



## Newsletter 6 – September 2018

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### PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



#### Kia ora koutou katoa

As always, Term 3 has been a busy term. Our NCEA students are currently just finishing their practice NCEA exams in preparation for the November exams. These exams are really important, not only to allow students to hone their exams skills, but also to ensure that they have evidence of their learning if they should be required to apply for a 'derived grade' should they be unable to sit an exam.

We are still busy with enrolment interviews for 2019. If you would like to enrol your daughter or for further details about our enrolment process, please contact Ms Sue Barras at the school office, phone 757 3899 or email [enrolments@npghs.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@npghs.school.nz). To arrange a Hostel interview please contact Mrs Marina Walsh at Scotlands Hostel, phone 757 3840 or email [hostelenquiries@npghs.school.nz](mailto:hostelenquiries@npghs.school.nz).

Congratulations to all our teams who competed in the Winter Tournament Week. This was a fantastic week of competition across the North Island. Well done to all who competed and their fantastic coaches, managers, parents and supporters who travelled with our girls so that these events could happen.

Congratulations also to the Jazz Band who gained Silver and a Merit award at the Waikato ITM Band and Orchestra Festival.

Thank you to the many Year 12 students who are currently putting themselves forward for leadership positions for 2019. Leadership is about service – putting the needs of others first and sharing the responsibility to enable others to develop and grow. "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi. It takes courage to put yourself forward for these positions. Leaders for 2019 will be announced in Term 4. Good luck!

The school's Fun Run is scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday 27 September and school will finish for the term following assembly at approximately **1.40pm on Friday 28 September**. Senior reports will be issued on this day. Term 4 will begin Monday 15 October and seniors will have just three weeks of school before heading off on study leave for external NCEA examinations. Junior reports will be sent out on 26 October. The Senior Prizegiving and Graduation Dinner will be on Monday 5 November.

The staff kapa haka group will be taking part in the annual Te Kahui Whetu evening, a kapa haka festival for Taranaki Schools, held this year at Waitara High School.

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We wish you all the best for the school holidays. It is important to take time to rest and recuperate: "Rest when you're weary. Refresh and renew yourself, your body, your mind, your spirit. Then get back to work." Ralph Marston

Victoria Kerr  
Principal

## STUDENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

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### NCEA Review

The government's review of NCEA is now underway, and people all over the country have started sharing their views via the NCEA survey – the challenges, the successes and what can be done better. The Ministry of Education is consulting with all sectors on NCEA and will be wanting feedback from students and parents. The MoE want to make it as easy as possible for everyone to participate in the discussion about the future of NCEA. Read more about the NCEA review and ways to participate at [www.conversation.education.govt.nz/ncea](http://www.conversation.education.govt.nz/ncea).

### Governance Review

The Independent Taskforce charged with reviewing the way our schools are governed, managed and administered, wants to hear your views and experiences of the schooling system – what's working well, what's not and what needs to change in order to meet the challenges we face to achieve equity and excellence. You can find out more about the review and have your say on the Tomorrow's Schools Review website <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/>.

### Poroporoake



Tena koutou katoa. Ki nga tini ahuatanga o te wa. Tau mai ra te manaakitanga o te atua. Mauri ora ki a tatou.

Make a date in your calendar for our annual Poroporoake, our farewell to all our Maori and Pacific Island Year 13 students as they graduate from New Plymouth Girls' High School. This will be held at the start of Term 4 on Thursday 1 November starting at 5.00 pm in Tuhonohono for mihi whakatau and the formal part of the evening.

This year, as we have such a large group of girls graduating, we will then move to the Year 13 Study for kai. Whanau and students will receive invitations to attend an evening of celebration and success, waiata and kai. If you are interested in finding out more about this very special event please contact Kerry Macdonald (Deputy Principal) [kmacdonald@npghs.school.nz](mailto:kmacdonald@npghs.school.nz). We would love to have you and your whanau join us.



### Are you passionate about suicide prevention?



We believe that New Plymouth Girls' High School may well be **THE** most caring and compassionate school in Taranaki. Now you have the chance to prove it!

We aim to have 1,000 people dancing together in the dark, for hope - and as a sponsored event to raise funds for suicide prevention work.

It is a unique event, taking place at the TSB Stadium on the 18 October. We want **YOU** to be a part of it - and dance like crazy - and make a difference!

Send an email with the subject NPGHS to [cathysdance@hope.kiwi](mailto:cathysdance@hope.kiwi) and your name in the body of the email - and we'll get you registered and tell you everything.

Want to know more? Head to [www.hope.kiwi](http://www.hope.kiwi) or Facebook Cathy's Dance or call (06) 2150993.

