



Founders' Day Assembly on 15 February was a wonderful occasion again this year. The prefects were introduced to the school and the girls who attained academic Honours Badges were presented with these by Mr Stephen Jacobi, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Head Prefect Malia Begley was handed the original gold badge by last year's Deputy Head Prefect Hannah Drury. Hannah spoke to the school making us laugh and giving tips and encouragement to the girls.

2009 Head Prefect Sophie Barr joined the assembly from England via Skype. We all enjoyed seeing and listening to her. The parents of all the prefects were invited to this occasion and for morning tea afterwards.

On 22 February the Form Captains and Deputies were presented their badges in assembly. Over the next few weeks we will continue to congratulate girls taking on other leadership roles and more girls who have achieved well academically.

The Athletics Day was most colourful with high levels of participation. House competition was vigorous and there was a friendly atmosphere full of fun. The organisation was slick and all events ran smoothly. It is great to have a day filled with opportunities available for participation alongside the highly sought after championship events.

I am receiving a lot of requests for students to have leave from school. The Education Act is specific about conditions for granting approved leave. The school also has a target of any student having no more than 5 days absent per term. It is important that parents allow sufficient time for the leave request to be processed too. Some letters are coming only the day before the leave is required making it impossible to respond in time. It is also important you know that unless the leave is approved, missed assessment and learning time cannot be provided at another opportunity. It is important to be aware that from 2010 more tertiary institutions are implementing limited entry courses so students need to get credits and qualifications at the highest level possible.

I thank you for your continuing support after a flying start to 2010.

Mary Nixon
Principal

Board of Trustees Report – February 2010

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday 16 February in the Hague staffroom at 5.30pm.

The Head Girl Malia Begley and Deputy Head Girls Vicky Callinicos and India Gilmore attended the meeting and introduced themselves to the Board. They spoke briefly on how they hope to make a difference to the school and what they hope to achieve in 2010.

The Strategic Plan was finalised and adopted by the Board. The 2009 Annual Plan was reviewed and a discussion took place on the 2010 Annual Plan. The Governance Manual was adopted until June 2010 when the new Board will be in office. The Budget for 2010 was formally approved.

The Board of Trustees Elections will be held on 7 May 2010 and

the next Board Meeting will be an Open Meeting for all interested parents to attend.

The school enrolment scheme was discussed by the Board and it was decided that the existing zone area will remain the same and not extended.

Mrs Nixon presented her report to the Board and said how pleased she was with the fantastic examination results in 2009.

Carolino Izzo has been approached to do the maintenance up-grade on the Rita Angus Mural.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 March in the School Library – all parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Barbara Hewitt
BOT Secretary

Achievements

- Congratulations to Young Ah Kim who achieved an impressive 7.5 in the international English examination, IELTS. This is the highest score ever achieved by a Napier Girls' High School student. Young Ah achieved an outstanding 8.5 out of a possible 9 in the reading section. Most New Zealanders (even teachers) would find this very difficult to achieve. Young Ah, who is from Korea, plans to study at tertiary level in Japan next year.
- Lauren Dever will be representing Hawke's Bay in the Junior Surf League at a national surf lifesaving competition in Mt Manganui this weekend.
- Congratulations to Raana Pepere who has been chosen for the New Zealand J16 Girls' Waka Ama team. The team is competing in the World Sprint Championships in New Caledonia in May.
- Congratulations to Mrs Katie Absolom and Mrs Deb Verhoeven who were awarded the 'Certificate of Thanks' from the Commonwealth Council of the Royal Lifesaving Society. This was for their outstanding service to lifesaving as examiners and instructors.
- Kristen Tahuu has been selected for the NZ Secondary Schools' Rodeo team and will compete against Australia.
- Shayl Sullivan, as a member of the Buckingham Guards Under 16 Marching Team, will be competing at the New Zealand Marching Championships in March.
- Rebecca Clark trialed for the U17 All Whites Football Squad.

Swimming Sports

Wednesday 3 March 2010

On Wednesday 3 March, the whole school will take part in the annual House Swimming Sports at Frimley Aquatic Centre, Hastings. You are welcome to join us for this colourful day! A letter regarding travelling to the Frimley Aquatic Centre was sent home earlier this week.

