

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday, 15 May, 2026



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

Excellence Breakfast Year 11

Well done to our Year 11 students who have earned early NCEA Excellence credits this year. It was a wonderful first-time event held in our hall - and we were privileged to have ex student Rosemary Firth (nee Einam) as our guest speaker. Rosemary is currently the Acting General Manager at Waikeria Prison. It was a highlight having our student Academic Council lead the event and do all the speaking!

Clash of the Colleges

Last week, 34 of our students took part in the inter-school farming competition, Clash of the Colleges, organised by Agri Futures and held at the Bay of Plenty. Students competed in teams of two to four students, where they had to complete 16 activities, with about 6 minutes for each one. Students had been exposed to a range of Horticulture and Agriculture professionals who ran activities including fruit grading, break fencing, biosecurity, landscaping challenges, honey tasting, tying knots, grading wool, plants identification and more. Our students made us proud by demonstrating leadership, companionship and being their awesome selves.

A special mention goes to Riley Koppens who beat over 100 senior students and took first place in the gumboot throwing competition! Another special mention goes to our Year 9 students, Jack Barry, Ben Sutton, Harris Green and Jago Grimmer, who won 3rd place in the overall scoring in the Juniors category.

Year 10–12 Common Assessment Activities (CAA)

The upcoming CAA exams for Year 10–12 students begin Monday, 18th May. Students have received their timetables this week and should be aware of what exams they are sitting and when.

Digital Support: "Polly" Text-to-Speech

To support our students, the Polly text-to-speech tool will be available for the English Literacy Writing (32405) and English Numeracy (32406) digital exams.

- What it does: Polly reads assessment text aloud and can play back students' own responses to help with proofreading.
- Note: This tool is not available for the Reading (32403) standard.
- Guide: [NZQA Polly Student Guide](#)

Recommended Home Resources

We encourage students to use these excellent New Zealand-based video guides to help them prepare:

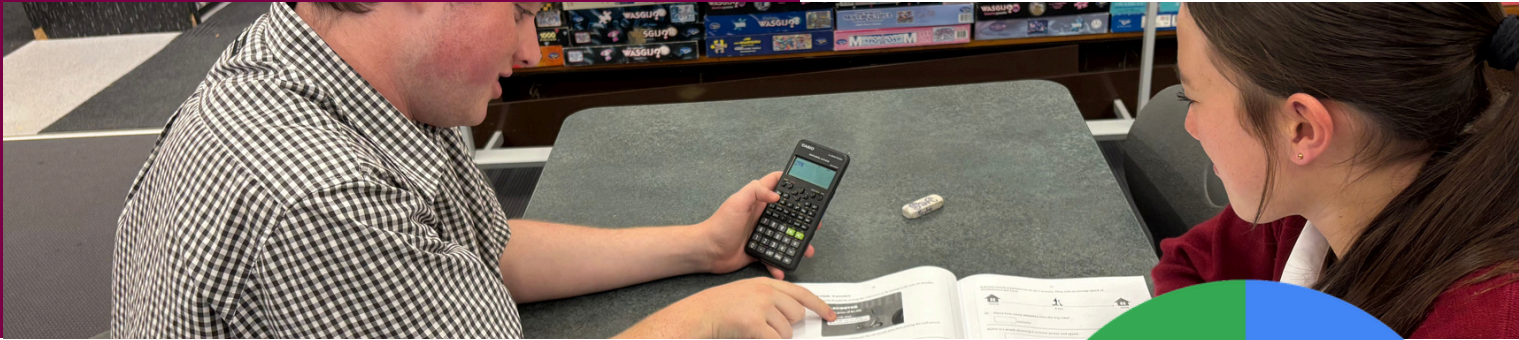
- Literacy (Writing & Reading): [Rosy Ellis NZ YouTube](#) – Explanations of assessment standards and model answers.
- Numeracy: [Step-by-Step Past Papers](#) – Walkthroughs of exams from 2021–2024.

These resources are highly effective for building confidence and learning practical exam tips. Please reach out to the school if you have any questions.



