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

Girls in Infrastructure Event

Girls in Infrastructure is a pioneering initiative designed to broaden awareness and ignite interest among Senior girls about the diverse and rewarding career paths available in the infrastructure industry. This event offered an unparalleled opportunity for students to step onto a live construction site, gain hands-on experience with heavy machinery, and engage in meaningful conversations with education providers.

This event was an ideal platform for students to connect with and learn from seasoned industry professionals, offering insights into the real-world application of their studies and the potential to build a fulfilling career in infrastructure. This initiative not only highlights the importance of gender diversity in the sector but also encourages young women to envision themselves in roles traditionally underrepresented by females, thereby fostering a more inclusive and dynamic industry landscape.

No Pay = No Play. Overdue Sports Fees!

We have thousands in unpaid sports fees and school fees. Fees are loaded on Kindo, and we will be letting teams know who hasn't paid, as no payments = no play (unless payment plans are 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.

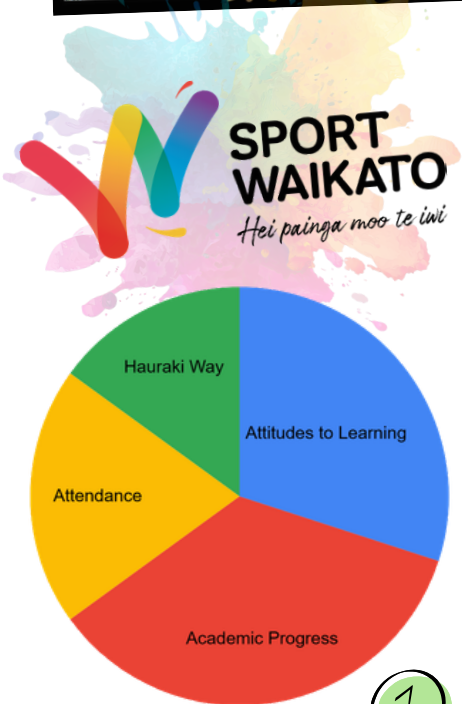
If families need help setting up a payment plan or how to use Kindo please contact studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz or Kindo direct: helpdesk@kindo.co.nz

Colour Run and Positive Vibes Only

Our school grounds were transformed into a spectacular, living rainbow today as students filled the air with pure joy, laughter, and a brilliant explosion of color during our fantastic school Color Run! It was wonderful to see so many bright smiles and so much great school spirit as our students came together for an unforgettable day of active fun—and yes, we apologize in advance for any colorful laundry heading your way tonight! Keep an eye out on our FB page next week for the action shots!

Junior and Senior Reports

Reports will be emailed home on Monday 15 June around 3pm. Parent-Teacher Interviews are taking place on: Monday, 22 June: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM and Wednesday, 24 June: 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Booking information will be included in the reports.



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A word about assembly from Mrs. Moller

On Monday, I delivered an important message at both of our assemblies. As an ex-student of Hauraki Plains College, I know firsthand the life-changing impact this school can have. I am so proud of who we are, and I am proud of the achievements of our students this term – from our NCEA breakfasts and Showquest successes, to the incredible turnaround of students lifting their attendance from 60% up to 91%.

However, alongside these highlights, I spoke about the behaviours that have occurred over the last six weeks that do not reflect who we are.

Some of our staff have been treated with an appalling lack of basic respect and dignity. Recently, we have witnessed instances of:

- Targeted Disrespect: Staff being meowed at, called names on duty, or locked out of classrooms during safety drills.
- Harassment & Intimidation: Verbal abuse, physical intimidation, and racial slurs directed at staff members.
- Cyberbullying: Photos are being altered using AI and uploaded to TikTok to mock our staff and myself.

While these specific matters have now been addressed, it is disappointing that many students chose to be silent bystanders. Our students knew what was happening; they heard it, walked past it, laughed at it, or followed it online. I reminded the assembly that our culture is defined by what we tolerate, and the standard they choose to walk past is the standard they accept. Our teachers work hard to support our students' futures, and I will not accept this blatant disrespect toward them.

