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

Peter McGregor

On Saturday, 13 June, our Curriculum Leader of Mathematics, Mr. McGregor, passed away unexpectedly. This week has been a difficult one for our staff and students as we navigate this sudden loss. Mr. McGregor joined the HPC team in November 2023. He was loved by his colleagues and was known for his warmth, humour, and genuine care for everyone around him. At our Monday morning staff briefings, he could always be counted on to share a joke, tell a story, or tease us whenever Ireland managed to beat the All Blacks. Our students and staff have shown lots of strength this week, with many sharing their own special memories of him. Even those who weren't in his class recalled how he would always stop to say hello and ask how their day was going. Mr. McGregor had a gift for making Maths fun by being exceptionally warm, funny, and a brilliant teacher. We will all miss him dearly. I also want to acknowledge the many replies from parents following my emails on Sunday. So many of you took the time to pass on your family's condolences. Please know that every single message was read and appreciated during this sad time.

Our Deans and Wellbeing Team continue to support our students. They can either pop across to see a Dean or self-refer straight to Wellbeing. If you have worries about how your own child is doing, please reach out to the River Guide, year level Dean, or Karen Hinton, our Leader of Wellbeing karenh@haurakiplains.school.nz

We have a special box at the main office to collect reflections, cards, and non perishables if anyone would like us to pass things on to Peter's family. It will be here for another week.

Changes to maths classes

Mr. Fong is stepping into the role of Curriculum Leader of Mathematics and will email parents before next week to outline any specific staffing changes for your child's maths classes. To ensure our senior students are supported, we have transitioned some junior maths teachers into Mr. McGregor's senior classes. Consequently, we are fortunate to have Mrs. Merriman, an experienced HPC teacher, stepping in to teach junior maths for the remainder of the year. We apologise for the disruption these changes may cause and thank you for your understanding and support.

Parent-teacher interview booking details

Reports were emailed home on the afternoon of Monday, 15 June. 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. To book please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (Code: 3zy43). We strongly encourage parents to bring students along to these appointments.

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Junior Reports – Math and English Reports

As we implement the refreshed New Zealand English and Mathematics curriculum, its higher benchmarks may result in slightly lower reported grades than expected while students adapt. Please be assured our staff are undergoing professional development to fully support them through these higher conceptual demands. The report reflects all Ministry-guided strands, noting that grades are based on the specific topics covered each term (e.g., number, statistics, algebra/reading, writing) rather than a steady chronological progression from term to term.

Humanities and Science

There has been an error with the mark some students have received for Science and Humanities in their most recent reports. This is in reference to the Emerging, Developing, Consolidating, Proficient, Exceeding rating. The technical issue is being worked through, and new reports will be sent to those impacted on Monday.

Learning Lab Success – Architecture

We are so lucky to have local Architect Chris Tate taking a 5-week Year 10 Learning Lab, teaching our students the fundamentals of architecture. The students really enjoyed visiting the Council Depot building that we are relocating to Hayward Farm, measuring it, and coming up with designs. Check out the design winner – James van Eyk. Chris was very impressed with how tidy James' line work was, and that he had worked on it at home to improve his design. Well done, James! It is exciting to think that these students will hopefully be learning in the classroom at Hayward Farm in the next 2-3 years.

Scoreboard

A huge thanks to students Ashley Steffek and Ella Morgan for organising the revival of our scoreboard. Ashley approached us in advance of the Mahurangi College exchange, wanting to help get it to look smart again. Awesome work, team!

Rental wanted!

A staff member and her family urgently seek a 4 bedroom rental in Ngatea (or close-by). Please contact the main office for the email details of the staff member.



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Mahurangi Exchange

HPC was pleased to host Mahurangi College this week for our annual Sports Exchange, a proud tradition now spanning 63 years and built on a strong foundation of competition, friendship and mutual respect between our two schools. A highlight of the exchange is the billeting programme, which gives students the opportunity to stay with host families. This rare experience today adds significant value to the event and helps strengthen connections well beyond the playing fields.

The exchange featured excellent sportsmanship across all matches, with Mahurangi College winning 7 of the 9 fixtures to retain the Mahuraki Trophy for another year.

Off the field, students, coaches and managers came together for a shared dinner involving approximately 300, which proved to be another memorable highlight of the week.

We extend our sincere thanks to all coaches, managers and officials for their time, commitment and support in making the exchange possible. A special acknowledgement also goes to the host families who generously provided accommodation for visiting students.

Congratulations to all students involved for their contribution to another successful and memorable exchange. We now look forward to continuing this valued tradition when we travel to Mahurangi College in 2027.

No Pay = No Play. Overdue Sports Fees

We have thousands of dollars in unpaid sports fees and school fees. Fees are loaded on Kindo, and we will be notifying teams who haven'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

Autopay with Kindo

You can now set up recurring payments directly in Kindo, making it easier to stay on top of school costs. Autopay is a simple set-and-forget way to keep regular payments ticking along, so there's one less thing to remember during the school term.

When you access your Kindo app, click on your wallet at the top of the screen and follow the autopay directions. Need a hand getting set up? Email helpdesk@kindo.co.nz Call 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636)

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Maunga ke te Moana

On Thursday, five of our rangatahi environmental leaders, Lucas Clark, Gustav van Niekerk, Kiarna Bergersen, Karvell Kelly and Awa Hay, attended a gathering that brings together our communities, partners, and kaitiaki to celebrate the mahi from mountains to sea that highlights the real, measurable impact that hapori-led action is having across the rohe, highlighting practical solutions, collaboration and positive outcomes for our whenua.

