



News from the top of the Hill

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A couple of weeks ago I attend-ed the Australasian Girls' Schools' Conference in Sydney. There were a lot of Principals from many of the top schools in Australasia so it was great to network with them, and find out what they are doing with technology in schools and how

they are advantaging girls' education. The theme of the conference was Skating on the Glass Ceiling and the emphasis was on how we can encourage our girls to strive to be in positions of influence.

Two key skills for this in the future are leaving school with self confidence and also a huge amount of resilience. These two aspects seem to me, to be very important for our girls at Napier Girls' High School too. There is no doubt that academic qualifications are really important and these need to be adaptable, flexible, broad and deep too. So this is a big challenge for all of us. The staff and the girls are working very hard as we come to the last part of a chilly Term 2.

Last Friday evening the Junior Stage Challenge performed at the Hastings Opera House exceptionally well in the open competition. They won the only award given out in the evening for a student led performance. This is a credit to the three Year 13 girls involved—Harriette Hanson, Jacinda Murphy and Kate Wakelin and the leader of the girls was Ellie Coyle from Year 10. They also gained awards in a number of other categories too. It was a wonderful display of skill, presenting a very energetic performance and we were very proud of the girls.

Last week also was the Big Sing Competition and the two choirs, Napier Girls' High School Choir and the Napier Girls' High Singers were a credit to the school, the latter being Commended.

The sports exchange to Tauranga took place recently. This was a very valuable exchange and all the teams performed well. I thank the staff and students for their commitment and positive attitude to this ongoing exchange programme.

The National Cross Country Championships are being held in Wellington at the end of the week and we wish our development team good luck and congratulate all of those girls in activities at the moment and urge everyone to continue their focus on their work for the rest of the term.

Kia pai tō wiki.

Mary Nixon

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the Napier Girls' High School PTA for hosting *'Be Gorgeous.'* It proved to be a very successful evening, and thank you to all those who supported it.



IMPORTANT INFO

NCEA Information for Students and Parents

All NCEA students have been given an information sheet from NZQA this term. A copy can be found on our website: <http://www.nghs.school.nz/our-learning/assessment> along with other useful information.

NZQA Qualification Fees 2010

The qualification fees for 2010 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 NCEA Fees invoice early Term 2. The deadline for payment is Friday 2nd 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 daughter's Record of Achievement and she will not get any certificates.

If you pay after 16th 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 is available from the school office on request. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Inter-provincial Championships

Some of the girls ran for Hawke's Bay at Queen's Birthday weekend in Auckland in the Inter provincial Champs, with some very good results.

- Brianna Massie won all three Junior Girls' events
- Monieka Scott 4th on the last day in the same grade
- Molly D'Ath had two 2nd places and 2nd overall in the Junior Second Division
- Sophie Rose scoring a 3rd and a 4th
- Zivana Donnelly had a 1st, a 2nd and a 3rd to be 1st overall in the 2nd Division Senior girls
- Emma Pullen was 5th overall
- Naomi Anderson and Holly Edmonds each had a 4th place in Intermediate Girls with Naomi 3rd overall
- Rebecca Manson finished 4th overall in the W18 Grade

Hawke's Bay was beaten by Auckland by three points overall.

Napier Netball Representatives

Under 17

- Tinesha Misky
- Alex Brooks
- Kenya Moore
- Chelsea Spencer



Under 15

- Shevanna Sullivan
- Israel Read-Eden
- Kestrel Hellier

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

Big Sing Festival

This year we had two choirs in the Big Sing Festival who performed well. Our "Napier Girls' High School Choir" had 75 students (the largest in the competition) and was directed by Mrs Purdy and accompanied by Mrs Te Weehi. It was especially impressive to see so many girls participating in the choir for this event.

The "Napier Girls' High Singers" is our auditioned choir directed and accompanied by Mrs June Clifford. The girls performed three songs: "Sun and Moon" from "Miss Saigon", "May in the Greenwood" and a beautiful arrangement of "Pokarekareana" was co-written by Mrs Clifford.



School Examinations—2010

The school examinations will take place for all Year 11, 12 and 13 students from Thursday 2 September until Wednesday 8 September 2010.

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 would be useful for students to use the July holidays to start organising their notes and planning a study timetable.

School Hui

Remember the School Hui to be held in our Library on Monday 28 June at 4.45pm.

Chamber Music Coaching

The annual Secondary Schools' New Zealand Community Trust Chamber Music Contest will be held Friday 18 to Sunday 20 June at Napier's Century Theatre. Three of our groups had the opportunity to be coached by professional viola player, Mr Peter Garrity. This was a great opportunity for the girls in which they gained so much expert advice.



Parent Teacher Interviews

- Day Students – Wednesday 23rd June
from 2pm to 7pm
- Hostel Students – Friday 25th June
from 1:30 – 3:30pm

Literacy Skills

Early in the year parents of Year 9 and 10 students received a letter reminding them of the importance of regular reading at home. We would like to emphasise to you all that it is vital for everyone to develop and maintain life-long habits of reading and of learning new words. Please continue to encourage your daughters to do this.

Tauranga Sports Exchange Trip

We were lucky to receive a grant from Endeavour Community Trust towards the transport costs for the Tauranga exchange.

A \$10.00 credit will be credited to each of the girls' accounts.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Stage Challenge 2010

Napier Girls' High School produced an outstanding performance to a full house on Friday 4 June at the Hastings Opera House. They came away with Awards of Excellence for:

- Choreography
- Performance Skill
- Stage Use and
- Student Led Performance

Well done girls!!!

