

# HPC e-Bulletin

Friday, 27 March, 2026



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

## Year 10 Woodwork Lazy Susan projects >>

Well done to the following students who are building high quality products with Mrs Paton in Year 10 Woodwork this term. Pictured: Corey Bloor, Jack Dufty and Abby Hooper.

## Carry the Baton

Our Year 9 and 10 students have shown outstanding commitment throughout the term and trained hard in preparation for Carry the Baton. The event day was a great success (weather included), with students demonstrating positive attitudes, determination, resilience, and strong collaboration within their teams. Each team took on the challenge of two runners and one biker before finishing with a 10-station orienteering course. It was excellent to see students supporting one another and pushing themselves to achieve their best. Some of our senior PE classes demonstrated leadership by helping our junior students complete the course and overseeing some of the stations in the orienteering course. A team effort all-around!

## Demerit Points System

When a student doesn't follow our school expectations, demerit points may be given (attached to each consequence in KAMAR, e.g. Break 1 consequence is worth 1 demerit point). These aren't about punishment - they're a way of tracking behaviour so we can offer the right support and help students get back on track. We also want to make sure that students are following the Hauraki Way and are therefore suitable role models to represent HPC. Accumulating demerits can impact a student's ability to participate in some extracurricular activities, such as sports. When a student has accumulated 5 demerit points, a warning letter is sent home to give students and caregivers a heads up. At 10 demerit points a student loses the privilege from participating in their next school event. Thereafter, every 10 more demerit points accumulated will result in a further loss of participation privilege in the next event. Students start on zero points from Monday 30th of March.

## Pegasus Cup - correction

I am so sorry to have gotten the surname of Sophia incorrect in the last e-bulletin. Sophia John is our wonderful Year 11 student who competed in the Pegasus Cup last week.

## Parent and Community feedback welcome

You may have read about it in the Valley Profile - the Hauraki District Council has generously donated the old Council Depot to HPC. We are exploring the possibility of moving this building to the Hayward Farm, which is owned by the Haurakian Charitable Trust. Ideally, we would like students to be involved in the restoration of this building into classroom spaces for our Agriculture and Horticulture students. Feedback is very welcome from all stakeholders. Here is the link to a short survey, which includes a 1-minute video with more information <https://forms.gle/rj6yMWV3AEHRpk7L6>. Survey closes 2nd of April 2026.

There is a super short video that shows you more about this building in the survey, if you want to watch it.



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## Field trip to Te Ahikawariki – Vegetable Industry Centre of Excellence (VICE)

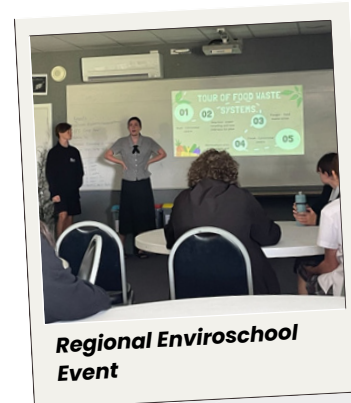
This week, Trades Academy, Sustainable Food Production, and Primary Industry students visited Te Ahikawariki, a horticultural research farm in Pukekohe. The event included learning about their work, a tour of the research plots, workshops with industry leaders (including the head of research and development for Vegetables NZ) and ended with a sausage sizzle! Students learnt a lot about commercial cropping, biosecurity, integrated pest control, and career pathways and opportunities in the sector.

## Regional Enviroschool Event

We were privileged to co-host an Enviroschools regional event last week, which were joined by three other secondary schools and representatives from Hauraki District Council, Waikato Regional Council, and the New Zealand Association for Environmental Education.

The highlight of the event was a presentation and tour organised and led by our Student Environmental Council. They made us really proud, as they shared HPC's waste minimisation and recycling journey, and our upcoming recycling pilot, which they are leading and will start in Term 2.

The event continued with students working together to develop the projects they want to lead this year, with our students focusing on recycling and pest control. While all our student council members deserve recognition for their participation and mahi, a special appreciation goes to the students who presented on the day: Paul Porter, Andrea McMeekan, Sarah Dwyer, Lucas Clark, Connor Friend, Zoe Langford, Kiarna Bergersen and Pippa Jones-Honeybun.



Regional Enviroschool Event

## South Korea and Japan Trip

This Sunday, 28 students set off on a trip of a lifetime to South Korea and Japan. During their travels, they will visit local schools and reunite with the Korean exchange buddies they hosted last October. Wishing the whole group an incredible adventure!



## 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!

## LockDown Training

Every term we run either a fire evacuation or a lock down drill. We have been sharing our processes with students at assembly, and the poster (pictured right) are in all our class rooms. During a lockdown practice or real event, we ask that parents do not call the office phone (we won't be able to answer) or physically come on site (our building will be locked). Thank you for your support and understanding.

Lock Down
Lockdown signalled by - short bells and/or intercom announcement
<b>B</b> uilding: Head to the nearest secure building
<b>L</b> ock doors and windows, barricade if possible
<b>O</b> n the ground, get as low as you can, away from windows
<b>C</b> alm and quiet
<b>K</b> eep following the teacher's instructions
Police or SLT will announce when the Lockdown is over.
Move to Evacuation →

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## Uniform Reminder

A friendly reminder - HPC does not have any shop outlets. All uniforms are purchased via the websites only ([www.nzuniforms.com](http://www.nzuniforms.com) and [www.argyleonline.co.nz](http://www.argyleonline.co.nz)). If you need a tape measure, Mrs Fitzpatrick has heaps in the Hub.

