



News From The Top Of The Hill

Napier Girls' High School Newsletter

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Tēnā koutou

Term 3 has started very smoothly after staff and students had a good holiday break.

The ERO confirmed report will be made public from 31st July 2009 and a copy of the full report will be available from this date on the ERO website. A copy of the ERO letter to the community has been included with this newsletter for parents and students.

A group of about 35 students accompanied by John Seaman, Nicole Stirland, Jan Seaman, Robyn Chapman and Susie Stephenson had a wonderful opportunity to tour Malaysia in the holidays. The experience of such a different culture was very worthwhile.

The Orienteering team gained second place at the NZ Secondary Schools' Nationals during the holidays, with a large contingent from our school participating. Special mention must go to Holly Edmonds for winning the Junior Championship grade, Emma Pullen, who won the Senior Girls Standard and Zivana Donnelly who won the Intermediate Girls' Standard. I would like to thank Derek Morrison and the parent helpers - Vicky Manson and Louise and Tim Anderson, who assisted with this trip, achieving a great result.

The winter sports teams are doing well in their competitions and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all staff and parents who continually support our sports teams during the week and on a Saturday. Without your assistance these teams would not be able to participate in this competition. I look forward to seeing you on the sideline.

The annual Napier Girls' High School Ball was held on Friday 24 July. This was run by the PTA and was an opportunity for the girls and parents to get dressed in their finest attire. It was a very glamorous affair, the theme being Carnival. The Ball was well attended by over 430 young men and women. A number of staff and Board members also attended with Stephen Jacobi as MC for the evening. I would like to thank the PTA, the Deans and the Ball Committee for an outstanding social event. It was nice to see the girls having the opportunity to have a social occasion such as this. The Ball is a very special part of the school life.

This week we are celebrating Māori Language Week at Napier Girls' High School and there will be lots of activities and quizzes to promote this. Another round of 5 Minutes of Fame has provided entertainment for participants and audience this week.

Coming up in a few weeks we have the Term 3 exams. We encourage parents to talk to their daughters about beginning preparation for these, so that it is not a rush at the last minute. Teachers will be giving information about individual subjects in class. It is sometimes hard to stay motivated about school and other things in the middle of winter. The girls will reap the benefits of staying focussed even when it is hard. We really appreciate all their commitment to their learning in and out of the classroom.

Mary Nixon
Principal

Term 3 Calendar

Week 3

Tue 4 Aug
Wed 5 Aug
Thu 6 Aug

Team Photos. ICAS English Competition P2 & 3
Massey Open Day in Palmerston North
Australian Maths Competition

Week 4

Tue 11 Aug

Thu 13 Aug

Lunchtime - Five Minutes of Fame. Future Intech speakers visit
Y10 Maths Classes
PTA Meeting. Year 10 Science trips to Omarunui landfill
Year 13 Geo Rotorua Trip - returns Sat 15 Aug.
Year 10 Science trips to Omarunui landfill

Friday 14 Aug

Week 5

Mon 17 Aug
Tue 18 Aug
Wed 19 Aug
Thu 20 Aug
Fri 21 Aug

Day in lieu for 125 Celebrations - School closed
BOT Meeting. Netball College Day - 10Green, 9Gold
Mufti Day. Otago Uni Course Planning Visit 9.35-10.30am.
Subject Selection Evening 4-6pm. HB Science Fair
HB Science Fair

Week 6

Mon 24 Aug
Thu 27 Aug
Fri 28 Aug

NGHS Year 8 Open Evening
Vic/Massey Wellington trip departs 1pm
Vic/Massey Wellington Open Day. NZ Curriculum Jumbo Day for HB schools.

Sat 29 Aug

Week 7

Wed 2 Sep

Auckland University Open Day
Tournament Week
Senior examinations begin

Week 8

Mon 7 Sep
Tue 8 Sep
Thu 10 Sep

Wanganui Round the Lakes Relay - Cross Country
Senior examinations conclude
PTA Meeting

Week 9

Tue 15 Sep
Wed 16 Sep
Fri 18 Sep

Year 11 Music Performance Assessment. BOT Meeting.
International Students' Wellington fieldtrip - returns Sat 19 Sep
Junior Social at NGHS. Cross Country pm

Week 10

Wed 23 Sep
Thu 24 Sep
Fri 25 Sep

Lincoln Uni Liaison Course Planning visit 9.35-10.30am
Noumea trip leaves
Interhouse Choir Competition. End of Term 3

Holidays

Thu 1 Oct
Term 4
Mon 12 Oct

Noumea trip returns
Term 4 commences

NGHS SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION EVENING

THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST

4:00 – 6:30 pm in the Hall

Students in Y10, Y11 & Y12 and their parents
are invited to school to discuss subject choices for 2010

Heads of Department and Teachers in Charge of subjects
will be available.

