

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday, 20 March, 2026



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

Pegasus Cup

It was an absolute highlight seeing our HPC team compete at the prestigious Pegasus Cup, held at the beautiful Takapoto Estate in Cambridge. A huge well done to Poppy Reid, Sophia Allen, Camryn Young, and Hannah van der Struys, who competed against over 50 other schools. I loved getting to meet their horses and seeing firsthand how much they care for them. Equestrian sports require an incredible commitment from both students and families, and I have great admiration for what our girls are achieving out there.

Student Night Market Success

What an incredible night! Our Year 11 Commerce Night Market absolutely went off, with far more whānau, parents, students, little ones. The atmosphere was buzzing, the stalls looked outstanding, and many groups went all-in with creative merchandising and eye-catching signage. Some stalls even sold out within the first 30 minutes! A huge thank-you to our amazing community for showing up in force and backing our young entrepreneurs - your support made the night unforgettable.

Carry the Baton

Our Year 9 and 10 students participated in the Carry the Baton event today, Friday 20th. This is an exciting, team-based day where students rotate through a variety of physical and collaborative challenges designed to build teamwork, communication, and resilience.

As part of their Junior Physical Education programme, students are being assessed on their ability to work effectively with others, demonstrate positive attitudes, and apply effort across a range of activities.

It promises to be a fun and engaging day for all involved. Photos and a full write-up of the event will be shared in next week's school bulletin.

Thank you from the Lions

"It is my pleasure once again to thank you on behalf of the Ngatea Lions Club for permitting the recent Family Fun Day to be held at the College.

The venue is ideal in every way for the event and members certainly appreciate your generosity in allowing the Club to make use of the grounds and facilities. It is due to the sponsors in the community and many others helping out families from around the district can enjoy a fun time together.

As well, many HPC students assisted in various ways to ensure the day ran smoothly and safely and each was a credit to themselves, their families and the College. Would you please pass on our gratitude as their time, expertise and talents were certainly appreciated."

Excellence Breakfasts in Term 2

We are committed to fostering a culture of high achievement and recognising the dedication our students pour into their NCEA mahi. This year, we are proud to announce the launch of a new tradition: The Excellence Breakfasts. Any student who earns Excellence credits in their NCEA Level 1, 2, or 3 internal assessments during Term 1 will receive an invitation to this special event, alongside their family.

- Dates: Year 12/13 Monday 4th May 9-10.15am, Yr 11 Monday 11th May 9-10.15am
- The Experience: A fully catered breakfast shared with peers and whānau.
- Inspiration: We are excited to host an inspiring guest speaker at each event to share insights on leadership, perseverance, and success beyond the classroom.

We encourage all our seniors to keep pushing for those Excellence grades over the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing many of you there to celebrate your success!

Students setting up for the Night Market



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WE ARE HIRING: Grounds Person!

Do you love the outdoors and take pride in a job well done? We are looking for a reliable Grounds Person to join our busy Property team at HPC!

- Location: Ngatea
- Hours: 20 hrs/week (Mon-Fri), Term Time only (40 weeks/year)
- The Job: Mowing, weeding, pruning, and keeping our campus "top-notch."
- The Fit: Must be physically fit and have a great attitude!

Why us? Competitive rates, equipment provided, on-the-job training, and a supportive team environment.

Interested? Email Scott at scottr@haurakiplains.school.nz to learn more or apply. Applicants must pass a police vet and have a valid NZ work visa.

Summer to Winter Uniform Transition

As the weather begins to cool, we will be transitioning from summer to winter uniform. From **Monday 23 March (Week 9) through to Friday 1 May (Term 2, Week 2)**, students may wear either the summer or winter uniform while families organise winter items. During this transition period, students should wear one full uniform or the other, rather than mixing items from both (e.g. scarves should not be worn with sandals).

From **Monday 4 May**, all students are expected to be wearing the full **winter** uniform. Thank you for your support in helping students look smart and ready for the cooler months ahead.

Winter School Shoes

As we move into winter uniform, please ensure our students are wearing the correct school shoes.

According to our uniform requirements in the HPC Prospectus, the approved winter footwear is black leather lace-up school shoes with a heel of no more than 5 cm (as shown in the image). Many shoes sold in stores as "school shoes" may not meet our uniform guidelines, so we encourage families to check carefully when purchasing.



Here is the link to shoes on NZ Uniforms (socks also available):

<https://haurakiplainscollege.nzuniforms.com/catalog/footwear-1105697.htm>

Thank you for helping us maintain a consistent and tidy school uniform by ensuring your child has the correct footwear.

