

Hauraki Plains College Newsletter



The College Staff and Board of Trustees extend to you and your family every good wish for the festive season, and trust you have a safe and enjoyable holiday

Tena Koutou matua ma

Dear parents and caregivers

This is our final newsletter for 2011; a warm welcome to new parents and students who will be joining us next year and who will have also been sent this newsletter with information about the beginning of next year.

2011 has been a stand out year in nearly every respect, whether we are talking about learning outcomes for students, or achievement on the sports field or on the stage. To celebrate these many achievements, we have developed an 'Excellence is our Tradition' wall in the foyer which show cases the diverse range of talents and successes of our students.

A big thank you to our student leaders who have led the way in terms of role modelling responsible citizenship. To those students who achieved 'graduation status' at our recent dinner, well done. Whether you have achieved in exceptional ways or gone quietly about your work, you are a credit to your parents and a credit to yourselves.

For those students who are now leaving the relatively safe shores of home and school, and heading out to your life beyond the school gates, our best wishes and some advice for the road ahead:

Remember to keep *Each for all* close to your heart. It will keep you from the WIIFM 'What's in it for me' attitude that destroys a family, a workplace and a community.

Leave a legacy – don't live down to expectations, go out there and do something remarkable with your one and only life. If you lose yourself in a calling and purpose bigger than yourself, you will find your life.

Go flat out and loving it. But remember that life is often lived in the moments between the hurry. And the music is in the space between the notes.

Be Who You are: but while you might be told to march to the beat of your own drummer, in the real world jobs and relationships usually require us to set limits on what we want – being part of a team, following the rules of an institution, doing the things that ensure a good job.

Do the right thing. The greatest issue of our times is not technology but trustworthiness; it is not information, it is integrity. Be a person others can trust and have the courage to do the right thing even if it is the hard thing.



**Rebecca
Scoggins**

Senior
Dux



**Georgia
McCormack-
Goeth**

Junior Diploma
of Learning



**Helena
Gasson**

Sports Person
of the Year

Dare to dream but modify your dreams as you go along. If we had all stuck with our first dream, the world would be over run by All blacks and princesses.

Finally continue to strive for becoming your best self. For what it's worth, it is never too late to be whoever you want to be. There's no time limit, you can stop and start whenever you want to. You can change or stay the same; there are no rules to this thing. You can make the best of it or the worst of it.

I hope you live a life that you are proud of, if you find that you are not; I hope that you have the strength to start all over again. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think. Kia kaha.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, we extend to all students and families and whanau every good wish for the festive season and trust you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Ngaire Harris
PRINCIPAL

Best Work (2:12) Awards

Maths	<i>Georgia McComack-Geoth x 3</i>
Graphics	<i>Cameron Loft</i>
Science	<i>Vinish Kumar</i>

Congratulations to *Ilana Fisher* winner of the Laptop Prize for the 2:12 draw

Staff Farewells

We wish both Mr Dave Pearce and Dr Phil English all the best as they leave HPC. Both of these staff have contributed much to our school community, both in terms of their classroom teaching and also their co-curricular activities - particularly in Basketball for Mr Pearce and Drama and the Euler Club for Mr English. Mr Pearce is taking up a position at Rosmini College, Takapuna and Dr Phil is retiring home to the States.

Also leaving us is Mrs Jo Smith who has taught part-time in the Social Science department. Thank you also for your help in covering a senior Geography class when we were short on staffing.

A note from Senior English teachers

Year 12 and 13 English is a big step up for students and a little preparation in the holidays can go a long way to ensure success next year. Support your student by encouraging reading in the holidays. Reading for pleasure is very important and reading a range of texts will increase vocabulary and critical thinking. Here are a few tips:

- Purchase the *NZ Herald* and the Sunday/Weekend papers and encourage your student to read book or film reviews, opinion pieces or travel articles. The *NZ Herald* runs a series of contemporary short stories over the holidays which make very good reading.
- Magazines like the *Listener* or *North and South* have lots of high interest articles which are well-written and require sustained attention. And the beauty of magazines is that you can pick up them up in-between swims or games of cricket – perfect for the holidays.
- Go the library to find a good book or two, or put one under the tree. Most book stores are happy to recommend popular teen reads.