## Y-Lead

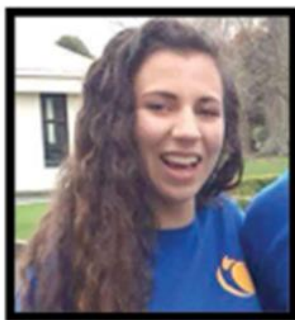
Each year a group of Year 12 aspiring leaders attend a conference in Rotorua during the October school holidays.

### Empowering senior students to be positive leaders

Throughout the Y-Lead experience, students will realise that they have a unique opportunity to create an inspiring legacy during their senior years. Each student will be challenged to make an important contribution to the leadership of the school and recognise that by working together they can unlock their maximum potential! Students will have the opportunity to acknowledge the strengths in one another, giving them the confidence to strive for excellence in everything that they do. Y-lead will:

- Empower students with the understanding that leadership is not defined by a badge, but by the actions that create their legacy
- Motivate students to want to contribute to the leadership of their school
- Encourage students to explore their passions and strengths and use them to influence others
- Develop a strong sense of unity between students and explore the theme 'together has power'
- Discuss and affirm their strengths, whilst recognising areas of improvement that will unlock their potential as individuals and as a year group

Y-lead often makes such a huge impact on students' lives that they want to go back year after year as mentors so that they can give back and inspire the next set of leaders. Congratulations to the following people who have been chosen to be mentors for 2018:



#### TARYN HOPKINS

*New Plymouth Girls' HS '16*

Taryn attended Rangatira in 2015 as a prefect of New Plymouth Girls' HS. She is genuine, compassionate and honest. Taryn firmly believes in standing up for worthy causes. This will be her third time as a yLead mentor.



#### CATERINA POLETTI

*New Plymouth Girls' HS '18*

Caterina attended Rangatira in 2017 as Head Girl of New Plymouth Girls' HS. She is warm, dedicated and compassionate. She recognises the need to be strong and resilient, while also sensitive and caring. This will be his first time as a mentor.

## Help with Online Bullying, Abuse and Harassment

Online bullying, abuse and harassment can be hard to deal with. Netsafe offer a free and confidential service to help you understand the options available to you when dealing with such situations.

### What does this look like?

Netsafe can offer advice for lots of different situations. This includes online/digital bullying, abuse and harassment, and when someone has put something online that:

- Tries to get someone to hurt themselves
- Shares intimate images without consent (shared nudes, sometimes called "revenge porn")
- Encourages other people to send harmful messages to someone
- Most people would think is very offensive
- Shares someone's sensitive private information without their permission
- Makes a false allegation about someone
- Shares confidential information about someone without their permission
- Puts someone down because of their colour, race, ethnic or national origins, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or disability
- Is indecent or obscene
- Threatens to hurt someone or damage their property

### What does Netsafe Do?

When you contact Netsafe their friendly team will ask you some questions to understand what's happening. Once they know what's going on, they can give advice on what you can do, and may be able to assist you in resolving the issue.

Netsafe can give you tips on how to stay safe and discuss options you could take to stop the abuse. Sometimes they can contact the person you believe is responsible for the communications to discuss ways in which this could be resolved.

Netsafe might also be able to contact the person or the organisation that runs the website, app or service that the content is on and ask if they can assist.

Netsafe's role under the Harmful Digital Communications Act (HDCA) is to assist with complaints about digital communications that someone has claimed has harmed them in some way.

**Netsafe will never contact the person who you believe has been harassing you without your permission.**

#### HOW TO GET HELP

Visit [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz), email [help@netsafe.org.nz](mailto:help@netsafe.org.nz), text 'Netsafe' to 4282 or call us toll-free on **0508 NETSAFE** (0508 638 723). The Netsafe contact centre is open 8am – 8pm Monday to Friday, and 9am – 5pm on weekends.

## SPORTS

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### 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympics

Congratulations to Maya Dickson who was selected for the New Zealand Team at the 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympics from 6-18 October. Maya will be competing in Beach Volleyball at the Youth Olympic Games.



### Zone 3 Premiership Basketball Tournament – Junior 10A Team, Napier

The team played in a four day tournament in Napier from 1-4 Sept.

We took an exceptional group of young ladies to this tournament in Napier. They played two games per day, playing each of the six teams in the girls' pool. The girls all played their hearts out and improved dramatically as the tournament progressed. This improvement can be attributed to their fantastic coach Maurice Gilmour, the extensive knowledge of Jeff Cleaver in the role of Assistant Coach and the nurturing they received from their Manager, Jane Williams. And of course, the willingness of every girl to listen and learn.

