



News From The Top Of The Hill

Napier Girls' High School Newsletter

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Tēnā koutou

This week the new entrance to the hall is scheduled to be completed and the Rita Angus painting is being moved into its new position in this area. We have engaged professional staff, experienced in working with Rita Angus pieces, to undertake this very special project. The new entrance is looking really great and

links the Hague and Spencer buildings seamlessly together. The opening of the new entrance will be Friday September 11 with Chris Tremain representing the Government of New Zealand.

I would like to congratulate the Barbershop group for hosting a very successful Saturday of barbershop contests here at school, led by Shirley Eddy. The girls performed very well and as a result have been invited to perform at nationals later this year.

We would like to congratulate Holly Edmonds who has been selected for the New Zealand Orienteering team to compete in Australia later on this year.

The art works that have been designed by ceramic artist Linda Bruce, have been completed by staff and students, ably assisted by Linda Bruce and our art teachers Louise McCorkell and Katie Absolom. These works are inspired by 3 women artists. These are colourful pieces and represent the vibrant, lovely nature of the girls in our school. They are being placed in the Spencer Quad and the girls have already been sitting and lounging on them, which is their main purpose, as well as beautifying our school. We hope that we will make more of these wonderful sculptures over time. They include special concrete poetry reflecting our 125 celebrations and Women Watch that we celebrated last term.

The Napier Girls' High School examinations are being held in Week 7 and 8 of this term, which is coming up pretty quickly. The girls are working hard to prepare themselves for these examinations as well as completing internal assessments. With the swine flu epidemic still in full swing these examinations are even more important in case the girls require compassionate consideration later on in the year, so it is vital they prepare as well as they can for them.

National Secondary Schools' Tournament Week will happen in Week 7 of this term. We have a number of teams competing in this event and these girls need to consider their time management for the next few weeks while they are prepare for their co-curricular activities as well as school examinations.

The staff are looking forward to a long weekend with the school being closed on Monday August 17 in lieu of the 125 celebrations. We know the girls will also enjoy this time and make good use of it. Later in the term on Friday August 28 staff are attending a Teacher Only Day to prepare for the implementation of the NZ Curriculum in 2010. Napier Girls' High School is well along the continuum of preparation, however the staff will be working hard on this day preparing and sharing resources in the 8 learning areas. The PTA have come up with a really positive project for this day which is commonly used in schools as a fund raiser. We sent home a flyer about this last week and this information is included again with this newsletter. We encourage you to fully support this opportunity for the girls to work and donate \$20 towards the school. This money will be put towards a variety of uses to benefit the girls and they will have input into the allocation of funds. This is a great opportunity for the girls to give a little back

Next week the senior selection evening will be held and all parents

and senior girls are invited to this. A group of staff will interview every girl as she transitions through Year 11 -13 to assist her to make appropriate choices to achieve her future goals.

I want to thank everyone for a very positive start to the term and making the most of all their opportunities. We wish everyone who is competing in the finals of the winter sports codes the best of luck and commend all the girls involved in preparing music and culture for the opening of the new entrance and the many other fun events on currently - *Tau kē koe!*

Mary Nixon
Principal

Young Enterprise

Recently, 31 Young Enterprise teams from Hawke's Bay submitted a written business plan for judging. The Napier Girls' High School team "Make n Bake", were placed first equal, which was a wonderful result for a small Business Studies class of Year 13 students. The girls were required to present their plan as they would have to in the real world, covering risk analysis, management of resources, marketing strategies, and a financial forecast. The plan took a great deal of time to compile and the girls are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Make n Bake is producing a cookie making kit for children. Planning for the product launch is well underway and the girls will be selling the kits at the Farmers' Market on Sunday 23 August.

Achievements

- Congratulations to Malorie Bartosh-Short and Sophie Davies. They have been selected for the NZ U19s Indoor Cricket Team and will be competing in Australia later this year.
- Malia Begley and Rebecca Clark who been selected for the HB U17 Soccer Team.
- Michelle Hellyer is in the HB U16 Hockey Team and they were second at Nationals in July.
- Georgia Wedd was 2nd place in the U19 Female Half Marathon in Taupo.
- Holly Edmonds has been selected for the NZ Schools Orienteering Team to tour in Australia in September/October.
- At the recent HB Secondary Schools' Badminton Championships held at Centennial Hall, Bianca Lunnon won the A Grade Singles, Abi Murphy the B Grade and Bianca combined with Alex des Landes to win the A Grade Doubles Title. Earlier in the term our Senior A team travelled to Gisborne to represent Hawke's Bay at the Zone finals - the team played against Rotorua Girls' High School and Gisborne Girls' High School losing both ties but picked up some good wins and valuable experience. The team was Bianca, Alex, Kym Hearn and Sylvia Bockman.
- We have several girls make HB Representative Hockey Teams - Courtney Emerson, Coralie Burtin, Rebecca Brittain, Ellena Wilcox, Daria Gemmell, Annabel Beachen, Briar Prestidge, Jessica Robinson, Tessa Hocking and Kaitlyn Bauckham.

