



News From The Top Of The Hill

Inspiration from the past, learning for today and tomorrow, vision for the future

**NAPIER GIRLS'
HIGH SCHOOL**

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Welcome to the 2010 school year, especially all the students new to Napier Girls' High School.

The results from NCEA 2009 are impressive and the girls should be proud of their academic achievement. Pass rates are over 90% at Level 1 and 2, and Level 3 is over 80%. Excellence endorsements have increased at Level 2 and 3 and there was a significant increase in Merit Endorsements at Level 3. The hostel had nearly 100%

pass rates and Maori student pass rates are higher too.

Scholarship results were released this week with 9 girls gaining 14 Scholarships including 2 Outstanding.

The prefects were selected this week and attended a training camp. It was pleasing to have almost all the Year 13 girls applying for this leadership opportunity which reflects their confidence, self-belief and willingness to provide service to others. We congratulate those who were elected and know they have the full support of the staff and their peers.

The staff returned invigorated after the holidays. They are already establishing excellent relationships with their classes and getting on with our core business of high quality teaching and learning. I thank them for their enormous contribution to the academic success of the girls in NCEA. As we start the year the school is fully staffed and full at each year level.

Next week we celebrate Founders Day and co-curricular activities begin. The Expo held this week showed the wide range of choices available and with such variety there is something for every girl to get involved in.

The year has started with high energy and plenty to celebrate. 2010 looks like being another busy and productive one with all of us working together for the benefit of the girls.

Ko main kai atu ko maru kai mai ka ngohengohe: Give as well as take and all is well.

Mary Nixon
Principal

Board of Trustees Elections

You are welcome to come and sit in on a Board meeting to get an idea of what is required of a Board Member. The next meeting is Tuesday

16 March 2010
5.30pm-7.30pm
School Library

We will be sending nomination forms for the BOT Elections home soon. If you have recently changed your address please update your details with the school office.

Prefects 2010

Lianne Atkinson	Alannah Ellis
India Gilmore	Ngaraiti Gray
Simone Baarspul	Tessa Hocking
Katherine Bain	Soraya Kamau
Phillipa Beachen	Briar Mannering
Malia Begley	Brooke McFall
Kaitlin Bethell	Sophie Panton
Victoria Callinicos	Laura Peacock
Kate Depree	Sophie Pert
Lydia Diver	Lucy Pullen
Bridget Edwards	Laura Rolls
Elizabeth Edwards	Emma Sutherland

Achievements

- At the end of last year Tessa Hocking and Malia Begley competed in the pairs competition at the National Secondary School Lawn Bowls championships and gained 2nd place.
- Surf Life-Saving - Lydia Diver was named in the HB Open Surf League team and Megan Beattie, Katie Moodie, Sophie Pert and Simone Baarspul were named in the HB U19 team.
- Josie Stockill been selected for the NZ U19 Basketball squad - the team is picked after a camp in April.
- Two of our new Year 9 students have been selected for the HB U13 Softball team - Bridget Cudby and Emma Houkamau.

Photocopying Charges

The Government provides a base level of funding for curriculum needs. However, students require different amounts of photocopying dependent on subject choice e.g. Design students tend to have higher level needs than English.

Each student has been allocated a base amount of \$5. Some subject fees have an extra component which will be added to students credit when the fee is paid. Further use will be able to be purchased from the office.

Numeracy At Year 9

This year the Napier Girls' High School Mathematics Department is in the third year of the Secondary Numeracy Project (SNP). On Wednesday February 10 your daughter was involved in a one on one diagnostic interview with her Maths teacher. This interview took 15 to 30 minutes.

This along with a knowledge test that the girls will do will enable the staff to ensure your daughter/ward is in the most appropriate maths class and is given the support she may need.

Health Clinic

Pip Feierabend – Public Health Nurse has clinics at school on Mondays 1:00-4:00pm in term time. This service is provided by the Hawke's Bay District Health Board in conjunction with Napier Girls' High School. Our aim is to provide an accessible health service to young people that supports and assists students to participate fully in school life.

Any student with a health concern can make an appointment to see the Nurse via Ms Myers.