Spending even half an hour a day reading will keep their minds lively and they will come back to school ready for the challenges of senior English (as well as all their classes).

Contact Details

With a new school year not far off we expect many of the same old issues around contacting home still to exist. The College generally seeks to contact a parent or caregiver for reasons of student wellbeing, absences/attendance or to pass on information about special school events. This is becoming increasingly more difficult with the large number of out of date/disconnected phone numbers and a lack of alternatives to cell phone contact details. Parents and Caregivers are urged to keep the school informed of any changes in their contact details, in particular phone numbers and email address.

This is even more important now that the school utilizes the School-Links early notification and message system which allows the College and caregivers to communicate with regards to student absences and is also an effective means of communicating important school notices and information. If you have any details to amend, please contact the College on 07 867 7029 or office@haurakiplains.school.nz

Senior Academic Prizegiving

It was wonderful to see so many families attend our recent Senior Prize giving and congratulations to students who received awards. In particular, the following students received recognition for outstanding achievement or contribution:

Haurakian Trust Scholarships	<i>Nicole Coxhead Marcus Hayward</i>
Cultural Blues	<i>Quade Biddle Hugh Piesse Kendall Spence Nicole Coxhead Kelsey Goble</i>
Service Blues	<i>Georgia Prescott Rebecca Harris</i>
Academic Blues Level 1	<i>Richard Scoggins Rachael van Bysterveldt Amanda Hurle Mallory Jordan Ruby Walsh</i>
Academic Blues Level 2	<i>Leia Senington Hamish Balderston Kelly Roberts</i>
Most Outstanding Student Work (Scoggins Hancock Trophy)	<i>Michael Pou</i>
Contribution to Multi-Culturalism (Norman Pratt Award)	<i>Greg Honasan</i>
Massey University Vice Chancellors High Achievers Scholarship \$5000	<i>Greg Honasan</i>
Contribution to the Arts (Rhodes Green Trophy)	<i>Ivan Bax</i>
Excellence – Maori Student (Vee Port Trophy)	<i>Bridget Ratima</i>
Good Citizenship (Hauraki RSA Prize)	<i>James Stilwell</i>
Supreme Effort (Delia Cullen Memorial Cup)	Joint <i>Magan Schipper Jane De Garnham</i>
Contribution to Corporate Life (Tennent Prize)	<i>Reece Gielen</i>
All Round Excellence (Stuart Hamilton Memorial Prize)	<i>Theresa Speedy</i>
Head Boy (Ngatea Stationery & Post Shop Book Prize)	<i>Trent Summers</i>
Head Girl (Plains Ward Council Book Prize)	<i>Emily Hurle</i>
Proxime Accessit (Jaycee Cup and Ngatea District High Prize)	<i>Christie Tucker</i>
Dux (Leonard Cup and Lynn Penrhys-Evans Prize)	<i>Rebecca Scoggins</i>



Christie Tucker



Emily Hurle



Trent Summers



Theresa Speedy



Jane de Garnham



Reece Gielen



Magan Schipper



James Stilwell



Bridget Ratima



Ivan Bax



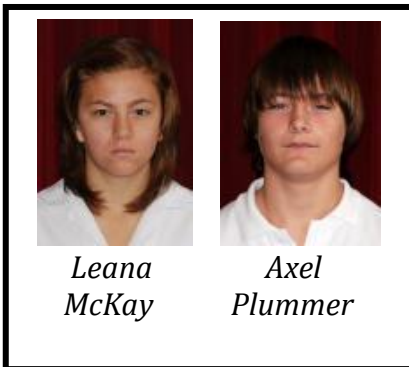
Michael Pou



Greg Honasan

Junior Diploma Graduation and Prizegiving

Congratulations to all those who were recognised at our Junior Prizegiving



Congratulations to the following students who were recognised for outstanding achievement

Good Citizenship Award

Bridgette Morley

Effort and Attitude to Academic Work

Axel Plummer

Leana McKay

All Round Excellence

Jessica Roberts

Outstanding Achievement in the Junior Diploma of Learning

Georgia McCormack-Goeth

Well done to all Year 10 students who have worked so hard to achieve their Junior Diploma over two years.