School Uniform

..... Just a reminder

It is pleasing to see that most students wear their uniform correctly. Unfortunately some concerns have been expressed over some students lacking pride in the wearing of their uniform. It would be very helpful if parents and caregivers could assist their daughter to ensure the following:

- uniform is clean and pressed
- the length of the winter kilt is on the knee
- there are no frayed cuffs on jerseys
- the top button of the blouse is done up, as is the tie. (Students who complain that the neck of the blouse is too tight may need to shift the button to alleviate this problem)
- there are no holes in their tights
- the winter blouse is always tucked in
- the shoes are correct (sturdy leather lace ups) and polished
- no extremes of hair (colour or style)
- the only jewellery is a wrist watch and plain, small ear studs (gold or silver). The only body piercing visible is pierced ears
- hair ties are plain blue, black, or white
- no nail polish
- no make-up

Students must meet these standards on the way to and from school, as well as at school.

We will be constantly monitoring the standard of uniform and we very much appreciate your cooperation. If you have any queries or questions concerning any of the above, please contact the appropriate dean.

School Examinations

The school examinations take place for all senior students from Wednesday 2 September until Tuesday 8 September 2009.

These examinations are important for your daughter as it gives her a clear indication of how she is likely to perform in her external Achievement Standards. It is essential she puts in the required effort and treats them as if they were her end-of-year examinations. This then has the following benefits:

- she knows what areas she needs to work on before the end-of-year NZQA examinations
- should she be sick for the end-of-year NZQA examinations, the evidence the school holds will be indicative of her true ability

Please see the back of this newsletter for the school examination timetable and tips on helping your daughter study.

Social Studies Trip

Some of our Year 13 Social Studies students recently enjoyed four days exploring Auckland's diversity. Highlights were the Buddhist temple (pictured) as well as a Destiny Church service, walking down Queen St, the Ponsonby mosque, and of course shopping at Sylvia Park.

Even the supermarkets provided the girls with valuable learning experiences - lower Queen St New World is very different from Napier's!



New Sculptures

We were thrilled this week to see the installation of the first three of our sculptures into Spencer Quad. These sculptures have been the brainchild of local ceramist Linda Bruce working hand in hand with the Visual Art Department, staff and our students. These sculptures have been based on the work of New Zealand Women artists and have been designed for students to use as seating. The first two have been based on the work of Rosalie Gascoine's "All that Jazz" and "Birdsong". The third sculpture is based on the work of Emily Karaka's "Ka Awatea" – a symbol of hope.



Sports Exchange

On July 29th we welcomed nine teams from Palmerston North Girls' High School for our annual sports exchange. The weather held fine for us and this year's competition was very close indeed. Strong wins in Hockey, Cross Country and Basketball gave us lots to cheer about. In Badminton and Football, however, Palmerston North boasts teams amongst top nationally, and while our girls battled hard, we lost these fixtures. It came down to the three netball games where, on a very slippery surface we didn't manage to keep the visitors out. Overall result: PNGHS 5 – NGHS 4. Well done to all players and congratulations to our award winners, nominated by the opposition.

Sport	NGHS	PNGHS	Player of the Day / Fair Play
Netball Senior A	32	50	Josie Stockill / Brooke McFall
Netball Senior B	19	25	Pip Beachen / Minnie Thomson
Netball Junior A	24	29	Tinesha Misky / Natalie Armstrong
Football 1st XI	0	8	Koryn Berriman / Chrystal Hopkins
Hockey 1st XI	2	0	Kaitlyn Bauckham / Tessa Hocking
Hockey 2nd XI	2	0	Ellena Wilcox / Georgia Wedd
Badminton	0	6	Bianca Lunnon / Sylvia Bockman
Basketball Senior A	79	39	Josie Stockill / Jade Clements
Cross Country	60	79	Holly Edmonds / Simone Engels
Overall	4	5	

125 Memorabilia

The PTA will be selling 125 Memorabilia at the Subject Selection Evening, Thursday 20 August. Selected items will be on sale for \$10 each.