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Friday, 24 April, 2026



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

Haywards Farm Autumn Celebration yesterday

Well done to Mr Kay, Mr deBeer, and all the students and staff who attended the Haywards Farm Celebrations. There were stations of activities from tree planting with Trees for Survival, freshwater quality testing with Piako-Waiho and Western Firth Catchment Groups, and Enviroschools who brought virtual reality glasses teaching us about Kauri dieback. Student leaders also offered sack races and gumboot throwing - a huge variety of activities. Students picked Manuka seeds and feijoas, and got to eat hot chips made from potatoes grown at the farm by hospitality students. There was a musical performance and a festive feeling - we can't wait to build on this next year.

A huge thank you to the team making things happen at Hayward Farm! Pictured L-R (top) are Haurakian Charitable Trust Chairperson Ciaran Tully, Farm Manager Chris de Beer, and Event Organiser/Enviro Leader Yotam Kay.



ANZAC Day Dawn Service

On the 25th of April, we will hold a Dawn Service at HPC for all members of our community. We would love to see you there.

Schedule:

- 5:30 am: 1st sports teams, Student Council members and leaders, Head Students, and Services Academy students are to meet in the Hall.
- 5:55 am: All other attendees, please assemble outside the "Dog Box" at our main street entrance.

We understand that some families have other ANZAC commitments; however, we warmly encourage as many of our students and leaders as possible to attend.

Excellence Breakfast invites have been sent out for Yr 12 and 13

Today, we sent out the invitations to 42 Year 12's and 62 Year 13 students who have earned excellence credits, and their families. RSVP's are needed by Wednesday, 29th March, so we can organise catering.

Rather than waiting until the end of the year to celebrate academic excellence, we are excited to launch a new tradition - Excellence Breakfasts.

We will enjoy a lovely breakfast together, hear Mayor Toby Adams speak on the topic of Excellence and acknowledge every student with an Excellence certificate.

Year 11 invitations will be sent out next Friday.





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ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

5:45 AM - Gather at the Dog Box (the front of Hauraki Plains College) for a 6 AM start

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Karakia
New Zealand National Anthem E Ihowa - Bridgette Marshall
Australian National Anthem (Advance Australia Fair)
Head Students - Georgia Green, Malia Mason, Amber Perry,
Selwin De Haast
Service Academy Representative - Tyler Evans
Commemorative Address - Service Academy Student Finlay Jensen
The Last Post (Bugle) - Don Robinson
One Minute Silence
Reveille - Don Robinson
The Ode to the Fallen
Closing & After Service - Hot drinks, breakfast muffins & ANZAC biscuits



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South Korea and Japan Exchange

Last week, 28 HPC students returned home from the trip of a lifetime to South Korea and Japan. It was rewarding to see our students strengthen their friendships with the same Korean students who we welcomed into our homes and school in October last year. They immersed themselves in a broad range of cultural experiences: living with a Korean family, attending school in South Korea and Japan, visiting historical sites, gaining new food experiences every day, experiencing city life in Seoul and Tokyo, while also experiencing the natural beauty of both countries.

This was the very first cultural exchange between HPC and schools in South Korea and Japan. We will now start preparing for the next exchange, which will see a new cohort of 28 HPC students travel to those countries in April 2028. Students currently in Year 10 and 11 will be considered for this trip. An information evening will be held at 7pm on Thursday, 28 May in the school hall for families interested in their child participating in this exchange.

One Autumn Night next Wednesday, 29th April 6pm

Live music is happening! A showcase event for our music students, come along and to see and hear live performances next Wednesday night in the school hall. A mix of different styles and groups including our Guitar Ensemble and Jazz Band as well as a bunch of amazing vocal performances. Music starts at 6pm. Doors open at 5.45pm. Donation for Entry.

Photolife

Class and individual photos are now live and ready to view and order. Keycodes have been emailed out to parents. As this is a new system, remember to check your junk, spam, or promotions folders, in case the message was filtered. Free delivery applies to orders placed before midnight on Sunday, 26 April 2026.

Please note: if you ordered the Year 13 class photo, this is still being processed and will not be ready until June.



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Attendance Update: Term 1 Progress

A massive thank you to our students and whānau for your commitment to regular attendance and for keeping our communication channels up to date. Accurate data allows us to better support our learners and ensure every student has the best chance to succeed.

Tracking Our 2026 Goal

Our strategic target for 2026 is a 10% increase in "regular attendance" (students attending school more than 90% of the time). We are aiming to move from 43.5% in 2025 to a 53% target by the end of this year.

Term 1 Year-on-Year Comparison

Attendance Category	2025 (Term 1)	2026 (Term 1)	Trend
Green (Regular)	36.6% (350)	39.3% (374)	Increasing
Yellow (Concern)	22.8% (218)	25.0% (236)	Increasing
Orange (Moderate)	16.2% (155)	15.9% (151)	Decreasing
Red (Chronic)	24.5% (234)	19.8% (181)	Improving

Summary: While our overall snapshot for students above 90% sits at 61.7% (compared to 62.3% in 2025), we are seeing a positive shift as more students move out of the "Red" zone and into more consistent attendance.

A Fresh Start for Term 2

As we begin the new term, everyone starts again in the Green Zone. This is a chance for all students to reset, build new habits, and aim for 100% attendance from day one.

However, please note that while the termly "colour" resets, we continue to monitor cumulative yearly percentages. This allows us to identify and offer further supports to students and whānau who may be struggling with long-term barriers to attendance.

