

HPC e-Bulletin



Friday 14 August 2026



Kia ora koutou and welcome to Week Four of Term Three!

Senior Subject Selection and Pathways Evening: 4pm – 7:30pm, 25 August

HPC will be hosting a senior subject selection and future pathways evening on 25 August. Each subject area will have interactive presentations to give you and your children a clear picture of what they can experience in those classes, as well as sessions explaining the ins-and-outs of NCEA.

We will also have numerous outside providers in the hall to give insights into their industries and potential future pathways. See the list below:

- Major Oaks: Expert Training for High-Risk Work Activities & Environments
- Waikato Trades Academy (secondary school programme)
- CAPS LTD
- Waikato University
- Dive Zone Whitianga
- New Zealand Management Academies
- New Zealand Institute of Sport
- Wintec
- ETCO: Electrical Apprenticeship Training
- Ara P-TECH (for 2026 Year 11 Digital Technology students)
- NZ Police
- Auckland University (Medical Sciences)
- BCITO: Building & Construction apprenticeship provider
- Thames Driver Training

Full timetable to be linked as soon as all providers are confirmed.

The 2027 Senior (Years 11-13) subject selection booklets will be provided to students on Monday 24 August. Students will have until the 17th of September to select their subjects for 2027. The full schedule for the evening will be provided in next week's e-Bulletin.

Need dinner? We've got you sorted! We will have food options for sale in the area near the front courts:

- American hotdogs \$5
- Beef nachos \$10
- Ham off the bone with slaw in a bun \$10
- Corn fritters with sour cream and bacon \$10

Down town

Under our Health and Safety Policy, the school must be able to account for every student during the school day. Consequently, students must remain on school grounds at all times. Year 13 students are the sole exception to this rule and may leave grounds under specified guidelines.

Year 10 Camps

Year 10 students have [four camps](#) to choose from. These camps run from 30 November to 2 December. Families will be able to select which camp their child will attend using an online form that will be **emailed out next Friday, 21 August at 4pm**. Some camps have a cap on student numbers, so allocations will be made on a first-in, first-served basis. Please ensure that you are able to access your emails at this time so that you are ready to make the selection.

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Outstanding Fees

We would like to remind families that some accounts currently show outstanding fees from previous years. We ask that these balances be cleared as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: Tournament Week – Students who have not paid their tournament fees in full by the 24th August will not be eligible to participate.

Important Information Regarding Sports Fees

- **Payment Requirement:** If your child participates in school sports, all sports fees must be paid in full before the end of the current season.
- **Future Participation:** Please be aware that unpaid sports fees may impact your child's eligibility for future sporting events and teams.

Our school relies on sports fees being paid in full to cover operational costs and ensure we can continue offering the best possible opportunities for all of our sporting teams.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties or wish to set up a flexible payment plan, please contact our office directly so we can support you.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and for your continued support of our school community.

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)

Sickness & Attendance

Thank you to all our families and students for the fantastic effort you have put into supporting regular attendance; your commitment makes a huge difference to our school community.

As influenza is currently circulating in the area and we have seen a number of cases at school, we ask parents to remain vigilant. Please keep an eye out for common flu symptoms, including a sudden fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, chills, or unusual fatigue. If your child is showing any of these symptoms or feels unwell, please keep them at home to rest, recover, and help prevent further spread. Children should remain home until they have been fever-free without the aid of medication for at least 24 hours and feel well enough to participate in a full school day. Whenever your child needs to stay home, please remember to notify the school office as early as possible so we can accurately record their absence.

Accessing past CAA Literacy and Numeracy Exams

Students now have the ability to login to the NZQA portal and access their previous exam papers and responses. This will allow parents to view exactly what answers your child provided in those exams and view a summary of the areas in which your child needs to improve. Watch the video on [this website](#) to learn how to access the exam papers.

Out of Zone Enrolments

A reminder for families/whanau that live out of our school zone that have siblings currently at HPC, you still need to submit an enrolment through the ballot. Email: anav@haurakiplains.school.nz. The OOO ballot closes on Wednesday 19th August 2026 (12pm).

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Bus Stop Safety: Quick Reminders for Parents & Drivers

To keep our students safe during morning and afternoon pick-ups, please keep these essential safety rules in mind:

- **Arrive 10 Minutes Early:** Ensures students aren't rushing near moving traffic.
- **Slow Down (20 km/h Limit):** In New Zealand, the legal speed limit when passing a stopped school bus in either direction is 20 km/h.
- **Park Responsibly:** Do not park, stop, or perform U-turns near or directly opposite the bus stop to keep sightlines clear.
- **Wait on the Drop-Off Side:** Meet your child on the same side of the road where the bus drops them off so they don't run across traffic.
- **Stop, Look, and Listen:** Remind your child to wait until the bus has completely pulled away before attempting to cross the road.

Bus Transport Expectations: Using the school bus is a privilege. Safe and respectful behaviour is expected from both students and parents at bus stops and on the bus. Unsafe or disruptive behaviour may result in a student losing their bus transport privileges. Thank you for helping us keep all our young people safe!

Inter-River Quiz Night

Our Academic Council is running a Quiz Night at school on Friday, 11 September to raise funds for Year 13 Graduation dinner.

- Teams can consist of the River Guide, River students and River parents.
- Minimum of 5 in a team, maximum of 8
- \$10 per person
- Snacks and drinks will be available for sale

River Guides will provide more information to students about this soon.

Spring Rowing Camp

As the 26/27 Rowing Season comes closer our annual Camp in Mangakino approaches.