2nd-hand BBQ wanted

We are looking for a 2nd-hand BBQ to offer our Ag/Hort students a more hands-on "farm to table" experience. If you have a BBQ in good working condition that you would like to donate, please email: tonik@haurakiplains.school.nz

Get paid to Walk & Talk!

Newsletter Deliverers Wanted – Ngatea Township. Want to earn some extra cash while getting your steps in? We're looking for 1 or 2 energetic locals to deliver our inaugural Community Newsletter!

- The Job: Delivering newsletters to mailboxes across Ngatea.
- The Perk: It's a paid position!
- Pro-Tip: Grab a friend! It's twice as fast (and more fun) when you take a side of the street each.
- When: 1st week of school holidays

Interested? Email Amber at: amberf@haurakiplains.school.nz

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.

Nga mihi,
Sharon Moller
(PRINCIPAL)

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ATTENDANCE CORNER

2026 Stepped Attendance Response Overview

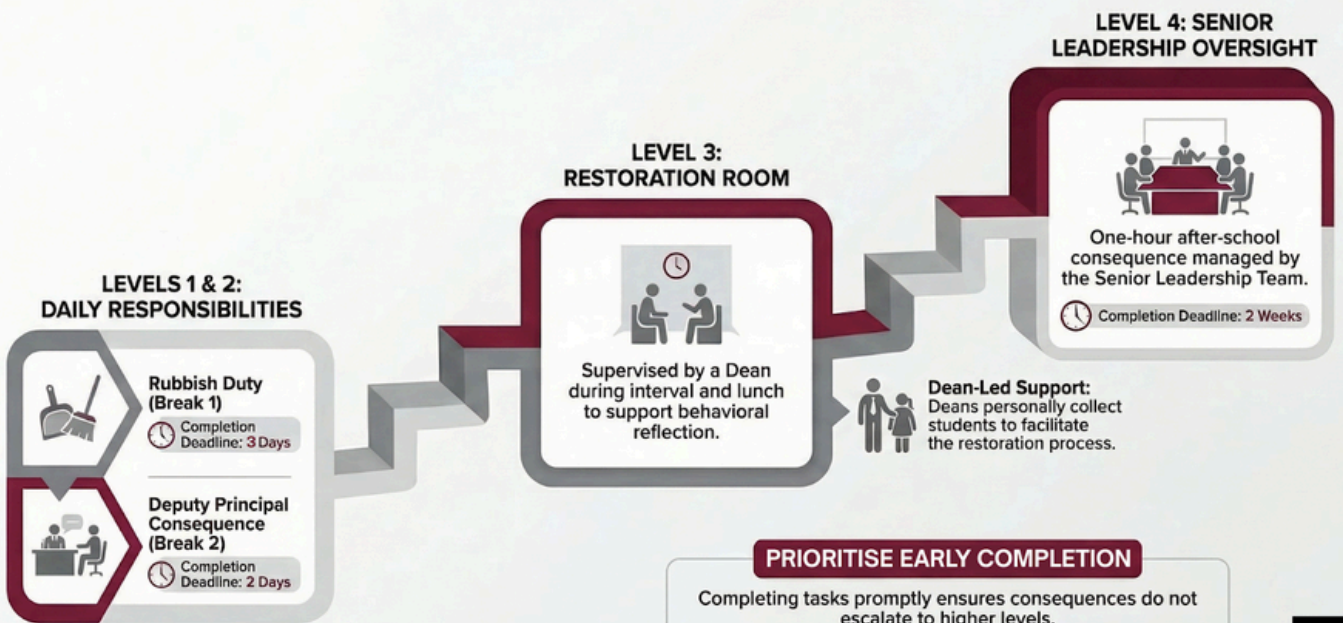
The Colour-Coded Tier System

26 Highest Recorded: 26 Unjustified Days
The highest recorded absence level for a single student during the current term.



CONSEQUENCE PATHWAY

Our Consequence Pathway: Supporting Accountability and Success



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CAREERS CORNER

Gateway

Digging the vibe this week were four of our Gateway students on excavator training. Great to see Ryder Dodds, Max Joynes, Lexis Pointer and Desmond Richards crossing this off their bucket list! If you would like more information, click on this [link](#). There is a "fun course" students can do - no credits attached.

Next week we have site-safe health & safety training plus the Learner Licence Course. Now accepting expressions of interest for the Term 2 licence course. Please email Mrs Lawlor pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz for further information.

