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Friday, 8 May, 2026



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

Green Chilli Success

Well done to Mistah Clay, Harley Gray and students for growing these beautiful green chillies.

Excellence Breakfast Year 12 and 13

Well done to our Year 12 and 13 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 Mayor Toby Adams as our guest speaker. It was a highlight having our student Academic Council lead the event and do all the speaking! The celebrations continue with our Year 11 Excellence Breakfast, which starts at 9am on Monday the 11th of May.

Year 10–12 Common Assessment Activities (CAA)

The upcoming CAA exams for Year 10–12 students begin Monday, 18th May. Students will receive their individual exam timetables next week.

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.

Successful Lockdown Practice

We are required to practice lockdown and/or fire evacuations at least twice a year. On Wednesday, the 6th of May, we had a lockdown practice and a full evacuation. This happened during break time, to test how well we can get to the nearest building when we are not in our usual classes. The trainers were very impressed with the speed at which our students moved. A special well done to our Year 9s, who coped really well with our first drill.



Mistah Clay (left) and Harley Gray



Mayor Toby Adams



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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.

Summer Code Photos: Tuesday, 12th May

Photolife will be visiting on Tuesday, 12th May to capture our summer code photos. Please take note of the following details to ensure the day runs smoothly:

- Schedule: Please refer to the **attached** schedule for specific team timings.
- Arrival: Students must arrive at the designated area at least 5 minutes before their scheduled slot.
- Uniform: All students must wear their correct sporting uniform or full winter school uniform as required.
- Grooming: Long hair must be tied back, and boys are required to be clean-shaven.
- Communication: TICs and Coaches will be in touch with individual teams regarding any specific requirements.

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, 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.

Academic Tutorials: a message from the student-led Academic Council

The Academic Council wants to provide as much support for our students as we can. Therefore, we would like to offer the opportunity for your child to attend after-school tutorials (we are also exploring a before-school option). If you feel that your child could use the support and help in a subject, then these tutorials could be an option for them. The tutorials will be run by student leaders and will focus on the core subjects e.g. Maths, Science, English, and Humanities. These tutorials will be free of charge and open to all interested. If this is something that you think your child would benefit from, please fill out the attached Google form or send an inquiry to either Ben Martin - 22165@haurakiplains.school.nz or Lucia Suess - 22093@haurakiplains.school.nz. Alternatively if you want to contact a staff member, you can reach out to Year 13 Dean, Mr Paymani - TezharP@haurakiplains.school.nz [Google Form Link](#)

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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

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.

Casual Teacher Aide Position

We are looking for a part-time Teacher Aide for our students who is available to work on a casual basis. Hours will vary week to week with the possibility of more permanent hours.

This position would suit someone who is able to predominantly work with our junior school supporting self management skills and their learning needs.

Our successful applicants will have the following skills and attributes.

- The ability to relate to and successfully engage with young people (hononga).
- A firm belief in a 'potential' focus – that all students have agency, strengths, and the capability to learn (mana motuhake).
- The ability to work collaboratively with teachers and other professionals, and to advocate for the student when necessary (whaiwhakaro).

If this sounds like you or you would like to find out more information please email Laura Dowding (laurad@haurakiplains.school.nz) with your CV before the 15th May 3pm.

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Careers Corner

Students - please read your emails for updates on courses, trips and Gateway

Last Friday senior students visited Thames Hospital and OPSM to learn more about career pathways in Radiography and Optometry. We are very grateful to our University of Auckland liaison, Amy Tsao, for organising this, and to the local businesses who hosted our students.

It's been another busy week for our Gateway students with a STAR Electrical course at Wintec and a chainsaw operations course in Ngatea. Well done to all our attendees! Next up will be further digger training courses.

The Gateway programme is full. There are currently no additional places. Aroha mai. If you decide to opt out please let Mrs Scott know as soon as possible because there is a HUGE waiting list of students who would love to have the opportunity instead of you. Mrs Scott's email: laurens@haurakiplains.school.nz

Thinking of leaving school? Wondering what to do next? The latest issue of the Leaving School magazine is available in the Careers Centre. Call by and collect your free copy. It's packed full of really helpful information about job-searching, courses and trade training.

You can also read it online using this link; <https://oliverlee.co.nz/leavingschool-issue35/>

Term 2 University liaison visits & Campus visits - sign up via Careers Google classrooms please

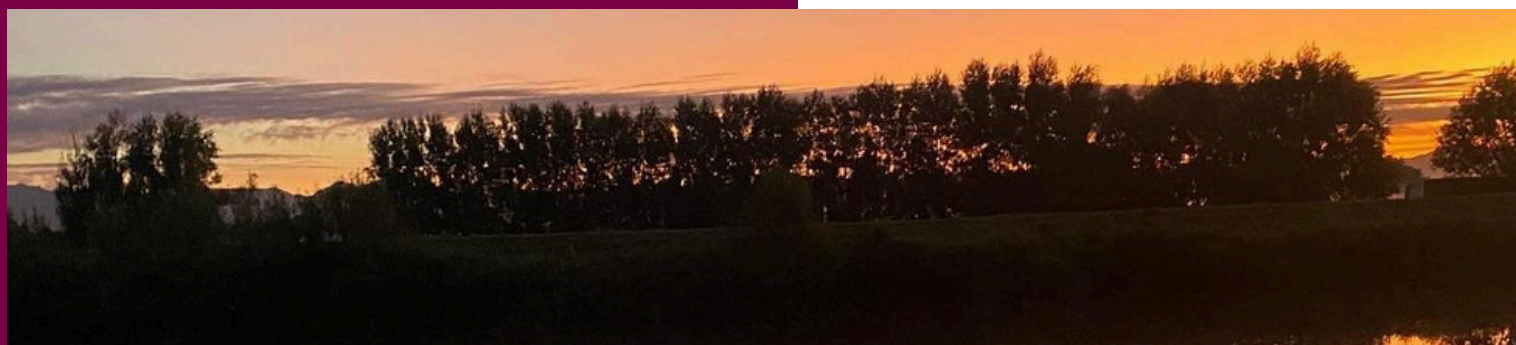
Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 13th May	Part day (08:30- 1:30)	NZIS/NZMA Open Day - Auckland - TRIP IS FULL
Thursday 14th May	Block 1 (9:00-10:20)	University of Waikato (Scholarships) - HALL
Wednesday 20th May	Block 2 (10:20-11:35)	Massey University - HALL
Friday 22nd May	All day (8:45 - 2:45)	University of Waikato Open Day - Hamilton - TRIP IS FULL - Waitlist operating



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

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Upcoming Dates

	Week 4: Commencing 11th May		Week 5: Commencing 18th May	
Mon	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 11 Excellence Breakfast Waikato Inter-Collegiate Golf Teams Day 	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11OTE MTB Skills (Line 1) CAA exams
Tues	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11OTE MTB Skills (Line 3) Photolife Summer Code Photos Franklin SS Golf Champs 	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waikato Inter-Collegiate Golf Champs Day 11OTE MTB Skills (Line 4) CAA exams
Wed	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auckland Writers Festival TVSS Squash NZIS Open Day campus visit 6pm Open Evening - all welcome 	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patetonga Effluent Trip CAA exams
Thur	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duke of Edinburgh Waikato Uni Scholarship liaison visit (9-10.20) 	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13OTE Tramp 2 CAA exams
Fri	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVSS Golf Round 1 Duke of Edinburgh (also 16/5) 	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Waikato Open Day campus visit Korean Festival Waikato Uni