## Summer to Winter Uniform Transition

As the weather begins to cool, we are transitioning from summer to winter uniform. We started on **Monday 23 March** (Week 9) and goes through until **Friday 1 May** (Term 2, Week 2). During this time 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.

## WE ARE HIRING: Grounds Person! Closes 29th March 3pm

Do you love the outdoors and take pride in a job well done? Hauraki Plains College is looking for a reliable Grounds Person to join our busy Property team in Ngatea!

- 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](mailto:scottr@haurakiplains.school.nz) to learn more or apply.

*Applicants must pass a police vet and have a valid NZ work visa.*

**Hauraki Plains Netball Centre celebrating 50 years** - 8th May at 6pm, Ngatea Rugby & Sports Club. More info [here](#).

## Community Notice

Hauraki District Council is currently seeking nominations for the district Land Drainage Committee, which plays an important role in managing our local drainage and systems. Nominations are open and close on 27th March. HDC are encouraging local landowners and drainage ratepayers to get involved. [More info here](#).

## Attendance Corner

Supporting each other - Attendance remains a top priority for HPC and all of New Zealand. We understand that the rising cost of fuel is proving challenging for some parents getting students to bus stops or to school. If you are aware of a family struggling, please reach out to them - particularly if you are driving past or can assist in any way. We are very lucky to have such an amazing Hauraki community looking out for one another.

Nga mihi,  
Sharon Moller (PRINCIPAL)

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## CAREERS CORNER

### Gateway

This week we have completed the last of our Health & Safety courses for Term 1. Further training courses will recommence in Week 2 of Term 2 for chainsaw operations.

### University Visits

The liaison visits are when staff from the universities come into school to speak with students. Sign ups for liaison visits are via the Google classrooms. Email [pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz) with any questions In Term 2 we will also have external visits, where students have the opportunity to travel to Auckland and Hamilton to visit university and tertiary colleges. First up will be the University of Waikato Open Day on Friday May 22nd. More information to follow.

### 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)
Wednesday 20th May	Block 2 (10:20-11:35)	Massey University

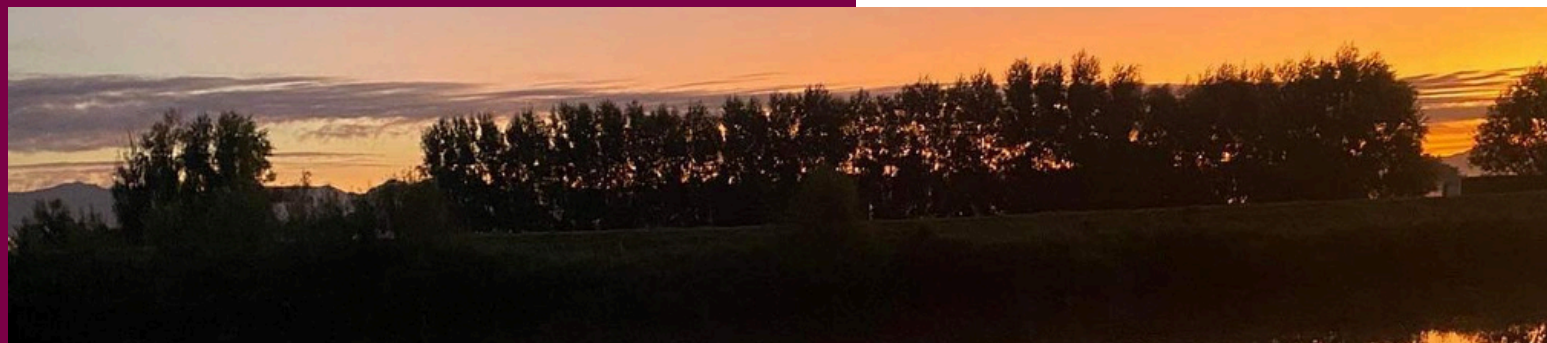
### Important Notices

- Driver Licensing: More than 20 students enrolled in our Learner Driver Licence course this term. If you missed out, don't worry - another course will be offered in Term 2.
- Google Classrooms: There are dedicated classrooms for Gateway, Junior/Senior Careers, Year 13 Pathways, and the Student Volunteer Army. Students: Please ensure you have signed up and have notifications turned on to stay updated on all upcoming opportunities.

Please email Mrs Lawlor [pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz) for further information.

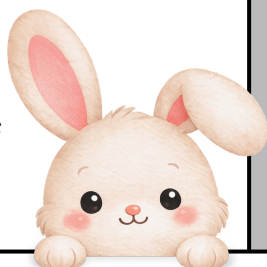
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## UPCOMING DATES

Day/ Week	Week 10: Commencing 30th March		Term 2 Week 1: Commencing 20th April	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flight Attending</li> </ul>	<b>20</b>	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>31</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASB Polyfest - Y11-13 MCS</li> <li>• Aviation Experience</li> <li>• 12OTE Kayaking Practical</li> </ul>	<b>21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIHMS liaison visit</li> <li>• Lincoln University liaison visit</li> </ul>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>01</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiuku Exchange (away)</li> <li>• TVSS Softball</li> </ul>	<b>22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria University liaison visit</li> </ul>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>02</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TVSS Bowls</li> <li>• Last day of Term 1</li> </ul>	<b>23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hayward Farm Autumn Celebration (Jnr Block1, Snr Block2)</li> </ul>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>03</b>	<p>Easter Friday - no school</p> <p><i>Reminder: Daylight Saving ends 5 Apr - clocks back one hour</i></p>	<b>24</b>	





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

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