The camp will be held in the last week of the term from Wednesday the 23rd of September to Saturday the 26th of September at 11am. Please email or see Mrs Sayer in the Deans office to register. This camp is for all existing rowers and any other students who are wanting to give rowing a try and/or row for the 26/27 season. The cost of the camp will be \$300 to be paid before camp leaves and there will be some transport available to and from the camp.

Please contact Amanda Sayer amandas@haurakiplains.school.nz if you are interested or have any questions.

Careers Corner

Get set for subject selection

Students will be familiar with [Tahatū](https://www.tahatū.govt.nz/) – the national careers website – and all students should have set up their own account and profile within it. Details of how to do this are in the [attached guide](#).

But wait – there's more!

Path Finder is the new feature within Tahatū that helps people explore realistic pathways into more than 800 career ideas. Starting with a chosen career idea, it shows the different paths others have taken to get there. Depending on the role, pathways may include school subjects, study, training, apprenticeships, work-based learning and employment experiences. This helps to create a clear path forward that can be saved, revisited and shared, building confidence for people to take those next steps towards their future. You can find more information on the [About Path Finder](#) page on Tahatū.

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Where to find Path Finder

You'll find Path Finder on Tahatū:

- at [Path Finder](#)
- on all career idea pages under 'How you can get into this job'
- in the [Plan your future](#) section
- through the Tahatū search function.

For more career ideas try Leaving School magazine. Read online using this link, [Leaving School issue 36 | Oliver Lee Publications](#) or pick up your own copy from the Careers Centre.

Who's here to help you?

This is the schedule for the university and tertiary college liaisons coming into school to talk with students. Remember to check the various HPC Google classrooms for updates about external Open Days, evening events and many other career opportunities.

Date	Time	Who and what?	Where?
Tuesday 18th August	Block 4	Wintec liaison visit – for all students in Years 11–13 thinking of studying at Wintec in the future, and especially for Māori & Pasifika students interested in the trades pathways on offer.	Hall
Thursday 20th August	Blocks 1–2	Year 13 University of Waikato – planning meeting for anyone thinking of going to University of Waikato or who has made an application	Careers Centre
Tuesday 25th August	4–8pm	Senior Subject Selection & Pathways Evening for all students in Years 10–12	HALL and throughout school
October date to be confirmed (TBC)	TBC	Applications open for Waikato Trades Academy for 2027 for eligible students in Years 10–12	Careers Centre

Before You Bounce: The 5-Point School Leaver Checklist

Whether you are leaving school to apply for a job, go to university or take your gap year, here's what to check out before you check out.

- Get an IRD Number & Inland Revenue Account: You will need an IRD number before starting a job, receiving student allowance, or getting paid to ensure you are taxed correctly. Setting up an online profile via Inland Revenue allows you to manage tax codes, student loan details, and KiwiSaver. <https://www.ird.govt.nz/myir-help/register-account/personal>
- Apply Early for StudyLink (Student Loan & Allowance): If heading to university or polytechnic, apply for financial support through [StudyLink](#) early. Gather required documentation such as verified ID, proof of bank account, and parent income details. Info leaflets are also available in the Careers Centre.
- Open an Independent Bank Account: Having an active bank account in your own name is essential for receiving wages, student payments, or scholarships. Make sure you have account proof (like a bank statement or deposit slip showing your full account details and name) handy for applications.

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- **Build an Up-to-Date CV & Refine Online Presence:** Create a clear, updated CV that highlights your work experience, volunteer work, and skills. Additionally, review your social media privacy settings and ensure you have a professional email address for applications. Top tips are in the [Leaving School issue 36 | Oliver Lee Publications](#)
- **Organise Primary Identification & Driver Licence:** Keep essential identity documents together, such as a passport or birth certificate. If possible, start or progress your driver licence steps, as a licence is often required or preferred by employers.

Last call for the Learner Licence?

There are only a few places left! Please speak with Mrs Scott in the Careers Centre if you have not yet booked in. Everything happens right here at HPC.

- **Training:** Wed 23rd & Thu 24th September at school
- **Testing:** Fri 25th September – at school
- **Cost:** The training is 100% FREE! (You only pay the fee to sit your test).
- **Age limit:** You MUST be 16 or older on test day (Fri 25th Sept).
- **Places:** STRICTLY limited to 15 students!

Gateway – Save the date we graduate

Coming soon! Our Gateway Graduation Breakfast event is happening on Thursday **27th August** during Blocks 1 and 2. A warm invitation is extended to all of our 2026 Gateway students and their families. During this event we will be presenting students with the certificates they have achieved over the past 6 months as well as providing refreshments for all attendees.

There's still time to speak with Mrs Scott to find out what you have to do to gain your credits and graduate successfully. Remember to submit your completed assessments for marking. Mrs Scott's email: laurens@haurakiplains.school.nz

Upcoming Dates:

	Week 5: Commencing 17th August		Week 6: Commencing 24th August	
Mon	17	• Te Kuiti Sports Exchange (Away)	24	• Year 13 Ski Camp
Tues	18		25	• Year 13 Ski Camp • Senior Subject Selection and Pathways Evening • IOTE Rock Climbing Trip 3 (Line 1)
Wed	19	• TVSS Girls Football	26	
Thur	20	• TVSS Boys Football	27	• I1DIT P-Tech • Gateway Graduation and Breakfast (Centennial Centre)
Fri	21	• TVSS Ripa Rugby • Waikato SS Ski & Snowboard Champs	28	• IOTE Rock Climbing Trip 3 (Line 2)