In case of bad weather, a postponement will be announced on Classic Hits 89.5Fm and 92.7 MORE FM around 7am. If the event is postponed, Wednesday will be a regular school day and students are expected to wear school uniform as normal. Our back up day is Thursday 11 March.

The Napier Girls' High School Library

- We would like to welcome all students to our library. Parents are also invited to come and have a look. Just call in to the office to let them know we have visitors!
- If you are the parent of a Year 9 student, please encourage your daughter to use all the library has to offer.
- It is available every lunchtime for quiet reading or study. There is always somebody here to assist.
- Every Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday it is open for an hour after school with Mrs Barr, the Library Learning Assistant, who will help any student who wants assistance.
- On Wednesday at lunchtime, the Library Prefects, Leanne Atkinson and Sophie Pert, assisted by other willing Year 13 students, run the HOMEWORK CLUB in the library. They help any student who is struggling with any subject in that time. This has a friendly atmosphere and a real sense of learning-both for junior and seniors!
- Please assist us in making sure your daughter learns the routines of returning or reissuing books. They are issued for two weeks and often there is a queue of girls waiting for books that are lying forgotten under somebody's bed.

Junior PE Classes

A reminder that swimming is a compulsory component of our Junior Physical Education Programme as well as being a very important life skill. It is therefore very disappointing that some students have not yet this year come prepared with swimming gear to participate. All junior classes have one lesson allocated to swimming a week while the weather remains favourable. Parents are encouraged to support their daughter to gain valuable water survival skills and fitness.

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.

Footloose

This is our major production for 2010, as always, in conjunction with Napier Boys' High School. The production team of Chris Davidson (Director), Suzanne Purdy (Musical Director) and Belinda Harvey (Choreographer) has selected a wonderful cast and assure you that we have a spectacular show planned that will suit the whole family. Bookings will be opening soon at:

Ticketdirect - Napier Municipal Theatre

Wednesday 13, Thursday 14 and Friday 15 May 2010
8.00 pm.

Make a note in your diary – this show is going to sell out!!

Deputy House Captains 2010

Green House	Simone Engels and Sally Watts
Gold House	Emily Bell and Sophie Davies
Red House	Jemma Smith and Rosie Livesey
Blue House	Alice Baty and Jessie Broad

Academic Honours Badges for NCEA 2009

Year 11 2009

Claudia Bartle
Megan Beattie
Georgina Bond
Harriet Cameron
Amy Corkery
Emma Dobson
Amanda Firman
Isabella Giles
Casey Glynn
Ruby King
Jessica La
Alexandra Lowrey
Stella McMullen
Elise Munden
Sophie Reid
Bianca Scrimgeour
Casey Sheard
Hannah Small
Josie Stockill
Lauren Sye
Celia Whincop

Year 12 2009

Lianne Atkinson
Malia Begley
Annie Chen
Crystal Chiam
Kate Depree
Lydia Diver
Dow Dodds
India Gilmore
Jessica Greig
Annika James
Rosanna Livesey
Nadene Lotter
Briar Mannering
Kirsten PooleSmith
Fenn Read
Jemma Smith
Eliane Walker-Huizing
Katrina Whittleston

2010 Prefects with Portfolio Responsibilities

Communications

Simone Baarspul
Bridget Edwards

Events

Tessa Hocking
Sophie Panton

Hewett House Prefects

Lucy Pullen
Pip Beachen

Library/Learning

Lianne Atkinson
Sophie Pert

House Prefects

Alannah Ellis
Laura Peacock
Kate Bain
Kate Depree

Music Prefects

Briar Mannering
Kaitlin Bethell

Sports Prefects

Brooke McFall
Lydia Diver

MANU TAUTOKO

Ngaraiti Gray

MANU TAKI

Soraya Kamau

DEPUTY HEAD PREFECTS OF NGHS

Vicky Callinicos
India Gilmore

2010 HEAD PREFECT OF NGHS

Malia Begley

Environment

Laura Rolls

Futures

Elizabeth Edwards
Emma Sutherland

Hewett House Head Prefect

Hewett House Deputy Head Prefect

Red House

Blue House

Gold House

Green House

Music Prefect

Deputy Music Prefect

Sports Prefect

Deputy Sports Prefect