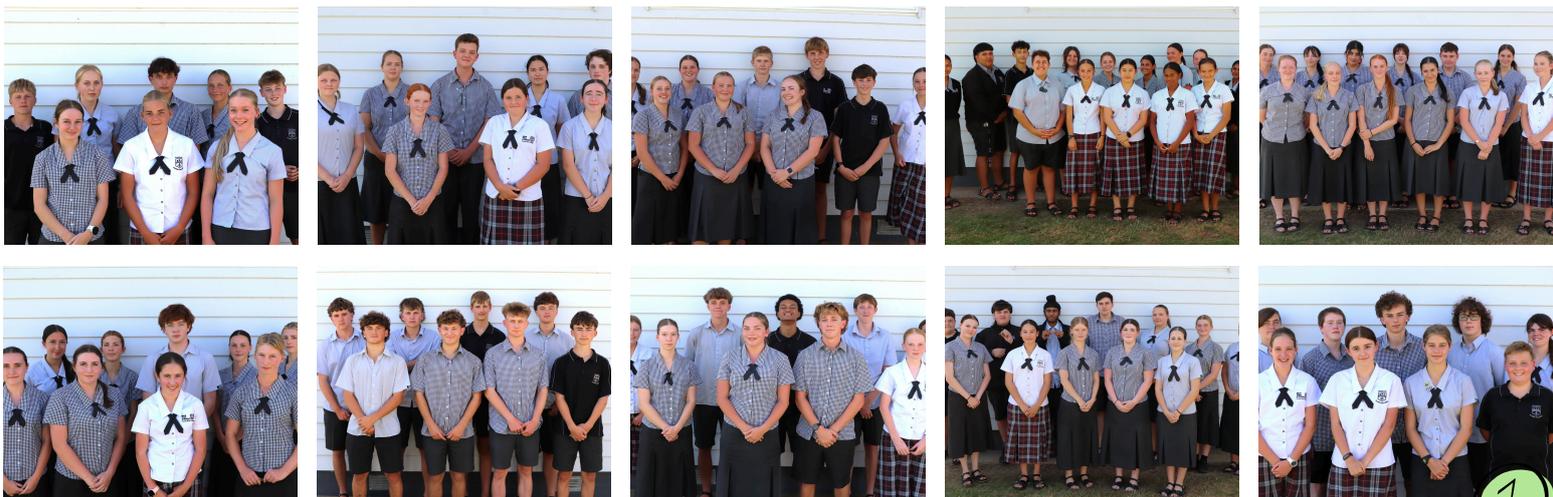
Entries are now open and students are able to choose the events they'd like to compete in. Whether you're chasing a personal best or giving something new a go, every event counts; each event entered earns your Hapu 1 point.

Get ready to represent your Hapu, support your mates and enjoy a positive vibes only event!

**Uniform clarification:** Year 13s are able to dress up in their hapu colours. Yr 9-12s will need to be in their PE gear, which includes their hapu t-shirt. There will be paint stations run by student leaders if students would like to get their face painted. Year 13s will be able to go downtown during the breaks, just like their normal school privilege.

Mr Whippy will be onsite, so students are encouraged to bring cash or eftpos.

**Council members announced at the assembly on Monday – Congratulations to you all! (see our FB post)**



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## Splash Day Success

We updated our format this year to boost participation and hapu spirit—and it worked! Competitor numbers were well up from previous years, and new events like the clothing and walking races brought the fun. The hapu chants were so loud they could be heard from Ngatea's main street! We're already looking at how to make next year even better.

## Class and Individual Photos

PhotoLife Individual and Class Photos will be taken on Tuesday 10th March. All students need to be in correct SUMMER school uniform. Long hair needs to be tied back and boys need to be clean shaven. Students will be asked to remove their jackets and jerseys for the photos – girls, remember your ties.

## Join Us for Our Open Evening & Student Night Market!

We are delighted to invite both in-zone and out-of-zone families considering enrolment for 2027 to explore our school on Tuesday 17th March, starting at 6:00 pm. Nau mai, haere mai!