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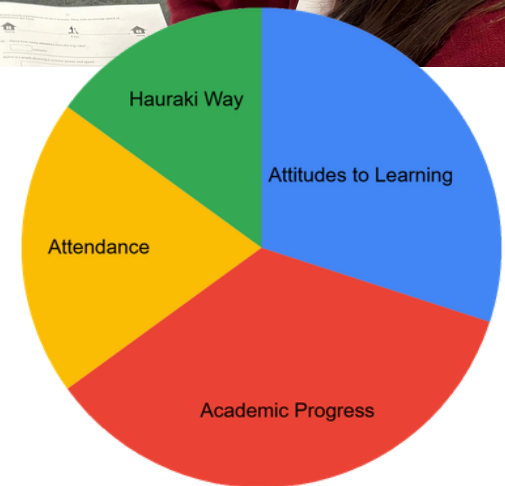
Year 9 Junior Certificate/Year 10 Junior Diploma

We are pleased to share the confirmed criteria for our Year 9 Junior Certificates and Year 10 Junior Diplomas. Following consultation with our staff, students, and parents late last year, we identified several opportunities to refine our reporting to better reflect student growth. The primary purpose of these awards is to celebrate and recognise student achievements across four key pillars: Academic progress, Attitude to Learning, Attendance and the Hauraki Way.

While we value the diverse extracurricular activities our students pursue, we recognise that participation in these can sometimes be influenced by factors outside of a student's direct control. To ensure our end-of-year awards are as fair and motivating as possible, we have shifted our focus toward areas where students can take personal agency.

Yr 9 and 10 students will receive a Term 1 & 2 score in their mid year report and Term 3 & 4 score in their end of year report based on this graph. These scores will determine whether they earn their Junior Certificate or Junior Diploma with Achieved, Merit, or Excellence at our end-of-year prizegiving.

Academic 35%, Attitude to Learning 30%, Attendance 20% (10% term 1, 10% Term 2), Hauraki Way 15%



Student Tutorials

Tutorials are going well with over 15 students utilising the service. The Academic Council will be running CAA support every day next week - 3.15pm in the Hub.

Do Days

From Friday, 22 May to Friday 29 May, all students will have a modified timetable where each of their classes will have back-to-back periods staggered over this period. The "Do Days" initiative is designed to help students bridge the gap between the classroom and the workforce. It's an opportunity to explore potential career pathways through:

- Guest Speakers
- Field Trips
- New Learning Experiences

Students will be provided with a printed version of their modified timetables on Monday, but they can also view this in the Parent Portal.

Ministry Bus Students

All students that travel on a Ministry Bus (not including private buses), must fill in the Code of Conduct Form that has been loaded onto Kindo under "Payments & Forms". This needs to be completed as soon as possible for continued use of the bus service.

Year 9 Camp

Year 9 students have an exciting opportunity to attend camp at the end of the year in December at Ngāruawāhia Christian Youth Camp, where they will step outside the classroom to challenge themselves through a range of activities. Students will take part in exciting experiences, including outdoor adventure challenges, flying fox, hydroslide, mud slide, crate climbing, kayaking, while also relaxing around the campfire, and much more. All 15 activities, along with food and accommodation, are included in the camp experience. The cost of the camp is \$250 per student. We have charged Yr 9 parents \$250 on Kindo today, and encourage you to set up payment plans. There will be no refunds or credits 4 weeks before the camp starts. Please contact the Year 9 Deans with any questions, or Student Services (studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz) for Kindo queries.

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South Korea and Japan Trip 2028

Building on the success of our recent cultural exchange with schools in South Korea and Japan, we are excited to begin preparations for our next journey 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. We invite all interested families to attend this session to learn more about the itinerary, costs, and the application process.

Overdue Sports Fees

We have thousands in unpaid sports fees and school fees. Once parents have had their child's sports fees sent to them via Kindo they will have 3 weeks to pay the fees in full OR have a payment plan in place through Kindo. After the 3 weeks, students will not be eligible to continue playing until the fees or a payment plan is in place. Fees for winter codes will be sent out soon.

Our Sports Department works hard to keep the costs down as best they can and expenses get shared out between the students participating - please be fair to your fellow teammates and pay your part.

If families need help setting up a payment plan or how to use Kindo please contact studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz or Kindo direct: helpdesk@kindo.co.nz

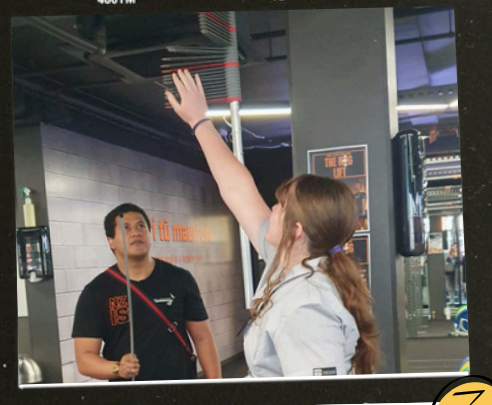
New 30km speed limit outside school

This will be in place in June. See the [map](#) and other information [here](#).

Careers Corner

There's something truly special about seeing former students flourish. Watching them carve out their own paths doesn't just make us proud—it lights the way for the next cohort to dream bigger and reach further. Seeing where their journeys lead reminds us all that the end of school is just the beginning of even greater things.

