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

Do Days

For the last 6 days students have had a modified timetable where each of their classes had back-to-back classes staggered over this week. The "Do Days" initiative was designed to help students bridge the gap between the classroom and the workforce. Over the last 6 days our students have taken part in a range of exciting learning activities, field trips and heard from a number of guest speakers from a range of fields.

Virtual Reality - Digital Technology Workshops

A huge thank you to Ngāti Tamaterā for offering two days of digital workshops for our students. Ngāti Tamaterā has partnered with Young Animators - Nikora Ngaropo and the Sir Peter Blake Trust members Ngahuaia, Ginny, to bring innovative digital technology and environmental stewardship opportunities to schools in 2026. Over 120 students took part in the workshops over the past couple of days.

'Ahead of the Game' - Rugby Mental Skills

NZ Rugby delivered workshops to our rugby players this week. The workshops focus on building mental fitness and resilience, while giving students practical tools to recognise mental health challenges, start conversations, support others and know where to go for help. A valuable opportunity for our players, both on and off the field.

South Korea and Japan Trip 2028

It was great to see many families attend the information evening last night. Please follow [this link](#) to access the trip application form and the slide presentation from the evening.

Mufti Day Friday 5 June

Mufti day next Friday - Theme is character Day. Prize for best dressed! Gold coin donation towards Year 13 Graduation Dinner.

Tooth Group

The Tooth Group will be onsite for the next 2 weeks (2 - 12 June). They provide FREE dental care for students under 18. Enrolment letter with opt-in/out link [here](#).

Student Tutorials

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



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Our Plains Our Future

Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council are offering a unique opportunity for HPC students to learn more and share their values and opinions regarding their work on adapting the flood protection schemes for the Hauraki Plains to the increasing effects of climate change.

This event, taking place on the 11th of June, will include two parts:

1. A workshop during blocks 1 and 2.
2. A tour of the flood protection infrastructure in our local area.

Students can choose to join only the workshop or join for the whole school day. Spaces for the tour are limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please see [this link to register](#).

Moving the Middle

As part of HPC's long term involvement in the Agents of Change and Move the Middle research programmes, two of our student enviro leaders, Paul Porter and Lucas Clark, and our school's environmental coordinator, Mr Kay, flew to Wellington to participate in a research symposium.

We are privileged to have been invited and for it to be fully funded by Landcare Research and the Bioeconomy Science Institute. The event and research focus on supporting farmers and rural land managers to improve their environmental outcomes within our complex social, cultural, biophysical, and economic landscapes.

Our students' participation was celebrated by the organisers, and they attended a day full of talks and workshops led by industry and academic experts. Lucas and networked with professionals from the Ministry of Primary Industries, students from various universities and other leaders in the sector. The day ended with an interactive session of playing a new game, still being, in which Lucas and Paul did very well, and obviously won in their opinion, which was part of the game's aim.

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.



Our Plains, Our Future

Climate change adaptation planning on the Hauraki Plains

We want a future where everyone on the Hauraki Plains feels confident and safe. Together, we are planning how we can adapt the ways we live, work and play as our climate continues to change.

Sign up for our workshop on Thursday 11 June to come:

- Learn what adaptation planning means
- Explore the flood maps
- Share what you think about different levels of risk
- Learn about the next steps
- Get a tour of the flood protection and land drainage schemes
- Have your say on the project.

SIGN UP FOR OUR WORKSHOP

Scan the QR code to register now!
Our Plains Our Future HPC Registration Form

Waikato REGIONAL COUNCIL
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This project is partially funded by central government's Better Off Funding package to invest in the wellbeing of our communities.

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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.

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 three 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.

Our Sports Department works hard to keep the costs down as best they can and expenses are 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

40 Hour Challenge 2026!

A group of Year 11 and 12 students are taking on the 40 hour challenge this year, they will be giving up anything for 40 hours to help raise money for the families in the Solomon Islands.

We encourage everyone to sign up and have a go at giving something up for 40 hours, we will be doing a bake sale in week 9 so we would love to get everyone on board!

Any students that want to help can go to their Dean and get the link to sign up at world vision as a participant, parents can help by supporting the page and donating.

There will be more information about this to come. Give it a go!

Volunteers Needed in Ngatea – Step Up for Your Community

Hato Hone St John is currently looking for dedicated locals to join the Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Service team in Ngatea.

Whether it's responding to emergencies, supporting patients, or simply being there during someone's most critical moment, volunteers play an essential role in keeping the community safe.

No prior medical experience is needed – full training and ongoing support are provided, along with the opportunity to gain nationally recognised clinical skills.

Why Volunteer?

- Make a meaningful difference in your local community
- Learn life-saving and emergency care skills
- Join a supportive and close-knit team
- Flexible volunteering opportunities to fit around work and family life

Hato Hone St John is looking for reliable, community-minded people who are calm under pressure, willing to learn, and able to commit to regular volunteer shifts.

For many volunteers, this becomes more than just giving back – it's a chance to build confidence, develop leadership skills, and be part of something bigger.

Interested in Learning More?

Come along to our Volunteer Information Evening on Tuesday 9 June, from 5–7pm at the Ngatea Ambulance Station. Meet the team, learn more about the role, and discover how you can get involved. To RSVP, simply scan [here](#).

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FOR SALE – Modern 1-Bedroom Self-Contained Cabin (30sqm)

Price: \$63,250 incl. GST

Location: Hauraki Plains College, Ngatea

Condition: Brand New

Proudly built as a Year 13 Building Project at Hauraki Plains College, this beautifully crafted 4m x 7.5m relocatable cabin offers an ideal minor dwelling, sleepout, or holiday bach. Built to a high standard with excellent specifications, it is fully completed and ready to be moved to its permanent home.