They fought their way to the final after four wins and two losses in pool play. They played an absolute 'blinder' in the final against Sacred Heart, Lower Hutt. They were down by 12 points at half time with a number of players either fouled off or in foul trouble. Then the brilliance happened. Lulu Fellows played the game of her life, making a number of fantastic plays that lead to a steady come back. Ma Murray showed her strength of character by coming back on with an injury and playing hard. Olivia Greiner and Drew Fraser stepped up from the bench and played out of their skin, and Lauren Tewhata continued to play her outstanding game using her level head to direct play and score 20 points. Gemma Gardner-Harrison also had an outstanding game scoring 13 points.

After a hard fight back, they were up by 1 point with less than 4 seconds on the clock. Somehow, out of nowhere, Sacred Heart managed to sink a lay up to take victory, 63-62.

Although NPGHS lost, they were the winners on the night. They played hard, showed their true strength of character and never gave up. Truly an amazing performance all week girls. You should all be extremely proud of yourselves.

### TSSA Gymfunk Results

Dania El-Haddawi	–	2 <sup>nd</sup> Minitramp Group C, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Acro/Tumbling C grade
Sophie Nairn	–	1 <sup>st</sup> Minitramp Group B, 1 <sup>st</sup> Acro/Tumbling C grade
Danielle McLeod	–	2 <sup>nd</sup> Minitramp Group B, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Acro/Tumbling C grade
Millie Wright	–	2 <sup>nd</sup> Acro/Tumbling A grade
Group Performance	–	NPGHS 3 <sup>rd</sup>

Dania El-Haddawi, Sophie Nairn, Danielle McLeod, Millie Wright and Bridget Masters

Top Team Trophy - NPGHS

## Secondary Schools' Basketball – Social League

Well done to the NPGHS "Ballers" who won the Junior Division of the Friday night Social Grade Basketball. They went unbeaten throughout the season. Well done girls.

## Netball

Congratulations to the Premier Netball team who won the Taranaki Premier 2 final and qualified for the entry into Premier 1 in 2019. This was an excellent achievement as the team went through the season unbeaten.

The team followed this up with a very successful campaign at the Lower North Island Netball Championships. Sixty-two schools from throughout the lower and central North Island competed in two grades.

The NPGHS Premier team went through the week unbeaten until the final where they were a close second. All team members played exceptionally well throughout the week and deserved their success. They now qualify for the top 16 teams to compete at the NZ Secondary Schools' Finals in Timaru in October.

Congratulations to the following girls who were identified by Netball New Zealand in the tournament team: Boston Falaniko; Brooke Neilson; Parris Mason and Isla Vink.

Scores:

Won v Wanganui High School	36 -27
Won v Howowhenua College	63 - 6
Won v Tawa College	44 -15
Won v Hastings Girls	37 -19
Won v Inglewood HS	21 -11
Won v Wellington Girls' College	30 -18
Won v Palmerston North Girls	27 -19
Won v Wellington East	37 -23
Lost v Manukura	22 -20



## Horizons Netball Tournament

Thirty-eight students went to Palmerston North to play in the Horizons Netball Tournament on 9 September. The teams were mixed Year 9 and 10's. The four teams played together for the first time for this event and conducted themselves admirably.

They played three pool games before crossing over for the playoff matches. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day to add to the fun environment.

Both the Silver and Blue teams won their respective divisions and crossed over to play each other in the Final of Division 1. The Silver team took out that match.

The Red and White teams both struck some formidable competition in their divisions. They played off against each other for 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> place, with the Red team winning that match.

It was a fantastic, fun day. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their overnight trip. It was such a lovely way to end a busy and successful netball season. Well done to all of the girls!

## Badminton

The New Plymouth Girls' High School Badminton team of Clayr Asia, Joey Shen, Wei Quian Ong, Jennifer Joe and Pinyada Jariyaworakul, together with staff Mrs Karen Gillum-Green (staff in charge) and Doreen Miller (Manager), attended the NZSS Badminton Championships at North Harbour, Auckland from 3-6 September 2018.

The team just missed out on a medal by placing 4<sup>th</sup> from eleven teams in Division 2, which was an amazing effort.

The results of Division 2 were:

### Monday 3 September

NPGHS beat Lynfield College 5 – 1

### Tuesday 4 September

NPGHS beat Carmel College 5 – 1

NPGHS beat Manurewa High School 5 – 1

### Wednesday 5 September

NPGHS lost to Rosehill College 2 – 4

### Semi Final:

NPGHS lost to Wellington East Girls' College 1 – 5

### Thursday 6 September

Final:

NPGHS lost to St Oran's 1 – 5

The team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Group A and lost to the top two teams in Group B.