HPV Immunisations

All students will have an opportunity to receive the HPV cervical cancer vaccine free in 2010. This is a program of 3 injections given over 6 months. Information and consent / non consent forms will be sent home Tuesday 16th Feb. Please discuss this with your daughter, complete the form to notify us of your choice and return to school by 22nd February. For further information or questions I can be contacted on 8341815 ext 4380 or if you prefer visit the website www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz

Lisa Cotter

Registered Nurse, HPV Programme.

Travellers Programme

Napier Girls' High School is delighted to be able to offer the *Travellers* Programme to Year 9 in 2010. *Travellers* is a small-group programme which develops skills and support for young people during the transition into high school.

All Year 9 students will complete a *Travellers* survey early in Term One and following this some students will be offered the opportunity to take part in the programme.

The groups meet during school time with the minimum disruption to students' academic commitments. Should your daughter be invited to take part in the programme you will receive further information about *Travellers*.

In 2010 ninety secondary schools will be running the programme. Principals and Boards of Trustees of schools which have run the programme for several years endorse the implementation of *Travellers* and find it to be extremely beneficial to their students.

This is part of our school's ongoing commitment to supporting the emotional and mental well-being of our students, which in turn enhances their learning.

If you have any questions please contact the school counsellor, Marilyn Wright.



Music News

Music Lessons

This week students have had the opportunity to enrol for instrumental music lessons. Once again we have had a large number of students interested in learning instruments. If your daughter missed enrolments please get her to see Mrs Purdy in the music department as soon as she can to put her name down. Music lessons cost \$120 per year. Remember if your daughter would like to learn an instrument and you don't have one, you are able to hire them from school at a very reasonable cost (\$80 per year). Lessons start next week (Week 3). If you require more information on music lessons please contact Mrs Purdy.

Music Groups

Music groups are starting to rehearse. Please encourage your daughter to get involved. This week School Choir, Barbershop Choir, Orchestra and Chamber Music groups all start rehearsing. Please contact Mrs Purdy if you have any enquires.

Year 9 - Education Outside the Classroom Day Friday 26 February 2010

On Friday 26 February from 7.30am until 6pm (these times will vary depending on location) the girls will be involved in a full day of activities and challenges finishing with a light BBQ tea.

The details of where all the girls are going are as follows:

- Kiwi Adventure Company
9K Mrs Hengst and Mrs Stirland
9M Mrs Thompson and Mr Harris
9P Mr Fenwick and Mrs Johnson
also going will be Mrs Haseltine and Mrs McKenzie and helping with the BBQ Mrs Parnell

- Flax Rock Adventure Centre
9T Mrs King and Mrs Mannering
also going will be Ms Poole and Mrs Stockill

- Stoney Creek Ranch
9R Mr Lukkassen and Mrs Bevin
also going will be Mrs van der Linden & Ms Baker

- Guthrie Smith Outdoor Education Centre
9A Mrs Dempster and Mrs Cleary
9H Mrs Knowles and Ms Linton
9I Mrs Russell and Mrs Cudby
also going will be Miss Ching, Mrs Rimmer, Mr Otto and Mrs McBride

This is a wonderful opportunity for all students to get to know other girls and teachers away from the classroom setting. It is an opportunity for the girls to challenge themselves and try something different.

If you are available to go as a parent helper, please indicate this in writing. We need parent helpers at Flax Rock, Stoney Creek Ranch and Guthrie Smith only. Parent Helpers DO NOT pay to go on the day. Please write a note or phone Miss Ching at school if you wish to make special arrangements such as weekly installments to pay the \$65 fee. Otherwise please remember **this fee needs to be paid before Friday 19 February. Hostel students will be charged.**

The girls must ensure they have the following gear for the day.

- Appropriate clothing for outdoor activities, i.e. sunhat, shorts, a top with sleeves, and training shoes.
- 2 pairs of shoes - they must wear shoes that can do up for the water activity (so they don't fall off) and they will then need another DRY pair of sports shoe for the landbased activity.
- They will need a hair tie if they have long hair.
- sunscreen
- drink bottle
- lunch and snacks for the whole day
- woollen jersey/polar fleece (this will get wet)
- togs and towel
- raincoat
- a complete change of clothes.

Remember to pack any medication they may require or strapping tape for bad ankles, etc.