

News From The Top Of The Hill

Napier Girls' High School Newsletter

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I would like to wish everyone a happy Easter and restful holiday break.

Mary Nixon - Principal

Photos from NGHS Events in Term 1



Air Force visit



Triathlon



Year 13s dressed up for Art Deco Day



Swimming Sports



International Students' Farm Day

Altered Timetable for Terms 2 and 3

Since 2003, the school has slightly altered its timetable in Terms 2 and 3 to provide weekly professional development time for teachers.

Accordingly, from the beginning of Term 2, school will start for students at 9.15am on Tuesday mornings only, to enable staff to undertake training in a number of areas, and to meet in departments to undertake tasks associated with the school's focus on improving students' thinking skills and implementing the new New Zealand Curriculum.

Students will not lose class time with the later start - a house meeting/assembly slot has been adjusted instead.

Every Tuesday the Taradale, Greemeadows, Tamatea and Clive school buses will arrive 30 minutes later than usual to bus stops. Bay View bus students and any other students who need to be at school earlier than 9.15am will be welcome to use the school library and classroom facilities.

Parents have been very supportive of this initiative since 2003. With the huge and numerous changes taking place in secondary school education these days, it is essential that staff have more opportunities to meet workload and professional training needs.

Terms 2 and 3 new Tuesday timetable for students

9.15am	Arrival at school
9.20 - 10.15am	Period 1
10.15 - 10.30am	Interval
Rest of day as normal	

Please note - in Term 4 we will revert to normal Tuesday times.

Should you have any concerns about this arrangement, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Nixon at school

027 ADLUCEM

This is the number of a new cellphone at school. It is for students or their caregivers to let us know of their successes. We are proud of our students and want to acknowledge and recognise achievements in sport, culture or community. Unfortunately we do not always hear about them.

Recent users of the "027 ADLUCEM" number include the sailing squads in Wellington, the rowers at Lake Karapiro and the Canoe Polo team, all of whom won medals in their events.

Please keep it in mind and let us know of any achievements.

NZQA Qualification Fees 2009

The qualification fees for 2009 are:

Domestic Candidates

Entry for all NQF Standards and up to 3 scholarships \$75
Additional Scholarship Entries \$75 per subject

International Fee-paying Candidates

Entry for all NQF standards \$375
All scholarship entries \$100 per subject

Your daughter will receive an invoice early Term 2. The deadline for payment is Friday 3rd July - the end of Term 2.

Early in Term 3 schools pay all candidate fees to NZQA. After this date fees cannot be refunded.

If you do not pay your fees NZQA will not report any results on your Record of Achievement and you will not get any certificates.

If you pay after 19 September you will have to pay NZQA directly and will be **charged a \$50.00 late fee** as well.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist with the payment of entry fees to National Secondary Schools Qualifications. To apply for financial assistance, the applicant (normally the parent or caregiver of the candidate) must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- have a joint family income that would entitle the applicant to receive a Community Services Card
- have more than one child who are candidates in the same year and their total fees would amount to more than \$200.00

The financial assistance form will be sent out with the invoice early in Term 2. Financial assistance is available only to domestic students.

Special Assessment Conditions

Examination candidates who have a long-term disability or permanent learning difficulty which they believe will significantly impair their performance in an examination may apply for special assessment conditions (e.g. reader/writer, additional time). The school will also endeavour to identify these students and contact parents.

If you have any queries about special assessment conditions or financial assistance please contact Mr Harty. For queries regarding payment of fees please contact the school office.

NCEA Information for Students (and Parents)

All NCEA students were given a booklet in Week 3 outlining procedures for missed assessments and appeals. The centre page of this booklet is an acknowledgement form to be signed by the Caregiver and returned to the student's vertical form teacher. It states that the Caregiver and the Student have read and understood this school's policies for NCEA assessments.

This booklet is also available on our website.

Absences

It is Napier Girls' High School's policy that any absence is excused on the day of the absence. This can be done by a phone call to our 24 hour absence line on **835 4199** or by email to jmyers@nghs.school.nz. If an absence is not excused in this way, then a letter will be sent home the next day. Should the absence remain unexplained it will be assumed the student was truant and a consequence will be given.

Achievements

- **Annie Creagh, Laura Jensen, Emma Sutherland** represented NGHS at the East Coast North Island Athletics team and won three medals.
- At the Maadi Cup Regatta held this past weekend, **Stephanie Wilson, Lisa Kitchin, India Gilmore, Lauren Stone** and cox **Kate Bain** won Bronze in the U18 Novice Coxed Four. **Bridget Edwards** and **Lillie Brownlie** won Bronze in the U16 Double Skulls. **Katherine Thomas, Abbey Green, Hayley Jenkins, Olivia Maxwell** and cox **Lillie Brownlie** gained 4th place in the U18 Coxed Quadruple Skulls. Abbey was also selected for the NZ U18 Training Squad.
- **Kate Chadwick** has once again played some excellent Golf, winning the Girls' Section in the HB Secondary Schools' Championships and had the overall best score from the boys and girls. She also won the U19 Girls' Section in the HB Junior Boys and Girls Championship.
- At the Lower North Island Team Racing Sailing Championships the Napier Girls' High School team came 1st, beating Lindisfarne and Napier Boys' High School. The team members are **Naomi Mannering, Briar Mannering, Sophie Panton, Victoria Callinicos, Jessica Sixtus, Casey Glynn, Harriet Cameron** and **Anna Callinicos**.
- At last year's AMP show **Laura Kaan** won 1st place for her wearable art outfit 'Alpaca 'n' Allsorts' made from alpaca fibre, wire netting, hot glue, duct tape, Hessian, polythene - among other things. This process, from planning to construction took three months. She gained automatic entry into the Ag Art Wear competition at the Mystery Creek Field Days this June, where she will be competing against international entries.
- **Alex Bullock** was commended at the Taradale High School Wearable Art Competition with her design 'Supernova'. She then went on to enter her design at the Fashion with a Twist competition at the Horse Of the Year and won 2nd place. Alex's design is made from brake tubing, and lurex fabrics and took hours to construct.
- **Raana Pepere** competed in the Secondary School Waka Ama Nationals Competition. Battling bitterly cold wind and rough waters she came 1st in the U16 Girls One Man Bowl Final, winning well ahead of the rest of the finalists.
- **Lara Hornby** has won a South Island Highland Dancing title
- **Kirsten Wiffin** has been selected in the Open HB Eventing Equestrian Team to compete at Nationals.

Anzac Day Service

Napier Girls' High School Prefects will be representing the school at Anzac Day Services at Taradale and Napier on Saturday 25th April. Sophie Barr will be reading the Dedication at the Napier Dawn Service.

Interim Reports for Year 9, 10 and senior students new to the school

These students will receive an interim report at the end of Term 1. Parents and caregivers who are concerned about their daughter's progress are encouraged to contact the appropriate dean. Full reports will be issued to all levels in mid-June.