This week, students visited New Zealand Institute of Sport to find out more about the range of courses they offer. Alumnus Jesse Holtham was on the door to welcome us. Our students immersed themselves in all the activities on offer and took on the challenges with enthusiasm. You can find out further information using this link: <https://www.nzis.co.nz/>



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Careers Corner cont...

HPC continues to strengthen its ties with tertiary institutions through regular liaison visits. These sessions allow students to explore a wide range of study options and build the connections necessary to make important choices regarding their post-school pathways. Of course, it's always nice to pick up some prizes along the way too! Congratulations to **Tamzin Forsyth-Lees** and **Stephanie Baigent**, both of whom now have new hoodies thanks to our future student advisors from University of Victoria Wellington and University of Waikato.

Turn your "what if" into "watch me!" Don't just wonder—find out. Drop into the Careers Centre to chat with our team and map your move. Your future starts with a conversation. Please email Mrs Lawlor pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz for further information.

Explore Your Future: Off-site campus visits and university meetings are happening soon in Hamilton, Auckland, and Tauranga! With new information arriving weekly, make it a habit to drop into the Senior Careers Google classrooms to stay updated on all upcoming opportunities.



Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 20th May	Block 2 (10:20-11:35)	Liaison visit to HPC (Massey University) - HALL

University of Waikato Open Day 22nd May

Both coaches are fully booked. There is a waitlist operating now. If you want to make your own transport arrangements or drive yourself, please make sure that you speak to our helpful student services team and complete the correct permission forms. You do also need to ensure that parents contact the school so that your attendance is marked correctly.

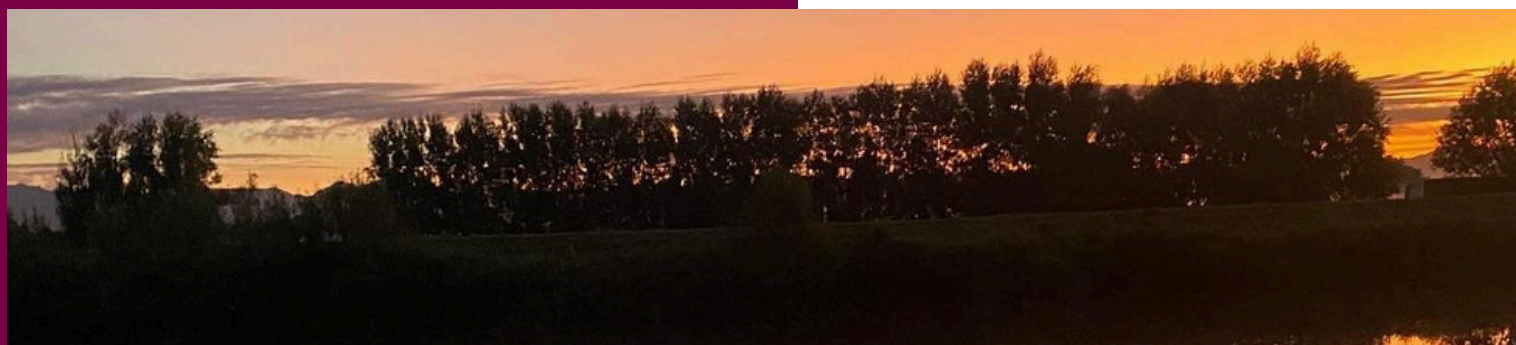
Students - please read your emails for updates on Gateway courses

We have digger training, scaffolding and first aid courses happening soon.

Mrs Scott's email: laurens@haurakiplains.school.nz

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Upcoming Dates

	Week 5: Commencing 18th May		Week 6: Commencing 25th May	
Mon	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11OTE MTB Skills (Line 1) • CAA exams 	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do Day • Services Academy Bushcraft
Tues	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waikato Inter-Collegiate Golf Champs Day • 11OTE MTB Skills (Line 4) • CAA exams 	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do Day • Services Academy Bushcraft • 11COM Tip Top Factory • 13BUS YES Dragon's Den
Wed	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kopuarahi Tree Planting • CAA exams 	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do Day • Services Academy Bushcraft • Digital Tech and Innovation Workshops • Digger Training
Thur	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13OTE Tramp 2 • CAA exams 	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do Day • Services Academy Bushcraft • Digital Tech and Innovation Workshops • Digger Training • Rugby Mental Skills Workshops • Year 11 Digital P-Tech Trip • WSS Squash Champs • WSS Swimming Champs
Fri	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do Day • University of Waikato Open Day campus visit • Korean Festival Waikato Uni 	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do Day • Services Academy Bushcraft • 11ESS Do Day Sustainable Mud Wall

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