



# Hāwera High School

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## Newsletter No 1

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Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome to the start of 2021, I trust that you have all had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We are looking forward to school resuming at the start of February. This newsletter has information that we shared with you in December as well as some additions, please take the time to read this newsletter as it has all the information that you will need for the start of the year. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us through our Facebook page or our email [enquiries@hawerahs.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@hawerahs.school.nz).

If you know of anyone who has not yet enrolled, then please get them to complete the enrolment form on our website or get them to call into our office and collect a paper copy. Our office officially opens on the 25<sup>th</sup> January; however, we do have staff onsite from now on that can help with enrolments.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the summer break and we look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks as students organise their uniforms, subjects and start classes for 2021.

Nga mihi  
Rachel Williams  
Principal

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### Classes for 2021

This year we have 7, Year 9 learning classes and 6, Year 10 learning classes, each one named after a letter in our school vision.

Kei Mua, Ki Runga. "Moving forward, aiming high"

Ki Runga will be used for the Year 9 Learning classes and Kei Mua will be used for the Year 10 Learning classes.

This year we have two Te Wera classes at Year 9, they will be 9I and 9K and one class at Year 10 which is 10A.

As a school we are always looking at ways we can offer as many subjects as possible to our students. In 2021 we have added additional senior courses which we think our students will enjoy, we have also got the ability for our students to be part of the Virtual Learning Network (VLN). Most students who are studying through VLN will be studying languages. We are continuing to offer Te Kura subjects (correspondence school), this is generally when we do not offer a subject that a student would like to study or there is a timetable clash. This year we have also made some changes to some of our Year 12 and 13 subjects which have small student numbers wanting to study them. Instead of running the risk of not being able to offer some subjects we have reduced contact time with their teacher. Eg A Year 12 and 13 subject that has less than 15 students will have contact with their teacher 3 hours a week instead of 4. During their 4<sup>th</sup> hour they will have worked set by their teacher the previous lesson. This system will allow us to offer an increased number of subjects for our senior students.

At the end of last year, we were disappointed with the relatively small number of students in the senior school that choose to do Maori Performing Arts in 2021, as a result we have decided to offer a revised Maori

Performing Arts programme. This revised programme will be available for all students who wish to partake and will run over selected weekends as a Wananga style course. We are hopeful that by making this change we will encourage a greater number of students to get involved in Maori Performing Arts. We are currently liaising with our staff, our Otago University facilitator and other providers to plan this programme. Please encourage your child to keep an eye out for further details during the year.

### Extracurricular Activities in 2021 (including Sports)

We appreciate the support that we receive from our community to run our extracurricular activities, we know that without this support we would not be able to offer so many opportunities to our students. If you are interested in helping with our sports teams in 2021 by coaching or managing, then please contact our sports coordinator Marsha Collingwood [m.collingwood@hawerahs.school.nz](mailto:m.collingwood@hawerahs.school.nz).

Representing Hawera High School at extracurricular activities is a huge privilege and we expect our students to uphold the school values at school in order to be given this privilege. Last year we introduced the following requirements for students to represent Hawera High School at extracurricular activities.

Students need:

Their attendance rate higher than 80%.

Less than 10 negative pastoral incidents per term.

### NZQA results

These are due out on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Students will need to know their NSN number and NZQA password to access these results on the NZQA website. If students have forgotten their passwords, we are unable to reset them, they will need to go to the NZQA website and request a new password.

As a school we have access to the students results at the same time as the students, this means that as soon as we are able, we will download all their results and upload them into our system. Once this is done then they will be visible on parent portal for you to see. The only possible delay in this happening is if the NZQA system gets overloaded from students checking their results.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2021

**Peer Support** – ALL Year 13 to attend Peer Support training (Gather in PFA1)

**Tuesday 26 – Wednesday 27 January 2021** | 9am – 3:10pm

### Senior Subject Confirmation

**Monday 25 – Tuesday 26 January 2021** | 9am – 4:30pm

ALL Year 12 and 13 students **MUST** come into school on either Monday 25<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January. It is very important to attend as this is a final check on external assessment results and whether entry criteria for courses has been met. Appointment times can be made through the school interviews website – parents will receive an email with a special code for this in January.