Junior Credit updates

Year 9 and 10 students will receive credit updates this week to complete the reporting cycle for this year. If there are any issues with the credit update, please contact the Junior Academic Dean, Mr Rob Webster
email robw@haurakiplains.school.nz

Personal Grooming

The summer break often sees students make personalised and individual grooming choices that create an issue on their return to school at the start of the next year. Students are reminded that from day one of 2012 they should comply with the expected standards of uniform and personal presentation. Students are therefore urged to show restraint with regards to choices made over the holidays with regards to haircuts, colours and styles and piercings. On return to school hair must be clean neat & tidy & worn in a conventional way – i.e. no extremes of style cut or colour. Hair must in no way be a safety hazard

particularly in workshops or labs. Hair may be any colour that hair occurs naturally. Blocks of naturally occurring colour (e.g. 1 half blond & 1 half black) are not permitted but conservative frosting and highlights are permitted. Students who breach the hair policy will be given an opportunity to correct it and then impositions may be imposed such as being stood down from co-curricular activities or placed in the restricted area.

Whilst at school students are permitted to wear one small gold or silver stud per ear; multiple items in an ear or other facial jewellery are not permitted.

Junior Uniform

In 2011 a new School Jacket and a Junior boys shirt were implemented into the school uniform. From 2012 no junior students will be permitted to wear the older style of school jacket and all Junior boys should be wearing the new style of shirt.

START OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

Subject Confirmation

Year 12 – Tuesday 24 January – 9 am – 3 pm

Year 13 – Wednesday 25 January – 10 am – 6 pm

Stationery (Normal shop) and Uniform Shop (College Hall) Hours

Year 9, Friday 20 January: 9 am – 3 pm

Year 10 & 11, Monday 23 January: 9 am – 3 pm

Year 12, Tuesday 24 January: 9 am – 3 pm

Year 13, Wednesday 25 January: 10 am – 6 pm

Catch Up Day, Thursday 26 January: 12 noon – 3 pm

***If you are unable to attend on designated day you
are welcome on any of the days listed above***

Friday 27 January is a Staff Day – School Closed

School Starts

Tuesday 31 January – Year 9 and Year 13 Only

Wednesday 1 February – Whole School

Buses will run on this day

Reminder !!!!!

*Year 12 OPC Tongariro and
Year 13 OPC Great Barrier
Island camps are
happening in the last week
of Term 1, 2012. Start
planning for this adventure
now so you are not
disappointed!*

**Stationery and Uniform lists are
available for parents requesting this.
E-mail
principal@haurakiplains.school.nz**



HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE STATIONERY SHOP 2012

As you are all such busy people, we have come up with a plan to try and speed things up when you are making a purchase at our school Stationery Shop.

We will be running two Stationery areas, the small school Stationery Shop, (your first stop to order Stationery) and Stationery Outlet which is located in Room 8. This room has been used in the past as our only Stationery Shop but this year it will be for collecting paid for Stationery only.

We are also giving you the option of either collecting your purchase immediately or leaving your order to be processed for later collection. Room 9 is set up (next to the Stationery Outlet, Room 8) as a storage room for processed orders; this is where you will collect your order during shop hours on a day that suits you but it must be before Thursday, 26th of January between the hours of 12 noon – 3pm.