University Visits

The liaison visits are for students in Years 11-13 who want to find out more about tertiary education. This includes professional qualifications as well as degree level courses. Worried you won't get UE? There is a "Plan B" - check out this link: Certificate of University Preparation (CUP) : University of Waikato <https://share.google/u8RQSShpWkhwOI2N> Sign ups for liaison visits are via the Google classrooms. Email pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz with any questions.

The Year 13 Careers & Pathways and Senior Careers Google classrooms are where we post information about trips out for Open Days, Expos, visits and other opportunities. Many of these are "open entry" - not tied to a subject or particular group- so be sure to be on the look out for your future ideas.

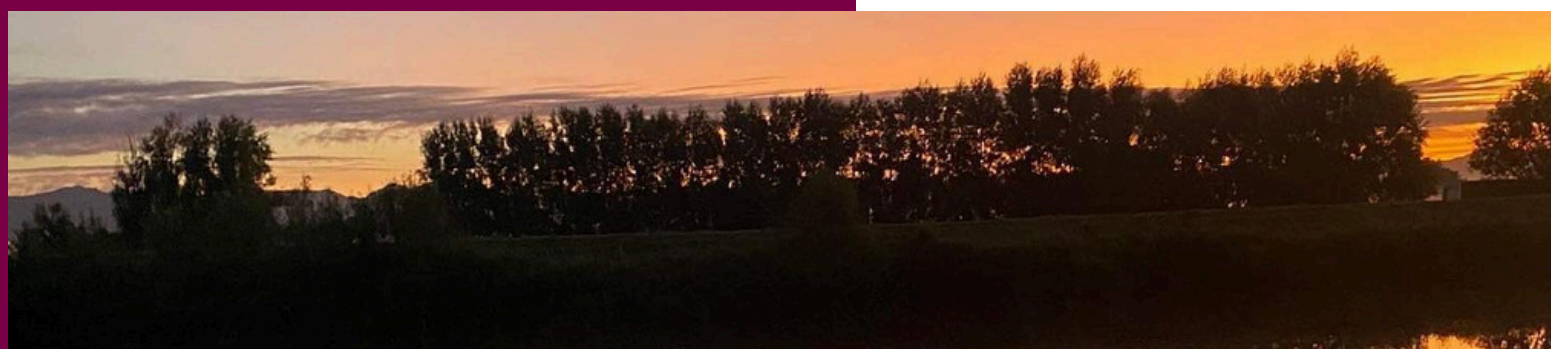
Term 2 Dates

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 21st April	Block 1 (9:00-10:20)	PIHMS
Tuesday 21st April	Block 3 (12-12:45)	Lincoln University
Wednesday 22nd April	Block 1 (9.00-10:20)	Victoria University of Wellington
Thursday 30th April	Block 4 (1:50-3:00)	Otago University
Tuesday 5th May	Block 1 (9:00- 10:20)	AUT Virtual meet - Careers centre
Thursday 14th May	Block 1 (9:00-10:20)	University of Waikato (Scholarships)
Monday 18th May	TBC	Massey University





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UPCOMING DATES

Day/ Week	Week 9: Commencing 23rd March		Week 10: Commencing 30th March	
Mon	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flight Attending • Maadi Cup • WAISS Golf Champs 	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flight Attending
Tues	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maadi Cup • Learner Driver Licence • Aviation Experience • WAISS Golf Champs • 12SFP/13PRI Te Ahikawariki (VICE) trip 	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB Polyfest - Y11-13 MCS • Aviation Experience
Wed	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maadi Cup • Learner Driver Licence • WAISS Golf Champs • 12OTE Kayaking Practical 	01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiuku Exchange (away) • TVSS Softball
Thur	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maadi Cup • Learner Driver Licence • Health & Safety Course 	02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TVSS Bowls • Aviation Experience • Flight Attending • Last day of Term 1 
Fri	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maadi Cup (also 28&29/3) • Health & Safety Course • 13AUT Beach Hop • Flight Attending • NISS Track & Field (28&29/3) • Korea/Japan Trip students depart 29/3 	03	<p>Easter Friday - no school</p> <p><i>Reminder:</i> Daylight Saving ends 5 Apr - clocks back one hour</p> 



Franklin Schools' Career Expo

Over 65 tertiary providers
and local businesses

- Explore further study
- Training options
- Apprenticeships
- Work opportunities



A
Community
Event

All Welcome

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PIA Events Centre
Ward Street, Pukekohe
Thursday 30 April, 2026
5:30pm - 7:30pm