★ Key Features

- Layout: 1 separate bedroom, open-plan kitchen and living area, and a fully functional bathroom.
- Warm & Quiet: Fully insulated with modern double-glazed windows throughout.
- Size: 30sqm (4m x 7.5m footprint) – a spacious yet highly transportable layout.

📄 Full Compliance & Warranties

Buy with absolute peace of mind. All professional compliance and documentation are fully sorted:

- Council Consent: Code of Compliance (Certificate of Acceptance for completion).
- Electrical: Full Electrical COC completed by Laser Electrical.
- Plumbing & Gas: PS3 certification completed by Ngatea Plumbing and Gas.
- Warranties: Manufacturer and supplier warranties included for both the joinery and roofing.
- Bonus: A foundation plan can be provided to the buyer upon request.

🚚 Transport & Viewings

- Viewing: You are more than welcome to inspect the quality of the build in person! Located on-site at Hauraki Plains College in Ngatea.
- Removal/Transport: Buyer to arrange removal. We highly recommend local experts KT Cartage Ltd (based nearby in Kerepehi) for a seamless relocation quote. They can be reached directly at 022 372 4156.

📞 **Get in Touch** – To ask questions, arrange a viewing, or make an offer, please contact Kyle Backhouse-Smith at 021 285 4360. **Trade Me listing:** <https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/marketplace/building-renovation/portable-cabins/listing/5908474505>



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Careers Corner

Careers in farming- earn while you learn

If you are 15 and thinking about your future, 2026 is the perfect time to start planning. New Zealand has some incredible programs where you can earn money, live on a farm, and get qualified all at the same time.

Here are your best options for applying in 2026:

1. Pāmu (Landcorp) Apprenticeship Scheme

- Structure: A 2-year, full-time, live-on-site paid program.
- Scope: Covers both Dairy and Livestock sectors.
- Key Benefits: Includes pastoral support and a guaranteed permanent role upon successful completion.
- 2026 Timeline: Applications for the 2027 intake open June 2026.

Interested students can register early via their [Expression of Interest form](#).

[Apprenticeships • Pāmu Landcorp Farming Limited](#)

2. Growing Future Farmers (GFF)

- Structure: A 2-year farmer-led vocational scholarship for youth aged 16–20.
- Scope: Intensive practical experience combined with formal Level 3 & 4 Certificates.
- 2026 Application Dates:
 - June 1, 2026: Applications open for Sheep & Beef (S&B) Foundations and Dairy programs.
 - July 1, 2026: Applications open for Level 4 programs.

[Growing Future Farmers](#)

3. Primary ITO Apprenticeships

- Structure: The central industry training body providing structured, work-based learning.
- Specializations: Dairy Farming, Breeding Livestock, General Farming
- Status: Ongoing enrollment available for students already employed or looking to enter the workforce while gaining Level 3/4 qualifications.

4. Beef + Lamb New Zealand (B+LNZ) & Regional Cadetships

- Structure: Specialized, multi-year land-based training focused on hill country and leadership.
- Key Providers:
 - Otiwhiti Station (Huntermville): Focuses on sheep and beef hill country farming.
 - Whangārei A&P Farm Intern Programme: Focuses on regional livestock and dairy.
- Focus: Designed for those aiming for leadership roles within the sheep and beef sectors.

Please email Mrs Lawlor pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz to book an appointment to talk about your career journey, your plans for 2027 and where your next steps will take you.

University Meetings

We have concluded the round of on-site liaison meetings for Term 2. However, there are still events happening around the region. Keep an eye on the Year 13 Careers and Pathways Google classroom for updates - this includes on-campus opportunities, scholarships and information events.

The New Work Standard - In the professional world, nobody is going to chase you down to make sure you're ready. To be part of our Gateway programs, you need to show you are work-ready. That means:

- No More Reminders: Don't wait for an adult or a teacher to nag you. It's your job to check your messages and deadlines.
- Do the Prep: If you haven't done the pre-work, you aren't ready for the site. It's that simple.
- Own Your Spot: These courses are a massive opportunity. If you want to be treated like a professional, you have to act like one.

Bottom line: If you've been asked to do something - site safety briefing or a pre-course review, or complete an assessment - just get it done. Prove that you can handle the responsibility without being babysat.

The reward? Awesome experiences with real-life skills that open up job opportunities.
Mrs Scott's email: laurens@haurakiplains.school.nz

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Upcoming Dates

	Week 7: Commencing 1st June		Week 8: Commencing 8th June	
Mon	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> King's Birthday (Public Holiday) 	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tooth Group onsite Law student for the day STAR Plumbing Taster Course
Tues	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tooth Group onsite Scaffolding Course 1 11OTE MTB Skills Line 2 (Trip 3) 	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tooth Group onsite
Wed	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tooth Group onsite Scaffolding Course 1 Gateway Digger Course TVSS X-Country (HPC) 	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tooth Group onsite Experience Psychology Day Field Days WAIBOPSS X-Country (HPC)
Thur	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tooth Group onsite Scaffolding Course 2 Gateway Digger Course ShowQuest 2026 	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tooth Group onsite Digital Tech - Waikato Uni Our Plains, Our Future - workshop
Fri	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tooth Group onsite Scaffolding Course 2 Gateway Digger Course 11OTE MTB Skills Line 4 (Trip 3) Mufti Day for Grad Dinner: Dress as a character 	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tooth Group onsite