Year 11 students who require a CHANGE to their course **MUST** come into school on these dates also.

The Year 11 Dean will be available.

Timetables for 2021 will be available for students to check on Parent/Student Portals from 11 January 2021.

***(Students can access the Portal through the school website using their own school login and password)***

<https://parentportal.hawerahs.school.nz/index.php>

### Start Dates for 2021

**Monday 1 February** | 8:45am:

**Years 9 and 13 attend**

Year 9 students to meet outside the Hub (Camberwell Road side)

Year 13 to gather in the Hub

**Powhiri commences at 9:00am**

Parents are very welcome to attend

**Tuesday 2 February** | 8:45am:

**All year levels to attend**

**Year 10** – meet at Court 3 at the Hub

**Year 11** – meet at the Jubilee Gym

**Year 12** – meet at PFA1

Students are expected to be in full, correct uniform

Students should bring writing materials on the first day of school

## Office Hours

Monday 25 – Friday 29 January 2021 | 9am – 3pm

Monday 1 February onwards | 8:30am – 4pm

## Contact Details

School phone (06) 2784145

School email: [enquiries@hawerahs.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@hawerahs.school.nz)

School website: <https://www.hawerahs.school.nz/>

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Year 12 Dean	Kris Campbell	<a href="mailto:k.campbell@hawerahs.school.nz">k.campbell@hawerahs.school.nz</a>
Year 13 Dean	Carolyn Miles	<a href="mailto:c.miles@hawerahs.school.nz">c.miles@hawerahs.school.nz</a>

## Bell Times for 2021

Form Time:	8:45am	15 minutes
<b>Period One:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	55 minutes
<b>Period Two:</b>	<b>9:55am</b>	55 minutes
Kai:	10:50am	10 minutes (Healthy Lunches – see below)
First Break:	11:00am	30 minutes
<b>Period Three</b>	<b>11:30am</b>	1 hour
<b>Period Four:</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	1 hour
Second Break:	1:30pm	40 minutes
<b>Period Four:</b>	<b>2:10pm</b>	1 hour
School Finishes:	3:10pm	

## Free Healthy Lunches 2021

From April all our students will be provided with free and healthy lunches. We are waiting to hear from the Ministry of Education about which vendor will be supplying these lunches. Once our vendor is confirmed we will be liaising with them to have our lunches delivered for 10.50am.

You can see from our bell times above we will be having 10 minutes in classes to enable students to eat their lunch. We are hopeful that this will encourage students to enjoy the sharing of kai and that it will also help encourage good waste management practices (e.g. food scraps and recycling packaging).

## Canteen

We are making changes to our canteen for 2021 to make the most of having free and healthy lunches.

### Canteen hours:

First break: 11.15am – 11.30am (Please note this is the second half of this break only).

Second break: 1.30pm – 2.10pm

We are also looking for reliable students to work in the canteen during break times, they will be remunerated with canteen vouchers. If your child is interested in being put on the roster then please get them to give their name to Marsha Collingwood our Sports Co-ordinator (Marsha can be found in the Sports Office next to the Canteen).

## Menu Changes

During Term 4 2020 we asked our students some questions about changes they would like to the canteen. As a result of their feedback, we are going to be making the following changes:

- Addition of salads including fruit salads
- Addition of more fruit
- Lollies and chocolate bars have been removed from canteen

A huge thank you to the students who were part of the decision-making group for the changes to our canteen.

## Lunch Passes

There will be no student lunch passes for 2021 due to all students being provided with a free healthy lunch. Year 13 students will be allowed to leave during the second break but not the first break.

## Vehicle Passes

All students who intend to drive a vehicle to school in 2021 should see the Deputy Principal to collect an application form. It is vital for health and safety reasons that we know which students will be driving vehicles to school in 2021.

## Student Stationery

The school does not supply stationery for students. The stationery lists for all levels have been emailed along with this newsletter and can also be found on the school website. Paper Plus, Warehouse Stationery and The Warehouse also have copies of our stationery lists for 2021.