Mrs Strange will be set up in the normal school Stationery Shop where she will help you with your Stationery List if you have any problems. She will then go through your order, take payment, and make note of any IOU'S. You may then proceed to Room 8 (Stationery Outlet) for collection of your Stationery. If you do not wish to wait, you are welcome to leave your order. You can collect this during shop hours on a day that suits you, but it must be before Thursday 26th of January between the hours of 12 noon – 3pm.

If you are setting up an AP.

1. Go immediately to the Schools Main Office.
2. The office staff will go through the Stationery list with you, total it, and process your AP.
3. Leave your paper work with the office staff who will then pass this on to the Stationery Outlet who will process your order. You can collect this at a time that suits you during shop hours. This must be before Thursday 26th of January 2012.

IF YOU DON'T MIND WAITING YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE YOUR STATIONERY LIST AND AP CARD TO MRS STRANGE AT THE SMALL STATIONERY SHOP WHERE SHE WILL CHECK YOUR ORDER FOR ANY IOU'S THEN MOVE YOU ON TO THE STATIONERY OUTLET TO COLLECT YOUR STATIONERY.

Customers not using the AP system.

1. Go immediately to the Stationery Shop area where the school desks are set up with Stationery lists. We will have a blackboard with instructions for you to follow set up at the ramp leading to the shops. Mrs Strange will be available at the small Stationery Shop to help you out with any queries. **DO NOT GO TO ROOM 8 (STATIONERY OUTLET) UNTIL MRS STRANGE HAS PROCESSED YOUR ORDER.**
2. Put students name & mark all your requirements on the correct Stationery List. Give this list to Mrs Strange at the small Stationery Shop, she will then check your order, note any iou's, total it and take payment.
3. You will then proceed to Room 8 (Stationery Outlet) where your order will be put together for you.
4. If you do not wish to wait you are welcome to leave your order with Mrs Strange for collection at a later date to suit you, this must be during shop hours and before Thursday 26th of January between the hours of 12 noon – 3pm.

We hope this system will cut down those long waits but every system sometimes has problems. If this happens we will do our best to correct them.

Many Thanks,
Kerry Strange - Stationery Shop

Hauraki Plains College Building and Construction

Buyer Wanted

HPC Building and Construction wish to seek expressions of interest for a proposed Year 13 house project in 2012. It is proposed that the house will be 3 bedrooms of approx. 80 – 90 square metres. Completion would be Sept/ Oct 2012. For more information email Pete Carpenter at HPC on petec@haurakiplains.school.nz

BCT Projects for Sale.

BBQ tables	\$200
Step ladders	\$45
Cabinets 600w x 600d x 890h	\$85
Sawstools	\$20
Tool Shed/ Utility shed 3.6m x 2.4	\$3000
Capecod chairs	\$90

Contact Pete Carpenter
petec@haurakiplains.school.nz
Or phone the school

The Information Hub

Amanda Fitzpatrick

We've had a great year in The Hub this year with most lunchtimes being very busy with students just "doing their thing" whether it be playing chess, checkers, watching movies, catching up on homework, using computers or just catching up with friends. It's been a hive of activity and great to see the students using it with total respect.

The issuing of the books has increased by 500 which is absolutely awesome. We have managed to put in nearly 600 new books', one of the things students love to see in The Hub is new books hence they are always the first to go out!

Next year The Hub will be getting new shelving on the Non-fiction side which is going to look really nice in black and silver so along with the new computers we should be looking really smart!

I look forward to meeting all the new Year 9's and hope that they will use and enjoy The Hub at lunchtimes.

Agriculture

The Agriculture department will be teaching basic flat land tractor driving in 2012. We are after an implement for students to hook up to the 3 point linkage. If you are aware of a disused implement for us to use we would be grateful. Even a carry-all will do.

We also need a small trailer for our Quad bikes. The school contact is Mr Taylor, Ag department 07 8677029



Congratulations to Mr Stu Green who was one of thirty teachers from over a thousand nominations to be awarded with a Most Inspirational Teacher award.