Our Head Students added their own messages:

- Selwin reminded us of our motto, Each for all (Quisque pro omnibus). He encouraged students to remember that the teacher at the front of the room is part of our 'all,' and deserves our effort and respect.
- Amber spoke about our core values of Rangatiratanga, Manaakitanga and Kaitiakitanga, stating that these words mean nothing if they aren't lived in the corridors, out on the fields, and online.

- She said that trying to look "cool" by disrespecting a teacher is a standard beneath us.
- Hamish issued a collective promise to the school: "Not on our watch." He challenged the students that if they ignore a racial slur, intimidation, or a TikTok video, they own it. He urged anyone who witnesses this behaviour to speak up – either to a staff member or directly to a head student.
- Georgia concluded by reminding the school that a positive culture is the job of all 900 students and 70 teachers standing together to protect our tradition of excellence.

I am sharing this with you because a strong school culture isn't built by just a few people; it relies on a strong partnership between school and home. Please take some time to talk with your student about what they see in the corridors, what they 'like' or follow online, and the standards they choose to accept.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Sharon

Attendance high flyers

Over the last couple of weeks, our Deans have been celebrating the total superstars who achieved 100% attendance in Term 1 by handing out jet planes to our attendance high flyers!

We all know that getting to school every single day doesn't just happen by magic. It takes serious dedication from the kids, and an absolute village of support at home. So, to every parent and caregiver who has dragged a sleepy teenager out of bed, hunted down lost shoes, and rushed them out the door to catch the bus – THANK YOU! Your effort does not go unnoticed, and we appreciate you more than you know.

40 Hour Challenge 2026!

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

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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 sign up 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!

Letter from Thames Valley Rugby – player conduct and behaviour

Thames Valley Rugby have sent a [letter](#) to schools in the area regarding player conduct and behaviour during our school rugby fixtures.

Over the past few weeks, we have seen an increase in incidents involving both physical and verbal behaviour that falls outside the standards we expect from students representing their schools. While rugby is a competitive and physical game, it is important that all players, coaches, and management continue to uphold the values of respect, sportsmanship, and discipline.

This letter is not intended to single out any particular school, but rather to ensure that all schools are aware of our concerns and work with us to address them. We ask that you please share this with your rugby staff and teams and take the opportunity to reinforce the expectations around player behaviour ahead of future fixtures.

Our aim is to provide a safe and positive rugby environment for everyone involved, including players, coaches, referees, and supporters. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain these standards and ensuring that school rugby continues to be played in the right spirit.

Fieldays

As we do every year, a bus load of students travelled to Fieldays for a day of learning about and celebrating our Primary Industries sector. Our *Year 12 Tamzin Valois* was interviewed for Farmers Weekly, so keep an eye out for the next edition.

Our Plains Our Future

This Thursday, we were privileged to host a one-of-a-kind event led by the Hauraki District Council and the Waikato Regional Council, which delivered a full-day programme as part of their Our Plains Our Future project. The team that led this event included two HPC alumni, Rick Liefing and Morgan Harris, and we were lucky to have the tour led by Ian Sara and Adam Monroe, which gave us access to special parts of the flood protection schemes that are not available to the public. A huge thank you also to Aoife Hennessy and Nina Harris for their help in organising this event.

Over 30 students participated in the event, which included workshops, games, talks, and a tour of our flood protection schemes for the Hauraki Plains and the incredible infrastructure built and maintained to protect our farms and community. Students were very engaged in sharing their values and thoughts, and in asking relevant questions. Students shared that the event helped them to better understand how the flood management schemes work, which adaptation strategies the councils can utilise, and which career options they can pursue to support community resilience.



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HPC Homestays needed

Thank you to those families who have already registered as homestays for our HPC International programme. We are continually wanting to expand our database and register homestay families in Ngatea, outlying towns and farmstays. It is a bonus to have homestays with HPC siblings, but that is certainly not essential. All warm and welcoming homes are what we appreciate!

Our international students come from a diverse range of countries, and some are short-termers, and others come for longer periods. You will always have the opportunity to view the prospective student's profile before commitment. Remuneration is \$350 per week.