To make the evening even more special, our Year 11 Commerce students are hosting a Night Market from 5pm–7pm on the front turf. Come along early to support our budding entrepreneurs and enjoy a variety of delicious sweet and savoury treats while you wander through the school grounds (*posters pictured are only a couple of many treats available*).

## Dental Van

The Tooth Group will be onsite in Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 2. They will prioritise Year 9's first. To enrol your child, click [here](#). This information letter will also be emailed out to Year 9 parents at the start of next term also.

## 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.

## Learn to Row

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 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. If you have the intention of rowing next season, please register at the Student Centre and collect a consent form.

## 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](mailto:amandas@haurakiplains.school.nz)

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**HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE**

*Night Market*

Date: Tuesday 17 March  
Time: 5pm - 7pm  
Location: Front Turf @ HPC

Come and support our Year 11 Commerce students by purchasing some of their sweet and savoury treats

**FILTHY FLOAT** \$3.99

**SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL BUSINESS!**

We are Year 11 Commerce students running our own small business.

Filthy Floats, at the Hauraki Plains College Night Markets on Tuesday 17th March.

Your support helps us learn how to run a real business and raise funds. Come see us and enjoy a delicious float!

**SEE YOU THERE!**

**17TH OF MARCH - 5PM**

**BROWNIE BANDITS**

**FLAVOURS**

- NUTELLA
- ORIGINAL
- TRIPLE CHOCOLATE

**PRICES**

- SINGLE \$3.50
- DOUBLE \$6
- TRIPLE \$10

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## 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.

## Learning Support Co-ordinators

Mrs Naomi Fisher & Mrs Jo Smith  
[lsc@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:lsc@haurakiplains.school.nz)

## SENCO

Mrs Jacqui-May Allison-Dodds  
[senco@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:senco@haurakiplains.school.nz)

## 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](#).

## Attendance Corner

Did you know? A number of students achieved 100% (and very close) in 2025. Above is their picture from assembly on Monday.

### Year 9's:

Frankie Neal, Matthew Yurchenko.

### Year 10's:

Ujwal Parajuli, Roanne Villon, Keiley Howard, Marley Green.

### Year 11's:

Lucas Baker, Josh Davies, Connor Friend, Blake Haynes, Kobi Olliff-Gray, Prajwal Parajuli, Chloe Sargent, Joey Torrington, Tiana Rangihika.

### Year 12's:

Marcel de Jong, Godpitt Dollera, Amber Perry, Ella Pivott, Paul Porter, Denzel Apps, Abigail Dovey.

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## CAREERS CORNER

### Get Your Learner's Licence (FREE Course)

Want to get behind the wheel? If you're 16 or older, this free two-day workshop will get you ready to smash your theory test.

#### The Details:

- Eligibility: Must be at least 16 by March 26, 2026.
- Availability: Must be available all 3 days.
- Training: Tuesday, March 24 & Wednesday, March 25.
- Test Day: Thursday, March 26.
- Cost: The course is free, but you must pay the official NZTA test fee yourself.

#### Action Plan:

1. Sign Up: Register your interest by emailing [pjppal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:pjppal@haurakiplains.school.nz) or use this link <https://forms.gle/aPuf3EVINbeLYj69>
2. Check Your Inbox: Look out for an email regarding ID requirements and test costs.
3. Got Questions? Pop into the Careers Centre and chat with Mrs. Lawlor.

### Gateway is maxed out!

The Gateway program is officially **full**. We've hit capacity, so there are no empty spots for right now. Aroha mai—we hate to turn you away!

### Don't miss the next wave!

If you're gutted you missed out, don't sweat it. Get yourself on the radar for future openings by contacting Mrs. Scott at [laurens@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:laurens@haurakiplains.school.nz)

In your email, just let her know:

- What jobs/sectors interest you?
- What year level you are.