Thanks to the parent who nominated Mr Green

FEE ACCOUNTS

We recently issued fee accounts which relate to all fees paid up to 23 November including automatic payments. These fee accounts need to be cleared before 12 December.

If you have an automatic payment in place and it will be enough to clear your account, then the printout is for your information only and you need not do anything more.

If your account needs to be cleared and you do not have an automatic payment in place then it can be paid at the school office. Eftpos facilities are available; however, we do not accept Credit cards.

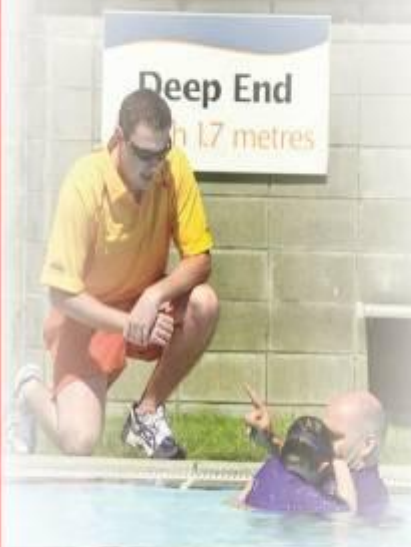
Should you wish to pay directly into our bank account the details are as follows:
Hauraki Plains College, BNZ, Thames – Account Number – 02 0380 0011990 00. Please state your child's name as a reference.

All accounts must be cleared before end of school year, if they are not cleared then no other credit will be allowed.

Only amounts relating to trips taking place next year such as Netball Tour and Europe Trip are not expected to be paid by end of year.

Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

You're their lifeguard - Keep your Child safe at the pool this summer!



Over the Summer School holidays many families will be enjoying all the fun and excitement local swimming pools have to offer.

Water Safety NZ and NZ Recreation Association would like to remind families about the Pool Alone policy that public pools in New Zealand are required to adhere to:

Children under 8 must be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years or over.

Actively supervised means watching your child at all times; Able to provide immediate assistance*

Lifeguards are an important safety feature, but they are not intended to replace the close supervision of parents or caregivers.

Tragically many drowning deaths occur in the few seconds that parents are distracted. The role of a lifeguard is to ensure people are safe in the water - they are not babysitters.

Remembering this when you take your family for a swim will help our pools to remain safe and fun places for everyone to enjoy.

*Please note that some pools have a stricter policy than the one above



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Black & green digital watch
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Paeroa Taxis, Shuttles & Buses are looking at providing transport from Paeroa to Hauraki Plains College starting next year. If parents are interested in booking their child a seat (cost \$35.00 per week) please ring Keri on 862 7176 in the next couple of weeks so the service can be set up for next year.

This service could possibly also look at picking up students down Awaiti Rd if required.

Year Book 2011

In order to avoid students with responsibility for the Year book being distracted from studying for external exams, which has happened in the past, the decision was made to complete the Year book after exams had finished. This has the added advantage of all ensuring all events and results such as sports and academic prize givings and the Graduation Dinner can be included within the correct year book. The Year book will be posted out to Yr 13's who have paid school fees as soon as it is back from the publisher. Other students may collect the Year book on the re enrolment days as per page 5

Well done to *Rebecca Harris* and *Theresa Speedy* and the media team for the superb effort they have put into this year's magazine. A wonderful record and legacy.