Should you be interested in applying to be a homestay, please [click here](#). Should you wish to find out more information or should you prefer a hardcopy homestay pack be sent to you, please contact the HPC International Director Mike Dwight at 027 3258881 or his email address is international@haurakiplains.school.nz

URGENT REQUEST for our next short term trip from Korean 18/7/26 - 8/8/26, please reach out if you can provide a homestay for this next trip.

Tooth Group

The Tooth Group will be onsite next week 15th - 18th June. They provide FREE dental care for students under 18. Enrolment letter with opt-in/out link [here](#).

Some of our senior students interested in health care careers have also been taking the opportunity to find out more about dentistry by spending time working alongside Brooke and the team from The Tooth Group.

New 30km variable speed limit outside school

NZTA are installing variable speed limit (VSL) signs outside our school. **We have been advised that installation will start early next week.**

A variable speed limit (VSL) will operate during school travel periods at the start and end of the school day. It may also operate for 10 minutes at other times when there are school-related vehicle or pedestrian activities. The VSL operates when the speed limit is displayed on an electronic or static sign, and is legally enforceable. At all other times, the speed limit is the underlying permanent posted speed limit. More information [here](#).



Senior students helping the Tooth Group ladies



New 30km variable speed limit area

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PRICE REDUCED!!!



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

Price: \$45,000

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**

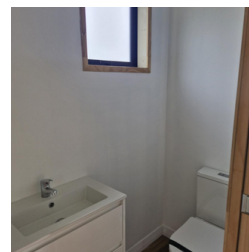
Buy with absolute peace of mind. All professional compliance and documentation are fully sorted:

- 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

It's been a busy week for students of Law and Psychology - experiencing life at the University of Waikato. In Law students were able to take part in a mock moot court, explore the interesting case of the snail and the ginger beer, and learn why you should never go to sea if your name is Richard Parker.

The Psychology day covered aspects from both behavioural and criminal psychology, allowing students to see where and how the study of psychology fits into many degree pathways.

Year 13 Update: University & Scholarship Information Hub

Many universities have updated their degree information this week. This includes rank scores as well as changes to selection processes and the awarding of scholarships. Information will be updated on the individual university websites. We also now have a Google Classroom dedicated entirely to university updates and scholarship opportunities. Please read the updates to ensure that you are still on track with your applications.

Join the classroom using this code: lydpm3a7

Explore Your Options

Whether students are finalising their plans or still deciding on a path, the following resources are designed to help:

- Deciding where to study: Use the **Thinking about University** resource to compare different campuses and access direct institutional links.
- Deciding what to study: Explore **What to study and where** to help narrow down subject interests and career pathways.
- Please Note: Students are not limited to a single choice. They can apply to multiple universities and for more than one degree or course simultaneously.
- Open Days: Students are strongly recommended to visit university Open Days in person wherever possible. For courses such as Aviation and Veterinary Science (both at Massey) this is crucial.

Personalized Guidance

If any student is still unsure about their pathway and would like some individual guidance, they can book a careers consultation with Mrs Lawlor to discuss their options. Mrs Lawlor's email: pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz

Waikato Trades Academy (WTA) Campus Visit

Want to get out of the classroom and do some hands-on learning next year? We are heading to the WTA Kopu Campus in Term 3, and you're invited to come check it out!

This is a zero-obligation taster session where you get to try out activities, see the workshops, and find out what trade is best for you.

What courses can you actually do?

While Wintec offers a lot, the Kopu campus specifically offers us:

- Construction & Infrastructure (Level 2): Building, carpentry and plumbing trades.
- Manufacturing & Technology (Level 2): Engineering, automotive, and electrical.
- Hair & Beauty (Level 2): Hairdressing and beauty therapy (Note: This one runs partly or fully out of the Hamilton/Rotokauri campus).

Interested? Sign up using this link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-841IH2N8kJBf4bi3eedi4iPe3DKeal3xfIjSMFdCj70o_Q/viewform

More information in the Senior Careers Google Classroom. Places are strictly limited.

Gateway Students - Big moves only.

2 weeks. 4 courses. Countless new career paths unlocked. Well done students - you all smashed it, and the feedback has been amazing. Parents are stoked, and more importantly, it's already opening up fast tracks to further training and actual jobs.