### What's happening right now?

The current crew is already tackling some pretty epic work programmes, including:

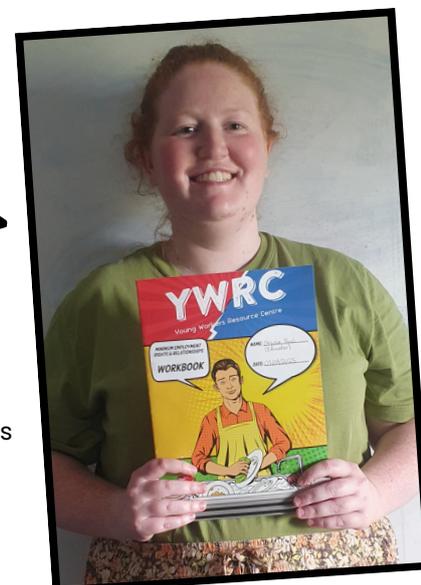
- Aviation & Flight Attending (Taking off, literally)
- Barista Skills (Mastering the caffeine game)
- Equine (Working with horses)
- Young Workers' Rights (Making sure you don't get ripped off)

Speaking of rights, a huge shoutout to **Nicola from the YWRC!** She dropped by this week to help students understand the "fine print" of employment so they know exactly what they're entitled to in the workplace. Knowledge is power!

Next up: Digger construction training and workplace health & safety – both in March. Students – keep checking your emails, as Mrs Scott will be sending out confirmations soon.

### 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. Sign ups are via the Google classrooms. (see below)



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## Coming up in Careers

Date	Time	Event
Mar 4, 2026	Block 2 in Careers Centre	AFS Intercultural Programme for overseas study
Mar 12, 2026	Block 1 in the HUBNF	University of Waikato

## Careers and Gateway in Google Classrooms

We have separate careers classrooms for different year groups.

- Junior careers - for Years 9-10 class code s4nr55yi
- Senior careers - for Years 11-12 class code cqlyrbo3
- Gateway - specifically for those enrolled in the Gateway programmes - class code ikqhw7xq
- Year 13 Careers and pathways - for ALL Year 13 students - class code c7i45vsv

Make sure that you are signed up so that you do not miss our competitions, events and notices. The Seaweeek competition is open for entries now!

## University Opportunities

Unistart course at University of Waikato started this week. Congratulations to Year 13 student **Lyla Roberts** who was offered a scholarship to study a Teaching/Literature paper. You can find out more about what interested Lyla using this link:

<https://www.waikato.ac.nz/study/options/undergraduate/unistart/>

Information about the on-campus experiences (OCE) at University of Otago are in the Google classrooms.



## Upcoming Term 1 Dates

Day/ Week	Week 5: Commencing 23rd Feb		Week 6: Commencing 2nd March	
Mon	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HPC Athletics Champs</li> <li>• Services Academy Induction Waiouru</li> <li>• Flight attending course (Auckland)</li> </ul>	9	
Tues	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services Academy Induction Waiouru</li> <li>• Aviation Experience (Hamilton)</li> </ul>	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class and Individual photos</li> <li>• Waikato SS Tennis Champs - Singles</li> </ul>
Wed	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services Academy Induction Waiouru</li> <li>• Block 2 - AFS presentation</li> </ul>	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thames Valley Athletics</li> <li>• Waikato SS Tennis Champs - Doubles</li> </ul>
Thur	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services Academy Induction Waiouru</li> <li>• TVSS Touch @ Ngatea Domain</li> <li>• Waikato SS Futsal Champs</li> <li>• Vegetables Big Day Out</li> </ul>	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9/10DAN AKL Arts Festival</li> <li>• University of Waikato Liaison Visit Block 1 Hub</li> <li>• Waikato SS MTB Champs</li> </ul>
Fri	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services Academy Induction Waiouru</li> <li>• NI Secondary School Rowing Regatta</li> </ul>	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TVSS Senior 3x3 Basketball</li> <li>• Waikato MX Schools Challenge</li> </ul>