We'd like to thank the following for their wonderful support this year:



Funding your community



Dates for Term 4

- **5th Dec**
TVSS Golf Round 3 Paeroa Golf Club
- **10th / 11th Dec**
NZSS Athletics Championships – Wellington

Dates for Term 1 2012

- **7th Feb**
HPC Swimming Champs (reserve day 9th)
- **11th Feb**
Head of Harbour Regatta
- **22nd Feb**
HPC Junior Athletics Prelims (reserve day 23rd)
- **24th – 25th Feb**
Waikato SS Horse Trials
- **25th – 26th Feb**
MRP Junior Regatta
- **28th Feb**
TVSS Swimming Champs
- **29th Feb**
HPC Athletics Finals (reserve day 1st Mar)
- **8th Mar**
TVSS Athletics Champs (reserve day 9th Mar)
- **9th – 11th Mar**
NISS Rowing Champs
- **14th Mar**
Waikato SS Triathlon
- **15th March**
TVSS Touch Tournament
- **16th Mar**
Waikato SS Athletic Champs
- **21st Mar**
Waikato SS Swimming Champs
- **25th Mar**
NZSS Zone 3 Touch Regionals
- **25th Mar – 2nd Apr**
NZSS Rowing Championships (Maadi Cup)
- **27th Mar**
TVSS Triathlon
- **30th Mar**
NISS Dressage Competition
- **30th Mar – 1st Apr**
Western Heights Basketball Tournament
- **31st Mar – 1st Apr**
NISS Athletics
- **2nd Apr**
NZSS rowing Championships
- **4th Apr**
TVSS Tennis Champs (reserve day 5th Apr)

Sports News from the HPC Sports Coordinator Cindy Berridge

E-mail sport@haurakiplains.school.nz

Sports Website www.schoolground.co.nz/haurakiplains

Although the end of the school year is close there is still a lot of sport happening throughout the region. Many of the students are involved in the Summer League Hockey and Tuesday night touch module at the Ngatea Domain either as a player or referee. There are only 2 more events left to come, both happening in the last week of school. The last round of the Thames Valley Secondary Schools Golf Championships is on the 5th December at the Paeroa Golf Club and **Marcus Hayward** is flying the flag for HPC at the NZ Secondary Schools Athletics Championships in Wellington on the 10th and 11th December. The main focus for the sports department at the moment though is getting plans in place for another busy year in 2012. This includes trying to 'recruit' volunteers for coaching and managing positions for next year. If you are interested in helping out you can download an application form from the college sports website www.schoolground.co.nz/haurakiplains, collect an application form from the school office at 2 Kaihere Road, Ngatea or e-mail sport@haurakiplains.school.nz to have one sent out to you.

Lastly well done to all students who were involved in sport in 2011, a fantastic effort and some outstanding results this year. A big thank you to all coaches, managers, spectators and volunteers for your contributions, we appreciate all the work you put in and could not function without you all. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable summer holiday.

Hauraki – Thames Coromandel District Sports Awards.

A number of students, staff and community volunteers connected with HPC sport were nominated across a wide range of categories for the Hauraki - Thames Coromandel District Sports Awards that were held on the 24th November in Thames. Well done to all our nominees, some tough competition and only one winner, however you are all most deserving of this recognition and have done extremely well in your sport this year.

Congratulations to **Chris Allen** and **Ian Handcock** who were joint winners for 'Coach of the Year'. Fantastic achievement on top of a very successful rugby season.

Well done also to **Gavin Wenham** who was a finalist for 'Junior Sportsman of the Year' for shooting and to Amanda Fitzpatrick, a finalist for 'Administrator of the Year' for MotoX.

Recent Achievements

Sports Prize Giving

The annual HPC Sports Prize giving was held on Friday 25th November which was superbly organised and run by the two Sports Leaders *Annabella Assmus* and *Marcus Hayward* (with the help of other senior students).

Congratulations to all those students who received prizes for your endeavours during the past 12 months and in particular – congratulations to those students who were awarded Junior Achievement Awards, Blues, Service Blues and the Special Awards.

A special thanks must go to Miss Alyce Pulford for being the guest speaker for the evening.



There are some students who have been awarded prizes but did not attend the sports prize giving ceremony. These students can pick up their awards from Mrs Strange in the stationary shop. Students can check whether or not they are one of them by going to the HPC sports website at www.schoolground.co.nz/haurakiplains and click on the sports prize giving section.

