



Newsletter 7 – November 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Kia ora koutou katoa

Welcome back to Term Four. The year has flown by and now we are in the midst of farewells and celebrations for our senior students. Our Year 11 to 13 students are going on study leave from 6 November and the NCEA external examinations start on 7 November. We have already started to celebrate our students' achievements and say our farewells with our Hostel High Tea on Tuesday 30 October. We farewelled our International students on Thursday 25 October. We celebrated the graduation of our Maori and Pasifika students at a Poroporoake on Thursday 1 November with record numbers of students graduating and whanau attending this evening event. We hope to see many of you join us

to celebrate our students' achievements at the Senior Prizegiving on Monday 5 November in the school hall at 1.00pm. Junior students will be released from 12.00 Noon. This will be followed by refreshments for student leavers and their families in the Year 13 Study. There will be a display of student Art work in the Library during the day. The Graduation Dinner during the evening is for Year 13 graduates and their parents at the Plymouth International Hotel at 6.40pm for a 7.00pm start in the Ballroom. This is a fantastic evening and again we will be bursting at the seams. Celebrating achievements and sharing in success are hugely important aspects of school life for all our students, staff and community.

The Visual Art Department also hosted the Level One and Two Folio Display Evening held in the Year 13 Study and O Block on Tuesday 23 October. The talent and skill exhibited by our students is inspirational.

Congratulations to our Young Enterprise teams at the Taranaki Regional Awards. Several teams received awards and *Nunya Beeswax* achieved six awards and were the regional runners-up. Well done Simone Banks, Shannon Cattley, Makayla George, Hannah Mehrtens, Jascia Renau and Juliet Squatriti!

Congratulations also to Adriana Che Ismail who won the ICAS Medal for Year 12 Writing for New Zealand and the Pacific Region. This is a fantastic achievement and Adriana will be attending the Awards Ceremony in December.

In sporting news, congratulations to Maya Dickson who competed at the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aries. Maya and her partner finished 17th equal in her age group. Congratulations also to Mackenzie Barry who has been selected in the New Zealand U17 Women's team that will be competing in the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in Uruguay from the beginning of November. We wish her all the best in the competition. Brooke Neilsen was selected for New Zealand U19 Netball Team. Congratulations, Brooke!

The 2019 student leaders were announced at assembly on 31 October. Every year we are astounded at the calibre of the applicants. We have a wealth of leadership

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talent, skill and ability. "Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It's about impact, influence and inspiration. Impact involves getting results, influence is about spreading the passion you have for your work, and you have to inspire team-mates and [others]." Robin S. Sharma

Congratulations to Ella Wood, Head Girl (*photo middle*), Georgia Bricknall (*photo right*), Deputy Head Girl, and Brianna See (*photo left*), Deputy Head Girl. Congratulations to all our students who were awarded leadership positions for 2019. We look forward to working with you and making 2019 a year to remember. Remember, "Leadership is a choice, not a position." (Stephen Covey)



Junior examinations in core subjects will take place from Wednesday 7 November to Monday 12 November. Further details are in this newsletter. Senior reports will be issued on 23 November and the Outdoor Education programme for all Year 9 and 10 students will be 10–12 December.

We have our 2019 Orientation Afternoon on Friday 7 December when we welcome our 2019 Year 9 students into the school for the afternoon. Parents are most welcome to attend with their daughters. Boarders will begin their day at the Hostel in the morning and they will be joined by 'day girls' in the Hall at 1.00pm for a two hour programme. Year 12 and Year 9 students will be acting as hostesses for the day.

We are continuing to receive enrolments for places in 2019 at all year levels. Please contact Mrs Marina Walsh at the Hostel if you are interested in boarding and Ms Sue Barras at the school office for an enrolment interview with a Dean.

School will finish for the year with the Junior Prizegiving on Friday 14 December in the School Hall at 11.00 am. You are warmly invited to attend this event. The final newsletter for the year will be issued on 29 November.