Did you know that there's a special FREE Māori and Pasifika trades training initiative at Wintec for students interested in taking it to the next level?

Wintec has joined a group of Iwi and Pacific community groups, employers and ITOs to develop programmes that bring together the best support, experience, and learning - for FREE. There's a huge range of courses- everything from automotive, baking, beauty, business, electrical trades, engineering, horticulture, plumbing and more. Search up your interests using the link below, or contact Mrs Lawlor in the Careers Centre.

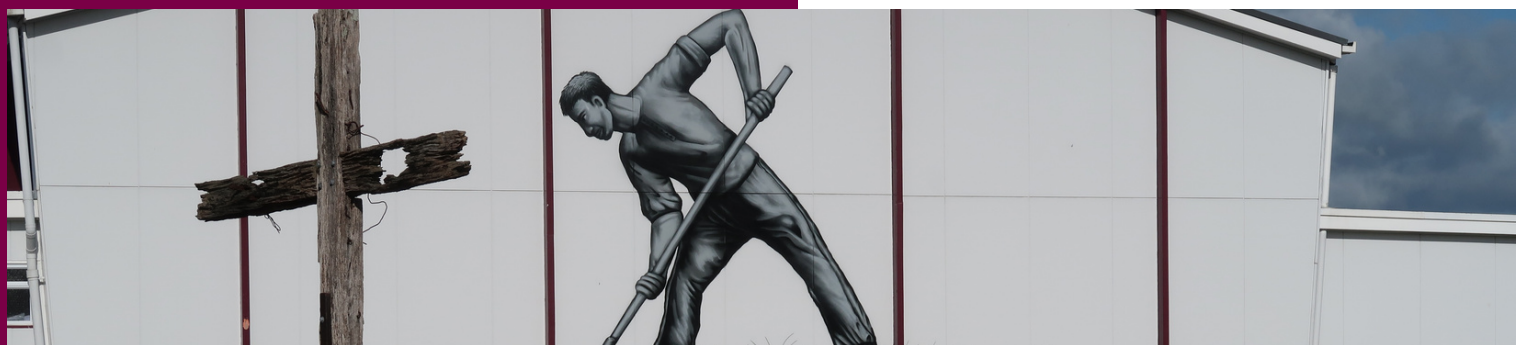
Māori and Pasifika Trades Training (MPTT)

Our last course at school this term will be First Aid certification. Students - please check your emails. You need to complete the pre-learning activity before you attend the first day of your 2 day course on 18th June.

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

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Upcoming Dates

	Week 9: Commencing 15th June		Week 10: Commencing 22nd June	
Mon	15	• Reports sent home 3pm • Spaceward Bound NZ (Hall) • Tooth Group onsite • 11OTE MTB Skills Line 2 (Trip 3)	22	• 12OTE Pinnacle Overnight • Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30-5.30pm
Tues	16	• Mahurangi Sports Exchange - HPC • Spaceward Bound NZ (Hall) • Tooth Group onsite	23	• 12OTE Pinnacle Overnight
Wed	17	• Mahurangi Sports Exchange (Home) • Tooth Group onsite	24	• Learner Licence Course • Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30-7.30pm
Thur	18	• First Aid Training • TVSS Teams Badminton • Matamata SS Shoot • 13OTE Tramp 3 • Tooth Group onsite	25	• Learner Licence Course • Boulton Cup TBC
Fri	19	• First Aid Training • 11ESS Thames School of Mines	26	• Learner Licence Course • TVSS Golf Round 2
Sat/ Sun	20/21	• NISS Show Hunter Cup		

2026 End of Year Dates

Last day for Seniors - Fri 6th Nov / Juniors - Thurs 10th Dec (online learning from home)

2027 Start Dates

Office reopens - Mon 25th Jan

Year 9 & 13 only - Thurs 28th Jan

Year 10-12 only - Fri 29th Jan

Everyone back - Tues 2nd Feb

Last day 2027 - Tues 14th Dec (Yr 9 camp: Tues 7th - Thurs 9th Dec)