Tennis

Congratulations to *Ryan Tanner* who won the U16 singles and U16 doubles (with partner JD Paki) at the Thames Valley Junior Tennis Championships in Paeroa.

Shooting

Rachael Van Bysterveldt had a very good shoot recently at the New Zealand Skeet Championships in Christchurch, making the NZ ladies skeet team. *Rachael* shot 47 out of 50 which placed her 2nd highest of all NZ ladies in that event. On the first day she placed 2nd in the 'C' grade Kilwell Trophy match. *Rachael* also placed 7th in the NZ handicap event which included shooters from Australia UK & the States, including the current world champion who holds the record for most skeet targets shot in a row.

Rachael shot some personal bests; 24/25 three times and 25/25 twice. As a result of her improved percentages she has now moved up from a C grade to B grade. Congratulations *Rachael*, a great achievement for a young shooter.

Ngatea Athletics Club

Ngatea Athletics Club for under 2's and up is well underway with club nights on Mondays at 6.00pm at the Ngatea Domain. If you want more information contact the Sport and Recreation Coordinator or phone Rebecca Rangiuia on 0272091522.

MotoX

Amanda Fitzpatrick

The MotoX team has had a great year finishing with being nominated for Team of the Year at the Sports Waikato Awards along with *Kent Morley* being nominated for Junior Sportsman of the Year. Although they didn't win, it was a great night and lovely to have MotoX up on the board!

We will be hosting our second round HPC MotoX Tournament on Friday December 9th to date we have almost 120 riders which is still a great turn out with 10 coming from Wairoa! Everybody is welcome to come and cheer the MX team on, clearly seen wearing their pink mohawks supporting breast cancer.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Rugby

Students who are interested in playing for any of the grades need to be at the current age and weight restrictions. You will need to make sure that you are at the required weight when the official Thames Valley weigh in is held, so keep up the training and be prepared.

Grade Current System

1 st XV	Open weight
Development	14yrs open 15yrs 75kg 16yrs 60kg
4 th grade	12yrs open weight 13yrs 80kg 14yrs 62kg

Coaches Applications

If you are interested in any of the coaching positions you can apply by collecting an application form from the school office. The positions for all grades are available. 4th Grade, development (possibly 2 teams) 2nd XV (possibly) and 1st XV.

All applications will need to be in by the 30th January 2012. A selection panel will finalise coaching applications and decide on applicants for the 1st XV position.

And advertisement will be placed in the Hauraki Herald for this position. Stay tuned.

Helpers/Rugby Club

If you are interested in being part of Hauraki Rugby for 2012 we have a meeting on the 15th February 2012 in the HUB at 7pm. We are looking for people to join our committee and also parent help with running the season. It will be great to see you there.

Fees 2012

Fees will stay at \$75 per player. This year saw an outstanding bill of \$980.25 of unpaid fees. To ensure that this doesn't happen next year, the school and the rugby club aim to take a tough stance to those with outstanding fees. A deadline for paying fees will be set and students will be informed of making arrangements next year.

We rely on fees to pay for the running of the season. It is vital that this can be maintained throughout the season and the following year.

If you have any queries please contact Matua Anderson at school or home.

Matua Anderson

TIC Rugby

Home Phone: 07 8676680

Thames Valley Secondary Schools Show Jumping Event 2011

On Friday 11th November Hauraki Plains College and the Ngatea Pony Club held the TVSSJ event for the first time in 3 years, at the Ngatea Pony Club grounds in Kerepehi.

28 students from the following Colleges took part: Kati Kati, Waihi, Te Kauwhata and Hauraki Plains. The students formed teams of four to ride for the Chubb Challenge with extra riders competing for the Brookes Trophy.

The day dawned fine and warm with a cool breeze to keep everyone from overheating! The first event was an Instant Jump Off with many students having to think very hard about their course and the flags!!!