Strengths & Areas for Growth

Our greatest strength this term has been the significant reduction in chronic absence (Red zone). This shows that our collective focus is working. To reach our 53% goal, we are focusing on the following:

- For the School: Refining our support systems to intervene early when attendance dips and celebrating those who show consistent improvement.
- For Students: Making "every day count." Even missing one day, two half days or four blocks a fortnight can drop you out of the Green Zone.
- For Whānau: Maintaining strong morning routines and communicating with us early if there are issues. If your child is struggling to get to school, please reach out to their Dean or Mentor. We want to work with you to find solutions.

Let's keep the momentum going as we head into Term 2!

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CAREERS CORNER

Your Future, Designed by You.

School isn't just about the next exam—it's about where you land once the dust settles. Whether you're eyeing university, a trade, or a gap year, having a strategy beats having a "hope for the best" plan. Here is how to get ahead this term:

Get On-Site: School Visits

We've lined up several exclusive visits to give you a real look at your post-school options. Don't just read about it; experience it.

- Where to find them: Check your Senior Careers or Year 13 Pathways Google Classrooms.
- Action Required: All sign-up links are live now. Spots are limited, so move fast. If there's no link showing, it means that the available places are filled, in which case, e-mail to be put on the waitlist.

Map Your "Onwards & Upwards" Strategy

Ready to build your exit plan? Don't navigate the transition alone. Book a Career Appointment to:

1. Identify your high-leverage pathways.
2. Clear the fog around applications and requirements.
3. Lock in a concrete "Day 1" plan for after graduation.

Bottom line: The most successful people don't find opportunities; they plan for them.

Term 2 University liaison visits – sign up via Google classrooms please

Date	Time	Event
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

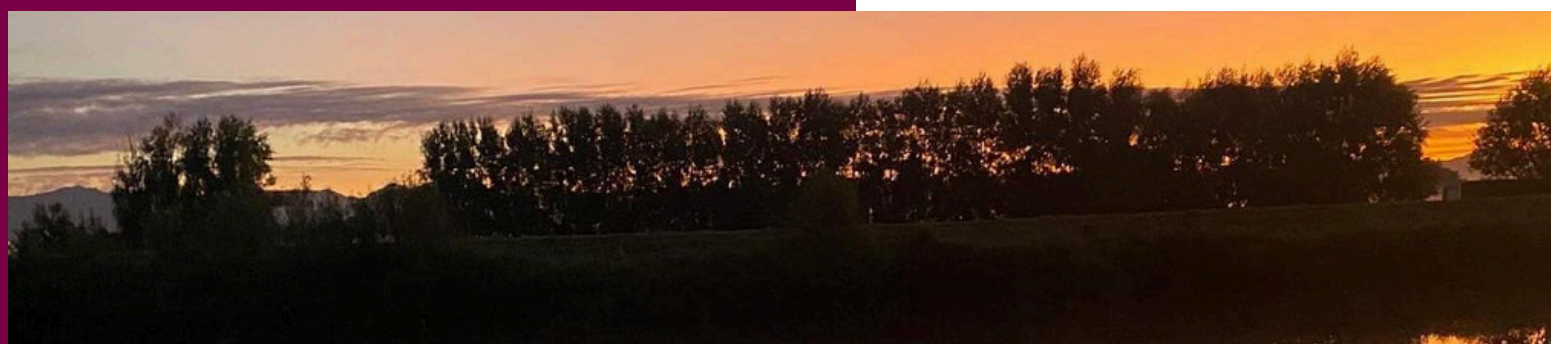
Important Notice:

- Learner Driver Licence training: offered in Term 2 Week 10 – filling up fast!

Please email Mrs Lawlor pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz for further information.

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UPCOMING DATES

Day/ Week	Week 2: Commencing 27th April		Week 3: Commencing 4th May	
Mon	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANZAC Day observed - public holiday 	04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11OTE MTB Skills (Line 1) STAR course: electrical taster Yr12 and 13 Excellence Breakfast HPC Sports Coach & Manager Evening
Tues	28		05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11OTE MTB Skills (Line 3)
Wed	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chainsaw Course Enviro Schools Climate Summit 6 pm One Autumn's Night 	06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chainsaw Course 11DIT P-Tech
Thur	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chainsaw Course Enviro Schools Climate Summit 1.50 - 3 pm Otago Uni Liaison visit TVSS Bowls 	07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chainsaw Course Taupo SS Shoot
Fri	01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11OTE MTB Skills (Line 2) BOP SS MotoX Challenge 	08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clash of the Colleges Ag/Hort Competition

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Doors open 5:45pm, performances at 6:00pm
HPC hall 29th April 2026
Gold coin entry

One Autumn's Night

Come along and indulge in the variety of musical performances!

KIDS DANCE CLASSES

dance + vibe + help us fundraise!

EVERY DOLLAR HELPS US GET TO COMPS!

\$10 per class

We're fundraising to compete and YOU can help by coming to dance with us!

Fun routines, Games + Good vibes, and all levels welcome

- every Sunday - 10:00am - 11:00am
- Mangatawhiri hall
- primary aged kids
- first class Sunday 3rd May

(Mrs Dodds - teacher at Mangatawhiri school & Mrs Houghton - principal at Turua school will be there so feel free to leave your kids with us for the hour and go treat yourself!)

(your dance instructors)
- Stevie
- Ava

PULL UP, DANCE HARD, SUPPORT LOCAL DANCERS!

Check out our Facebook for further class schedules!

Pay online before Saturday 2nd or \$10 cash at the door!
No bookings needed - see you there!
Facebook @ MiniMovers

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