We wish all our students sitting NCEA External examinations all the best with their study and their examinations. To all those who are leaving us, we wish you well on the next stage of your learning journey wherever that may be. Do keep in touch and share your stories with us. And remember, "Follow your passion, be prepared to work hard and sacrifice, and, above all, don't let anyone limit your dreams." (Donovan Bailey)

Victoria Kerr
Principal

STUDENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

Year 9 and 10 School Examinations – November 2018

The Year 9 and 10 Examinations for English, Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences will be held from Wednesday 7 November until Monday 12 November. There is one examination in the morning of each exam day. Students come to school on these days at 8:40am as normal and wearing correct school uniform. These examinations are very important for summative feedback on achievement, and also provide excellent practise for NCEA examinations in later years.

| Wednesday 7 Nov. | Thursday 8 Nov. | Friday 9 Nov. | Monday 12 Nov. |
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| Yr 10 Social Science Yr 9 Science | Yr 10 Mathematics Yr 9 English | Yr 10 English Yr 9 Mathematics | Yr 10 Science Yr 9 Social Science |

Teachers will instruct their classes on what is covered in the examinations. For all examinations, girls will need their own equipment - pens, pencil, ruler, compass, calculator (not to be used in Year 9 or 10 Mathematics) in a clear plastic bag to be taken into the examination room.

We will only be conducting catch-up examinations on Friday 9 November and Monday 12 November for those students with justified absences from earlier examinations. Unfortunately, we cannot offer later catch-up examinations, so if required, other assessments from during the year will be used for decisions on class placement. Students sitting NCEA Examinations will have alternative arrangements outlined in a letter home.

Senior Clearance Week
Senior Clearance Week is Monday 26 November to Friday 30 November between 8am – 2.30pm each day. Senior students may return their books to either their teacher or to Student Services.

All senior students must fill out a clearance form and hand it into Student Services whether or not they have books to return. Spare forms are available outside Student Services.

National Secondary Schools Brass Band 2018



In October, Ella Simpson and Anna Lee-Sanderson rehearsed and performed in Timaru and Christchurch as members of the 2018 National Secondary School's Brass Band. This was made up of 44 young musicians from 29 secondary schools from Auckland to Invercargill. Anna was awarded the Most Improved Player for the band. Congratulations girls!

National Concert Band Festival

Below are the official photos of the The National Concert Band Festival held in Wellington in August. The New Plymouth Girls' High School/New Plymouth Boys' High School Combined Concert Band directed by Mr Christopher Luke gained Bronze.



Y-Lead

Three students went to Y-Lead during the October holidays: Kate Atkinson, Georgia Bricknall and Ella Wood. The organisers said:

"Thank you for investing in the leaders of New Plymouth Girls' High School and supporting Rangatira 2018."

Each year our Rangatira experience seems to go from strength to strength; in 2018 our participants are walking away having built strong connections and with a real desire to give something back to their schools. This year we particularly believe that the leaders demonstrated great authenticity, humility and were so receptive to all of the speakers and workshops over the three days.



Conference Highlights:

"I think that I have really developed my relationship building skills, and learning to connect through relationships has definitely been my highlight as it is an invaluable skill to have."

Unwanted Uniform Items

Attention Year 12 or 13 students leaving school: Please consider donating your uniform if it is no longer required. Likewise, **Year 11 students changing to the Senior navy skirt in Year 12**, your Junior tartan skirts can be utilised. **Red jerseys are no longer a uniform item.**

There is a need for all uniform items, including sandals and shoes, raincoats and jackets, e.g. plain black or navy, white and navy school jacket and PE shorts. Shirts are also in demand. All donations are gratefully received for students who have difficulty purchasing uniforms.

Unwanted Books and Equipment

Revision books, write on workbooks for any subject, homework books, course notes etc. are invaluable for girls who cannot afford to buy them. Even if they are partly filled in, they are better than nothing! Exercise books that are not used up are also needed, along with **scientific calculators**, art equipment and design and visual communication gear. Clearfiles, rulers and Manilla folders are also in demand. **All donations are very much appreciated.** Please hand all donated items in to the School Office.

Mrs Barbara Bennett oversees the distribution of donated items.



2018 Concert Season

*"glorious sound...beautifully balanced...
precise, well tuned and never forced."*

arsnova CHOIR **DEVON HOTEL**
New Plymouth BRASS

Karl Jenkins

THE PEACEMAKERS

The New Zealand Premiere of Karl Jenkins' sequel to
"The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace"
with Dwayne Bloomfield's "Passchendaele"

A Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the End of World War I

Ars Nova Choir
Ars Antiqua Chamber Orchestra
The Devon Hotel New Plymouth Brass
"Jubilate" Choir from New Plymouth Girls' High School
Leigh Martin, *director* | Christopher J. Luke, *director*

Sunday 11 November 2018 | 2.30pm
TSB Theatre | TSB Showplace

Admission: \$30⁰⁰ | Concession: \$25⁰⁰ | Students: \$20⁰⁰
Book at TSB Showplace | www.ticketek.co.nz | Fees apply



2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympics - Beach Volleyball

After some close games Tam and Maya finished 17th in the 32-team draw. Played in front of massive and vocal crowds on the centre courts they were ranked Asia 1. Like most small countries New Zealand's lack of regular international competition shows when compared European countries in most of our national team sport competitions.