Students learnt about iwi-led initiatives and programmes to improve outcomes for people, communities, water, plants and animals in the Piako-Waiho catchment area. Sharing their feedback, students were particularly interested in learning about the importance of shade for drains and waterways and its impact on water quality and animal life. They also shared that they enjoyed learning about the various career opportunities that exist in this space and meeting and learning from community leaders.

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.

Donut Day Fundraiser for College A UNISS trip.

Happening under the Hanger on Tuesday 23rd June @ lunchtime. Cash only!

Nga mihi,
Sharon Moller
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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**

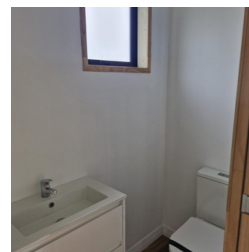
Buy with absolute peace of mind. All professional compliance and documentation are fully sorted:

- 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 (kyleb@haurakiplains.school.nz) **Trade Me listing:** <https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/marketplace/building-renovation/portable-cabins/listing/5908474505>



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CAREERS CORNER

Junior Dental Experts Crowned

Our Year 9 and 10 students recently went head-to-head in the dental week "Sweet Tooth" competition. It was an incredibly close battle, with 13 students scoring a perfect 10/10. In the end, Year 9 just managed to edge out Year 10 for the ultimate bragging rights. Congratulations to all our top scorers for showing off their dental health wisdom!

Seniors Explore Futures at the Tahatū Careers Expo

This week, our Year 12 and 13 Employment class students, alongside members of our Services Academy, headed up to Auckland for the Tahatū Careers Expo. As New Zealand's premier national careers exhibition, it was a great opportunity for students to engage directly with industry training providers, employers, and recruiters.

The interactive displays are always a highlight, and our Services Academy students certainly made their mark—smashing the fitness challenge targets to bring home maximum points!

Upcoming NZDF Visit: 2 July The career exploration continues on Thursday, 2 July, when representatives from the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) visit HPC. This session is an open invitation to any student interested in exploring a career within the NZDF, not just those currently in the Services Academy.

Personalised Guidance If students are still unsure about their next steps and would benefit from some individualised support, they are welcome to book a careers consultation with Mrs Lawlor. Don't forget you can also book an appointment to see her during our upcoming parents' evenings using the link provided earlier in this bulletin.

Mrs Lawlor's email: pippal@haurakiplains.school.nz

Sign up now for the Waikato Trades Academy (WTA) Kopu Campus visit!

In Term 3, we are heading to the WTA Kopu Campus so students can explore hands-on trades training options for next year. If you will be 15 by March 1st next year and want to see what learning outside the classroom looks like, make sure to sign up and join the trip!

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.



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What courses can you actually do?

- **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

This week, 20 of our students successfully earned their First Aid certification, gaining valuable skills that could quite literally save a life. Alongside our Gateway candidates were Year 13 students intending to follow a healthcare career pathway, fulfilling a mandatory requirement for their future studies. Congratulations to everyone involved!

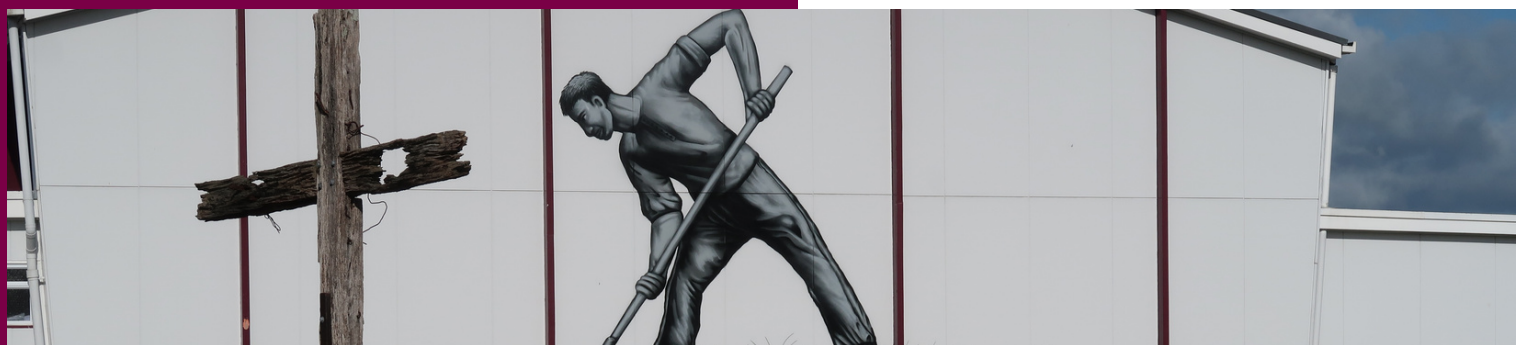
Looking ahead to next week, we have a full complement of students enrolled in the Learner Driver Licence course and test. For those who miss out or are turning 16 over the next couple of months, don't worry—there will be a further opportunity running in Term 3 for anyone wanting to get started on their driving journey.

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



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Upcoming Dates

	Week 10: Commencing 22nd June		Week 11: Commencing 29th June	
Mon	22	12OTE Pinnacle Overnight - Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30-5.30pm	29	12OTE Pinnacle Overnight
Tues	23	12OTE Pinnacle Overnight	30	12OTE Pinnacle Overnight
Wed	24	- Learner Licence Course - Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30-7.30pm	1	2026 Y9 WYLD Conference 6.00pm Matariki Showcase in hall - EPro8 Finals (TBC)
Thur	25	- Learner Licence Course - Boulton Cup TBC	2	- TVSS Rippa Rugby - Thames - NZDF visit (B2) - Y13 sleepover (grad fundraiser) overnight
Fri	26	- Learner Licence Course - TVSS Golf Round 2	3	- Yr 13 only can wear Pyjamas to school - Hamilton Boys SS Shoot

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