Event Two saw a completely new course built, this was the Accumulator and many students lined themselves up to gain those extra points- sailing gleefully over the final jump.

As the day was fine and dry, we had very few "spills". After a lunch break and another course rebuild! The final teams' event got underway. This was a 2 phase event, where if the competitor clears all of the course jumps, they continue to ride a short course, jumping some jumps from the other direction.

Due to the fantastic organisation of the day, we had time to spare and lots of enthusiastic riders, so a special "Knock and Out" event was held. The riders had to jump a single jump from the same direction. The top rail had to fall before you were deemed out. With 3 riders left- two from Hauraki, we thought we had it in the bag but the cool and confident Kiri took it out for Kati Kati College.

Final Results

Teams Overall points (Chubb Challenge Trophy)

1st Te Kawhata

2nd Hauraki Plains College P

3rd Hauraki Plains College H

Individual Points (Brookes Trophy)

Holly Duggan from Hauraki Plains College

Thank you to our wonderful Sponsors

HR Fisken and Sons

Countdown Paeroa

RD1 Paeroa

Subway Ngatea

Paeroa Vets

Also a big thank you to our Course designer and builder, Judges, St Johns, Paeroa Vets, families and whanau, without you our entrants would not have had such a great day. See you all again next year.

HPC Sports Website

Remember the HPC website dedicated specifically to sports. The web address is

www.schoolground.co.nz/aurakiplains

If anyone has information that they would like posted onto the website then please send an electronic copy by e-mail to the Sport and Recreation Coordinator at sport@aurakiplains.school.nz

*Do you want to go Camping,
Cooking and Pioneering?*

Four Free visits to Scout Groups this term.

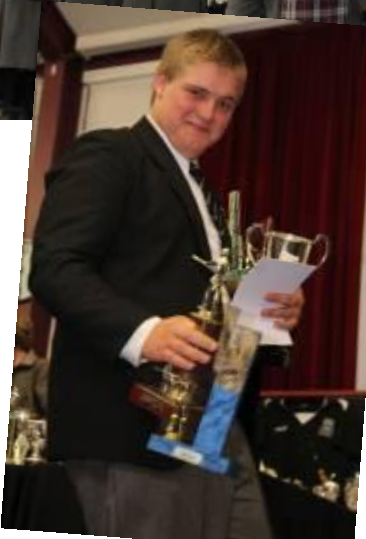
We would welcome new members to Keas on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30pm. This is held at the Kaihere School Hall, for 6 to 8 year olds. Scouts from 10 to 14yrs, are on Thursdays from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, at the Ngatea Scout Den.

All groups are suitable for Boys and Girls wanting to enjoy the outdoor education that the Scouting environment promotes.

For extra information please phone the Group Leader
Kevin Wenham
078878808

Senior Prize Giving

A big thank you to all members of our school community who made senior prize giving such a special occasion. Special acknowledgment to Jed Casey who opened students' eyes to being open to multiple pathways, pharmacy, law, medicine – Jed has been there and doing that!



Graduation Dinner

After five years as a student at HPC, the Graduation Dinner marks the end of school days and the beginning of life beyond school gates. Thank you to past pupil Siobhan Fulton for being a special part of this evening and sharing her experiences from boot camp to university.



Scholarships

Congratulations to these students who to date have been awarded scholarships from external source's.

<i>Kendal Spence</i>	Waikato Vice chancellor Scholarship \$5000
<i>Becky Scoggins</i>	Uni of Auckland Scholarship \$50,000 over 3 years Hauraki Rural Fund Scholarship
<i>Solita Walker</i>	David Johnston Charitable Trust Scholarship \$5000 for health studies
<i>Emily Hurlle</i>	Victoria Excellence Scholarship \$5000 plus Hauraki Rural Education Fund Scholarship
<i>Trent Summers</i>	Canterbury Emerging Leaders \$9000
<i>Caitlin Burgess</i>	Keir Trust Scholarship \$6000 for Bachelor of Nursing
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