

HPC e-Bulletin



Thursday, February 5th, 2026



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

Year 9's enjoying their first week!

Today I caught up with 6 wonderful Year 9s to discuss their first four days of normal classes. Pictured here, from bottom left clockwise, we have Georgia Court, Katelyn Ouck, Breelle Moxsom, Elisha Machado, Nelleke Zandvoort, and Laura Gilmor. The girls report that:

- They like that their class stays the same, but the teachers change for each subject
- There are lots more people
- They have gotten lost a few times
- Some of their favourite teachers so far include Miss Fisher, Mrs Tawa, Mr Thom, and Mr Willcocks - because they make class interesting and fun



Parents onsite

A reminder that during the school day, and when students are onsite (8.15-3.15), parents are required to sign in via the main office (entrance on Kaihere Road). After signing in, parents will be accompanied by a staff member. *"All visitors to the site, except those visiting during sports fixtures outside of school hours, are asked to report to the school office and state their business."* Please read the following visitor policy for more information <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qN5MmQWDqSDFnJvIWObcVVbfoRF8ItBc/view?usp=sharing>

Year 11 NCEA Information Evening – Thursday, 12th February, 6:00–7:00 PM

This event is for Year 11 students, parents, and anyone wanting to upskill their knowledge of NCEA. Students from our Academic Council will be supporting this event and will be available to answer your questions from a student perspective.

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.

All parents will hear from their student's River Guide via email by Wednesday next week. Please keep an eye out for this message.

Google Classroom

Every class at HPC has a Google Classroom where teachers post activities and work for students. Parents/caregivers of Year 9 students and other new students will receive an email in Week 3 inviting them to subscribe to summaries of activity from their child's Google Classroom subject sites. These summaries, sent daily or weekly (depending on preference), provide a snapshot of each week's learning focus and upcoming assignments.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Jonathan O'Neill: jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz

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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 24 February – Boys & Wednesday 25 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.

Positive Vibes

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.



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.

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Learn to Row

Happening from next week (10th February) on 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, but 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

HPC Packable Bucket Hats

These are available just in time for the sporting events coming up this term. Log into Kindo to purchase these. Once paid for, see Mrs Fitz in the Hub to collect.

2025 Yearbook

Now available to view on our Facebook page, school app and website.

Chromebook Success

Well done to our Year 9, 10 and 11 students who have started the year strong by bringing their Chromebooks to school. If students do not have their own device, they are welcome to borrow one each day from the Hub. They will need to check it out in the morning (like a book) and return it to Student Services in the afternoon. Please note: We only have enough Chromebooks in classrooms for our Yr 12 and 13 students.

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.

Facebook Pages and Contact Details

Facebook continues to be a fast and effective way to reach many people. While we will always email important information, including bulletins, much of our day-to-day news is shared on Facebook. Please follow "Hauraki Plains College: What's happening at HPC" for updates.

Our Facebook Messenger and media@haurakiplains.school.nz email are monitored during school hours if you have news to share with us. We also have a dedicated HPC Sports Facebook page: [HPC Sports](#). For general queries, please contact the Student Centre: studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz.

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School App and Parent Portal

If you have not yet installed the school app on your phone, please follow these instructions:

1. On your phone or tablet, open the Play Store app (Android) or the App Store (Apple).
2. Search for 'school apps nz' and download the SchoolAppsNZ app.
3. Open the SchoolAppsNZ app and search for 'Hauraki Plains College' to connect to our school.

When we send out a message via the app, all users will instantly receive a pop-up 'push notification' on their device. Many parents enjoy the convenience of using the app to notify the school of their child's absence, as well as accessing the daily notices, school map, and staff contact details.

The 'Parent Portal' section of the app allows parents/guardians to access their child's attendance and academic results. Email studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz to request your caregiver login details if you did not receive them, or if you are having issues logging in.

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? 17 students had 100% attendance last year.

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Careers Corner

Unistart at the University of Waikato

If you're a secondary school student, Waikato's **Unistart** programme gives you a head start in education by letting you take university papers while you're still at school. At HPC we offer the option to take papers online. Find more details here: [Unistart Programme](#).

Waikato Trades Academy/Wintec Courses

All Wintec courses start this week. Students- please check your emails as full details have been sent to you individually.

- Wednesday - Manufacturing & Technology Level 2
- Thursday - Construction & Infrastructure Level 2
- Friday - Manufacturing & Technology Level 2
- Building Level 3
- Hairdressing & Beauty Level 2

All courses are completely full at this time and we are not accepting further enrolments.

Gateway courses for next week

- Monday - Barista, Hospitality, Flight attending
- Tuesday - Aviation (pilot training)
- Wednesday - Barista, Hospitality, Flight attending.

Enrolled students please check your emails as full details have been sent to you individually.

Upcoming Term 1 Dates

Day/ Week	Week 3: Commencing 9 Feb		Week 4: Commencing 16 Feb	
Mon	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barista Course 	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flight attending course (Auckland)
Tues	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aviation Experience (Hamilton) 	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aviation Experience (Hamilton) • Triathlon Regional Champs • ERO visit
Wed	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barista Course • WINTEC Courses starting 	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERO visit
Thur	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 NCEA Evening in Hall - 6pm • WINTEC Courses starting 	19	
Fri	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WINTEC Courses starting • King of the Schools MX Champs 	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPC Athletics 3000m - 9am

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 next (<https://bit.ly/49x9Pzw>) to grab your tickets before the early bird discount ends!

NGATEA OP SHOP BALL

SAT 28 FEB
NGATEA WAR
MEMORIAL HALL
DOORS OPEN 7PM

\$60 PER PERSON
FIRST DRINK FREE!
NIBBLES PROVIDED
EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT UNTIL 8 FEB

TWISTER CHAMPS!
DANCE OFF!
PHOTO BOOTH!

**PRIZES FOR BEST
DRESSED AND
KING & QUEEN**

18+

Limited Tickets

80S & 90'S THEME

FUNDRAISER FOR THE HPC TRIP TO KOREA AND JAPAN

Live Band
Daughters of Ally

Get your
tickets
here



KEREPĒHI

COMMUNITY HALL & DOMAIN TRUST

CAR BOOT SALE \$10 PER STALL

For The Love Of Our Hall
All Proceeds Go Towards A New Roof



We're excited to invite you to come along to
our very first event.

Today's the day to sell those treasures you
no longer require and to buy the bargains
you never knew you needed!

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

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