

HPC e-Bulletin

Friday, 5 June, 2026



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

Showquest

Congratulations to our talented HPC Showquest 2026 team of almost 60 students, who represented our school with pride at the Waikato Showquest event.

The team was awarded Excellence in Dance, with Year 13 student Mackenzie Braid receiving the prestigious Waikato Showquest Whetū Rangatahi (Star of the Show) award. Mackenzie, alongside Kacey, choreographed the dance sections of the performance and also delivered a standout solo performance.

These achievements are a testament to the creativity, commitment, and teamwork of all students involved. Jorawer also received special praise from an industry lighting professional, who commented that our production featured the strongest lighting design of the evening.

A huge thank you to Student Leaders Bridgette Marshall, Mackenzie and teachers Cathy Wilkinson and Trish Smith, as well as all of our parent helpers and whānau, for the time, encouragement, and support you provided throughout the Showquest journey and on the day.

We are incredibly proud of every student who contributed to this wonderful performance.

TOI Wearable Art Competition

We had three garments entered from Textiles this year, and all three successfully passed pre-selection and were showcased on stage at the event. This was a fantastic achievement for our students and a very special opportunity for them to see their creative work presented in front of an audience.

Two of our garments received awards on the night:

1. Innovative Materials: Wicked
Student designer and model: Abigail Dovey Y13
2. Design Concept: When the stars dawned
Student designer: Mieya Smith Y9
Model: Ruby Flexman Y9

Our third garment, 2 shades of red, was a group work by Y11 girls (Monica du Plooy, Hana Fietsen, Dasha Watson, Adelina Yurchenko), and it's modelled by Monica. It also received many positive comments from people at the event. Monica represented the team beautifully on stage, and the garment looked stunning under the lights.

A huge congratulations to all of the student designers and models involved, and a special well done to our awesome fabric teacher Min Guo - we are so lucky to have Min teaching with our students!



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Junior and Senior Reports

Reports will be sent home next 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. Booking information will be included in the reports.

Mufti Day Friday 5 June

Today, our Year 13 students held a mufti day to raise funds for their Year 13 graduation event later this year. Students were encouraged to dress as a character. We will post up the winners and photos next week.

Colour Run and Positive Vibes Only

Friday 12th of June, we are holding a colour run during Learning Lab for students that want to enter a fun run/walk. Students will need a change of clothes to participate (preferably white or pink) and must get changed back into their uniform afterwards for buses. On the same day the team from Sport Waikato will be filming content and taking photos for a story on Positive Vibes Only in Hauraki Plains College. They will be filming predominantly cross country, colour run and in school lunchtime activities as well as interviewing staff and students.

The photos/video will be used for showcasing PVO to other schools, may be used for external communications and could also be shown on social media and be used in news stories.

If you would prefer your child not to be photographed/videoed, please email lisab@sportwaikato.org.nz stating the name of your child and that you do not wish for them to be filmed.

South Korea and Japan Exchange Trip 2028

It was great to see many families attend the information evening last week. Please follow [this link](#) to access the trip application form and the slide presentation from the evening. The exchange is open to students currently in Years 10 and 11. The deadline for applications is Friday, 12 June.

Student Centre Notice: Medication & Pain Relief

A quick reminder for parents and caregivers that the Student Centre does not stock or provide Panadol to students.

If your child frequently requires pain relief during the school day—particularly our female students, we highly recommend they carry a small personal supply in their bag. Alternatively, you are welcome to hand a labeled packet into the Student Centre for us to hold safely for their use.

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.



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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.

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!

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 who 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

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](#).

Hillary Outdoors Education Camp

Looking for a fun, active, and meaningful way for your child to spend the school holidays?

Hillary Holiday Camps are residential outdoor adventure camps for students aged 11-19, designed to build confidence, connection, and a whole lot of fun, in a supportive environment.

Set in some of Aotearoa's most stunning natural locations, each camp offers a week of adventure, new friendships, and personal growth. Whether your child already loves the outdoors or is keen to try something new, everyone is welcome; all it takes is a positive attitude and a willingness to give things a go.