The 100 strong New Zealand team, including coaches and players from a wide variety of sports, were housed at a 10-block high-rise athlete village built for the games; it would dwarf the New Plymouth CBD. The purposed built beach court our one New Zealand team played on was constructed at the centre of a 30-acre park in the middle of the city and games were played in perfect weather conditions alongside the venue for the triathlon and tennis competitions. On count back over a million spectators attended the vast array of events being played over the two-week period.

Each pod of athletes had a village manager who stayed in the next room and Maya had the team Manager for Windsurfing, Olympian Barbara Kendall, as her manager.

Overall, New Zealand ended up with 3 golds and 1 silver, including gold for the 7's Girls in the six-team 7's Competition (we have 2 'naki girls in this team).

The highlight of the Games was the opening ceremony in the heart of the city with an estimated 200,000 spectators attending the celebration. Good luck to those NPGHS girls who might get the chance to attend the 2022 games in Senegal.

Surfing

Congratulations to Ariana Shewry who has left with the New Zealand Junior Surfing Team to compete at the ISA Junior Surfing Championships at Huntington Beach California from 27 October – 4 November.

Also, congratulations to Natasha Gouldsbury who won the Under 14 Girls' Surfing division at the National Scholastics Surfing Championships held in Gisborne during the school holidays. Natasha was also 3rd in the Open Women's and Under 18 Girls' divisions of the Maori Nationals' Surf Contest held in Taranaki over Labour weekend.

Premier Netball Team



On 8 October 2018, the Greymouth Petroleum New Plymouth Girls' High Premier Netball team got on a plane and travelled to the South Island to compete in Timaru at the Pita Pit New Zealand Secondary School Netball Champs. For the 12 team players and two out of the three-management team, this was our first Nationals. We were lucky enough to have Josie Cleaver in our management team, who had previously been to Nationals 15 times.

On Tuesday 9 October the tournament started with the NPGHS Premier team taking on the defending champions Howick College and we were very successful taking the win: 26-18. Later on that day also taking the win over Southland Girls' High 33-20. By having two wins in the first day this meant that NPGHS was in top

eight for the country. The following day was the harder day of pool play coming up against Westlake Girls' High and Mount Albert Grammar School. NPGHS Premier team experienced their first loss of the tournament against Westlake 34-27. Fortunately, we took that on the chin and fought twice as hard to take the win over Mount Albert Grammar in a very close and intense game, winning by only one point: 31-30. Come Thursday, we had three games left of the tournament. First up was St Kentigern's were the NPGHS Premier team experiences their second loss: 27-31. Once again, we took that on the chin and came back beating Hamilton Girls High School 29-18. The way the points worked out from the other teams within our pool, we were playing of for 5th and 6th on the last day of the tournament. Friday was an emotional day for the team as we had four Year 13's who were playing their last game of Netball for New Plymouth Girls' High School Premier Netball team, and this was our last game as a team. We had positive vibes and a positive

attitude towards our last game playing against Manukura. The team gave everything left in the tank. Blisters, sore backs and rolled ankles did not stop us from making everyone proud. Although the result wasn't what we wanted, every one of the 15 team members and supporters who had followed us the whole week were honoured and privileged to be a part of the 2018 National Campaign for NPGHS.

A huge congratulations to Brooke Neilson who was named in the tournament team, and also to Parris Mason who was named in the tournament team and the National Defender of the Tournament. We would just like to thank everyone who helped us along the way of our season this year. Including, Netball Taranaki, umpires, coaches, players and most of all our families. Sixth in New Zealand is something we will all be proud of for the rest of our lives.

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.

TERM DATES

| 2018 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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

| NOVEMBER | | |
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| Thursday | 1 | Poroporoake, 5.30pm Awhina Farewell 1.10 pm |
| Monday | 5 | Senior Prizegiving, 1pm, School Hall Graduation Dinner, 7pm Year End for Seniors |
| Wednesday | 7 7-12 | NZQA Examinations start Junior Examinations start |
| Monday | 12 | Board of Trustees Meeting, 5pm |
| Friday | 16 | TSSSA Ultimate Frisbee |
| Tuesday | 20 | PPTA Paid Union Meeting (afternoon) BYOD Information Evening 4.45 pm to 7.30 pm |
| Friday | 23 | Year 11 and 12 reports emailed/sent |
| 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 End of Term 4 Junior Reports Sent |