## Hockey National Tournament Results

### Hockey – Federation Cup/Marie Fry Tournament 2018

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI played in the Federation Cup/Marie Fry Premier Tournament in Whangarei. They had mixed results but at the end they qualified to remain in the Premier Tournament in 2019. They played in Pool B (second highest pool) and won key matches which kept them in the top eight of the Marie Fry Cup Tournament.

Results were as follows:

1. Pool play vs **Rangi Ruru Girls' School** – *loss 7-0*
2. Pool play vs **Columba College** – *win 2-1*: goals - Kate Atkinson – 2 goals
3. Pool play vs **Christchurch Girls' High School** – *loss 1-5* – goal by Lucy Atkinson
4. Crossover vs **Havelock North** – *win 4-0* – goals: Lucy Atkinson, Hannah Boniface, Abbey Darke, Aalyah Crofsky
5. Marie Fry Q-final vs **Wairarapa College** – *loss 2-4* - goals: Lucy Atkinson, Hannah Boniface
6. 21-34 playoff vs **St Kentigerns'** – *win 2-1* – goals: Kate Atkinson, Hannah Boniface
7. 21-22 playoff vs **Sacred Heart College, Hamilton** - *loss 2-3* – Goals: Lucy Atkinson, Aalyah Crofsky

The top goal scorer was Kate Atkinson with a total of four goals followed by Lucy Atkinson (three goals).

Congratulations to all players and thanks to the coaches, parents and staff that accompanied the touring team. The coaching and management staff included Andrew Darke, Ana Spurdle, Russell and Tania Atkinson and Karen Sorensen.

## September

A group of NPGHS staff are taking part in the September 10,000 steps a day challenge to raise funds for cerebral palsy.

Many of you may remember Alice Goodwin and Tessa White, old girls of our school. Both girls have cerebral palsy and have benefitted from the foundation. Recently Ali received her own mobility dog called Charlie. He is a beautiful Golden Labrador. Charlie helps Ali to move around her own flat and get out and about a lot more. Ali has gained real independence since Charlie arrived on the scene.

If you could help other cerebral palsy people like Ali and Tessa please make a donation online:

<https://event.september.org.nz/donate> with reference to GHS Stepping Out Team.



## PTA NEWS

Are you interested in joining the PTA? The New Plymouth Girls' High School PTA are looking for interested parent/family members/whanau to join the PTA Management Group. If you would like to know more then please contact Melissa Cumberledge on (06) 7573888 or [mcumberledge@npghs.school.nz](mailto:mcumberledge@npghs.school.nz).



### PTA Parents' Information Evening

#### 2018 Dates:

16 October

AGM, Year 13 Study, 7.00 pm

*All parents, caregivers and whanau welcome to attend.  
There will be supper afterwards.*

## TERM DATES

2018	
Term 1	30 January - 13 April
Term 2	30 April - 6 July
Term 3	23 July - 28 September
Term 4	15 October - 14 December

2019	
Term 1	29 January - 12 April
Term 2	29 April - 5 July
Term 3	22 July - 27 September
Term 4	14 October - 10 December

## CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER		
Friday	21	Te Kahui Whetu (Staff Kapahaka) WHS at 5.30 pm
Monday-Wednesday	24-26	NISS Snowboarding
Tuesday	25	World Challenge Meeting, 5.30 pm, Y13 Study
Wednesday	26	10BSS/Awhina Market Day (lunchtime)
Friday	28	<b>End of Term 3</b> Junior and senior work habits and grade reports 2019 course check forms emailed
OCTOBER		
Monday	15	<b>Start of Term 4</b>
Tuesday	16	PTA Meeting (Planning 2019 at the Hostel)
Monday	22	<b>Labour Day</b>
Monday	29	TSSSA Road Relays
Wednesday	31	TSSSA Jnr League
NOVEMBER		
Thursday	1	Poroporoake, 5.30pm Awhina Farewell 1.10 pm
Monday	5	Senior Prizegiving Graduation Dinner, 7pm Year End for Seniors
Wednesday	7	NZQA Examinations start
Monday	12	TSSSA Modified Sports Board of Trustees Meeting, 5pm
Friday	16	TSSSA Ultimate Frisbee
Monday	26	Clearance Week Jnr Nth Island Volleyball Champs
Wednesday	28	TSSSA Show jumping
Thursday	29	Newsletter emailed
DECEMBER		
Monday	3	Board Meeting, 5pm
Friday	7	Orientation Afternoon
Monday-Thursday	10-13	Junior Outdoor Ed
Friday	14	Junior Prizegiving <b>End of Term 4</b> Junior Reports Sent