Participants are supported 24/7 by experienced, NZOIA-qualified instructors, ensuring a safe and rewarding experience from start to finish. **Registrations will officially close next Friday, 12 June.** Learn more: <https://www.hillaryoutdoors.co.nz/>

No. 37 Squadron Thames Air Training Corps

Are you a 13 to 15-year-old, or are you in Year 9? Wanting to learn some life skills? Interested in aviation, shooting, first aid? Or just wanting to try something different? No. 37 (Thames) Squadron, Air Training Corps is recruiting for Term 2 2026!

We are holding an information evening on Thursday 11th of June, starting at 7:00pm and finishing around 7:30pm, for those interested in joining the unit.

We're located at the Thames Airfield, just across the carpark from the Hauraki Aero Club building. Flick us an email at 37sqn@cadetforces.org.nz

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.

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.

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

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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

Year 13 Update: University & Scholarship Information Hub

We have launched a new Google Classroom dedicated entirely to university updates and scholarship opportunities. Because this is a peak period for tertiary applications, we will be posting weekly updates to ensure students do not miss crucial deadlines. Please check the platform regularly.

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.
- Scholarship Opportunities: We have pinned a detailed post in the new Google Classroom outlining the four main categories of scholarships. In addition to these, every university hosts its own dedicated scholarship page on its website, which we highly recommend researching.

Personalized Guidance

If your 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: pjppal@haurakiplains.school.nz

Gateway Students Building Practical Skills

Our Gateway students have been actively building their future success this week by participating in hands-on digger operator and scaffolding courses. Both of these opportunities provide students with highly employable skills and invaluable, real-world experience within specific trade pathways.

Our last course 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 8: Commencing 8th June	Week 9: Commencing 15th June
Mon	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tooth Group onsite • Law student for the day • STAR Plumbing Taster Course • Services Academy - Basic Leadership Ohakea 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports sent home 3pm • Spaceward Bound NZ (Hall)
Tues	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tooth Group onsite • Services Academy - Basic Leadership Ohakea 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mahurangi Sports Exchange - HPC • Spaceward Bound NZ (Hall)
Wed	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tooth Group onsite • Experience Psychology Day • Field Days • WAIBOPSS X-Country (HPC) • Services Academy - Basic Leadership Ohakea 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mahurangi Sports Exchange (Home)
Thur	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tooth Group onsite • Digital Tech - Waikato Uni • Our Plains, Our Future - workshop • Services Academy - Basic Leadership Ohakea 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid Training • TVSS Teams Badminton • 13OTE Tramp 3 • Maunga ki te Moana
Fri	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tooth Group onsite • HPC Cross Country Champs - AM • Positive Vibes Only Colour Run - PM • Services Academy - Basic Leadership Ohakea 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block 1 and 2 - Competitive Cross Country • Block 4 Learning Labs - Colour Run/walk • First Aid Training • IIESS Thames School of Mines
Sat/ Sun	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NISS Show Hunter Cup 	20/ 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZSS Cross Country Champs

STREET SMART

DRIVEN BY **TONY QUINN**
FOUNDATION
ROAD SAFETY
1996-2000, 2004-2010

HANDS ON PRACTICAL LEARNING FOR YOUNG DRIVERS

TAUPŌ INTERNATIONAL MOTORSPORT PARK

5th & 6th July

HAMPTON DOWNS MOTORSPORT PARK

7th, 8th, 9th July
25th July

Street Smart, driven by Tony Quinn Foundation Road Safety, is a hands-on practical young driver programme built on world-leading training practices to create safer, smarter, and more aware drivers.

BOOK YOUR PLACE

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HAURAKI PLAINS
— COMMUNITY HUB —

BOARD VACANCY

- Support sport & recreation
- Strengthen community connection
- Help shape the future of the Plains



The Hauraki Plains Community Hub connects, supports, and advocates for sport, recreation, and community life across the Plains. We're looking for **TWO** people to join our volunteer Board

What we're looking for

No governance experience needed! Just local knowledge, good judgement, and a genuine commitment to this community. We welcome people from all backgrounds.

What's involved

- Voluntary role
- Regular meetings held in Ngatea
- Three year term

Ready to find out more?

Email: hpcommunityhub@gmail.com

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