Mrs Horrocks will be available for Careers advice

H.B. Secondary Schools' Year 11 History Quiz

On Tuesday 28 July Year 11 History had their HB Secondary Schools' Quiz Night. We had 2 teams entered this year, hoping to win the cup that we won last year again. There was a really good turn out with 20 teams participating, and although 1 of our 2 teams was within 1 point of winning until late in the 10 round competition, we did not sustain it and ended up losing the cup. However a good night was had by all and fingers are crossed for the Senior Quiz on 18 August.

Stage Challenge

Tune into the Mission On 2009 Stage Challenge National Final on STICKY TV and TV3

Monday 17th - Friday 21st August @ 4pm

Saturday 22nd August @ 7:30am

"Tune in to view the winners from around the country and to see if your school has been chosen as one of the 7 wild card performances. In 2009 we have increased the number of wildcards from one to seven so your school could be one of them. The series will culminate in the National Winner being announced in the final episode on Saturday 22nd August on TV3 at 7:30am."

Parental Permission Required

If the parent of any student who appeared on stage does not agree with the statement below, they should contact Mr Harty as soon as possible (sharty@nghs.school.nz 0274 224 593).

"I do hereby give permission for Mercator Supply Co (NZ) Pty Limited (Mercator), the producers of the television show of the Stage Challenge® events, to film my son or daughter and use his or her likeness (recorded/audio/video footage/stills photography) for use in the making of the television show of the Stage Challenge® events.

I hereby also agree to assign to Mercator all copyright of these recordings including future copyright and subsidiary rights, so that the recorded material can be used for inclusion in any promotional videos/advertising/programme including the internet for broadcast in New Zealand or overseas. This includes publishing/marketing rights to the footage, recording or photographs.

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Congratulations

At the East Coast North Island Cross Country Champs the girls performed admirably. Sophie Rose was 6th in the Year 9 girls race, and Annie Creagh and Holly Edmonds had a sprint finish for 2nd and 3rd in the Junior Girls race with Holly prevailing this time. Jess Middleton had an excellent run for 4th in the Senior Girls race, and was well supported by her teammates, especially Simone Engels and Melissa Stoney to win the 6 person team title for the 4th year in a row.

At the National Cross Country Champs, Annie and Holly were again prominent in the Junior Girls' race in sunny Nelson, and were 42nd and 43rd, and they both have another year in the age grade. Jess Middleton ran exceptionally well in the Senior Girls race for 67th place, and she has 2 more years in that grade. The teams were 11th in Junior Grade, and Senior Grade, and they all followed a busy few weeks after their triumphant performance against Tauranga Girls in our recent exchange.

School Transport

Daily Bus Route 5094 - Poraiti

The school has received a letter from School Support Limited stating that the route above operates as a service for the Tamatea schools, being the nearest schools for the area. Other schools using this service travel as ineligible students. The reason they are ineligible is they are not attending their nearest school and are only eligible for assistance from the midpoint.

Very few eligible Tamatea students use the service and the bus is not a viable option. As a result of and on behalf of the Ministry of Education, School Support regrets to advise that it is proposing to withdraw this school bus route from the end of the 2009 school year.

The school has endeavoured to give the students affected by this a copy of the letter from School Support. If you have not received one please ask your daughter to collect a copy from Mrs Myers in the office.

Tutorials

The following tutorials are currently being offered to students. Students wishing to attend should confirm details with the relevant teacher.

Subject	Time and venue
English (Ms Foote)	Monday lunchtime – W7
Classical Studies (Mr Davidson)	Thursday 12.35pm - Library
Level 1, 2 and 3 Mathematics (Maths teachers)	Tuesday 12.50pm – S6 or S2 if wet and Thursday 12.50pm – S6 or S2 if wet (for students not involved in Orchestra)
Level 1 Comprehensive Science (Ms Haseltine)	Tuesday 3.30pm and Friday 12.45pm – S2
Level 1 Science (Ms Galland)	Thursday 12.35pm
Level 2 Biology (Ms Hengst)	Monday lunchtime – S2
Level 2 Biology (Ms Galland)	Wednesday lunchtime – M4
Level 2 Chemistry (Ms Carmine)	Tuesday lunchtime – S2 and Friday lunchtime
ICT/Information Management NCEA (Mrs Faiers)	Tuesday lunchtime – H3 Friday lunchtime – H3

027 ADLUCEM

This is the number of a 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 messages to the "027 ADLUCEM" number reported success in the Manu Korero speech competition and the achievements of nine of our students in the HB U16 Hockey team.

Please let us know of any other achievements by texting 027ADLUCEM.