## BYOD - Device Information 2021

Students are required to bring an appropriate device to access learning resources, process information, organise resources and communicate with others. **Smart phones are not considered to be a suitable device.**

### What types/models of devices can be brought?

The device must be internet capable and have the ability to create and edit common documents, such as word-processed documents, spreadsheets and presentations. It should also have the ability to read eBooks and .pdfs. We would allow netbooks or a laptop of 11-inch screen size or larger.

If parents and students are considering a device purchase, we have produced some guidelines to assist in this process.

**Checklist for your child's laptop** - if you are buying a laptop it should:

- ✓ Have a minimum of 8Gb Ram. 16Gb will improve performance
- ✓ Minimum 11-inch screen
- ✓ Be internet capable and able to access the school's wireless network
- ✓ Be able to run Microsoft® Office 365
- ✓ Have a keyboard
- ✓ Have a good battery life (more than 6 hours)
- ✓ Be lightweight enough that it can be carried easily
- ✓ Have sufficient storage space to store documents. Recommended minimum 64GB of internal storage
- ✓ Have a back-up device (e.g. a USB stick or external hard drive). While documents are stored in their Microsoft® cloud it is good practice to learn to backup
- ✓ An extended 3-year warranty
- ✓ A suitable well-padded durable laptop bag
- ✓ Compatible headphones – if needed

## Short Term / Long Term Device Hire for 2021

The school has devices for hire during 2021. Please click on this link [\*\*DEVICE\*\*](#) to let us know if you would like your child to have a long term or short term device. The expectation is that all students will need a device (Laptop or Tablet) for school use in 2021. If they have their own then they do not need to fill in this form, however, if they do not have a suitable device (*please see device information above*) then they will need to fill in the form so we can have the devices set up ready for them.

**Long Term** – Cost \$100 for the year, this includes an \$80 bond, refundable on the return of the device in good condition at the end of the year. Devices are issued with a bag and charger, for use at school and home for the year.

**Short Term** – No cost. Devices are issued to students and kept in the Resource Centre over night to charge. Students are to collect their device from the Resource Centre before classes start for the day and return them to charge at the end of the day. Bags are available to carry the devices during the day. Devices are not to be taken home.

## Uniform – Argyle Schoolwear

The school uniform shop does not supply full school uniform.

Argyle Schoolwear, as our main provider of school uniform, supplies all new uniform items through the ArgyleOnLine website [www.argyleonline.co.nz](http://www.argyleonline.co.nz).

**For more information about the school uniform please see our website**

<https://www.hawerahs.school.nz/copy-of-student-support>

If you were unable to attend the fitting days, then staff will be available for fittings on the:  
25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January from 10am to 2pm.

The Uniform Shop hours for 2021 are:

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>8.00am - 9.00am</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>1.30pm - 2.10pm</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>3.10pm - 4.10pm</b>

The HHS Uniform Shop supplies Year 12 and Year 13 Blazers, as well as Ties, Scarfs, Caps, Brim Hats, Boys and Girls School Socks and Football/Hockey/Rugby Sports Socks. These, and some second-hand uniform items can be purchased using cash or eftpos.

## Colgate Games

Hannah Coogan 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2000m Walk.



Congratulations Hannah!

Ryan Hockly also ran personal bests in the B13 800m and 1500m. Well done Ryan.

If you have any student achievement news to share, please email us at [enquiries@hawerahs.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@hawerahs.school.nz) so we can share this with the school community in our next newsletter.

This week in the newspaper and on Facebook we are advertising for the following position. Please share this information with anyone who you think might be interested.



We are looking for a Whanau Support Worker to be part of our collaborative team. The successful applicant will work closely with our Student Support Officer, Deans and Senior Leadership Team. You will provide support for whanau to enable their students to engage fully in school life.

This role is 20 hours per week during term time and is a Grade C role as defined by the Support Staff in Schools' collective agreement.

The successful applicant will need to be able to engage meaningfully with families and put in place interventions that inspire, motivate and enable change.

Applications Close at 4pm on  
Friday 29 January 2021

An Application Form and Job Description is available at the Hawera High School front office or e-mail [principal@hawerahs.school.nz](mailto:principal@hawerahs.school.nz).

Completed application form and CV should be addressed to  
The Principal, PO Box 437, Hawera 4640  
or e-mailed to [principal@hawerahs.school.nz](mailto:principal@hawerahs.school.nz).

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