



News from the top of the Hill

Issue 9—End of Term 2, 2010



Congratulations to students and staff for completing the first half year so well. It has been a gruelling schedule and I can say that I am very pleased with the effort

and commitment that everyone has shown. We have had a significant amount of achievement both in and outside the classroom, and the girls need to rest and re-energise over the holidays for the start of Term 3.

The staff have just contributed their all and again they too are encouraged to take a really good break over the holiday period.

This week we welcomed the Board of Trustees into Assembly where each member introduced him or herself and it was great for the school to hear from each of them.

The term finished with a flourish with two students going off to represent the school and the Nation at World Sailing Championships. Naomi Mannering will be sailing at an event in Turkey, and then joining her sister Briar to sail in Israel. We presented three gold Young New Zealand Challengers Awards and congratulated Soraya Kamau for her win at the Manu Korero Speech Competition. We also celebrated Junior

Leaders who performed their duties well for the first half of the year. I encourage juniors to apply for these roles for the second half of the year.

It was a great pleasure to have so many parents come into the school this week for the parent/teacher interviews. Many of you came with your daughters and took the opportunity to discuss her progress which is always a positive exercise.

I am off over the holidays to London to participate in our daughter's wedding. I look forward to being back for Term 3, where we will start with a beautiful occasion, being the Napier Girls' High School Ball on the Friday of the first week.

I thank all of the school community for their contributions over Term 2 and congratulate us all on the success we have had so far.

Mary Nixon

IMPORTANT INFO

BOT REPORT

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday 22 June 2010 in the Hague Staffroom at 5.30pm.

The Governance Manual and Trustees Code of Conduct was adopted by the Board. A new Work Programme was also adopted by the Board.

Elections for Deputy Board Chair and sub committees took place and the following people were elected and unopposed:

(Stephen Jacobi Board Chair)

Jonathan Krebs	Deputy Board Chair
Stephen Jacobi	Resources Committee Chair
Caroline Hickman	Resources Committee
Alannah Ellis	Resources Committee
Angela Pullen	Hostel Committee Chair
Jerri-Lee Brittain	PTA Representative

The Board is undertaking a technology review for Napier Girls' High School and Mrs Nixon gave them an update on developments with high speed fibre connections and her workings with Burnside High School.

It is anticipated that the girls will have a fantastic night at the school Ball on Friday 23 July. The Board advised that students and their partners will be breathalysed at the door.

A Hui will be held at the school on Monday 28 June.

Next Board meeting will be a dinner meeting held at Hewett House on Tuesday 27 July 2010, starting at 5.00pm.

Barbara Hewitt
BOT Secretary



Front row Left to Right: Stephen Jacobi - Board Chair, Mary Nixon - Principal.

Back row Left to Right: Caroline Hickman, Jonathan Krebs - Parent Representatives, John Seaman - Staff Representative, Angela Pullen - Parent Representative, Alannah Ellis - Student Representative, Jerri-Lee Brittain - Parent Representative, Barbara Hewitt - BOT Secretary.



Year 10 Parents

Tracey Cunningham, the Year 10 Dean, is going on extended leave from 28 June until 16 August 2010. Mr Chris Davidson will be the Acting Year 10 Dean during this time, so please contact him if you have any concerns or queries.

Rotorua

Some of our International students got a taste of New Zealand farm life at the Agrodome in Rotorua, on their recent field trip.

Other highlights included the luge, the Mitai cultural evening, the Polynesian Pools, and of course, some shopping!

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

East Coast North Island Cross Country Championships 2010

Wednesday 9 June 2010 at Gisborne

At the East Coast North Island Cross Country Championships held in Gisborne on 9 June, the Napier Girls' High School Junior team excelled.

In the Year 9 girls race Roisin Pearson was a clear winner in 12.06 minutes from Jasmine Ngan-Sue also from Napier Girls' High School. The Year 9 team also comprising of Holly Manning, Molly D'Ath, Laura Smith and Frances Scrimgeour easily won the three person and six person team events.

The Junior Girls ably led by Annie Creagh (4th), Holly Edmonds (5th) and Sophie Rose narrowly won the three person team event from Hastings Girls' High School, but they easily won the six person team with Tessa Black, Emma Drew and Brianna Massie helping the team gain 1st place.

Mrs S Smidt
Teacher in charge of Cross Country



National Cross Country Championships 2010

Saturday 19 June at Waikanae, Wellington

At the National Cross Country Championships held in Waikanae, the Year 9 girls had outstanding runs – most of them improving by over 30 seconds from the East Coast North Island Cross Country Champs which were held on 9 June in Gisborne.

Roisin Pearson had a superb run finishing 15th of 131 in 11.27 minutes – she was closely followed by Jasmine Ngan-Sue in 27th place. The rest of the team – Holly Manning, Laura Smith, Tabitha Lorck and Frances Scrimgeour all had great runs and the team were an excellent 6th of 16 teams.

The Junior girls also ran very well and the team comprising of Holly Edmonds, Annie Creagh, Tessa Black, Monieka Scott, Brianna Massie, Sophie Rose and Emma Drew were an excellent 6th out of 17 teams – ensuring that Napier Girls' High Juniors are now ranked 6th overall in New Zealand an improvement of 12th in 2009.

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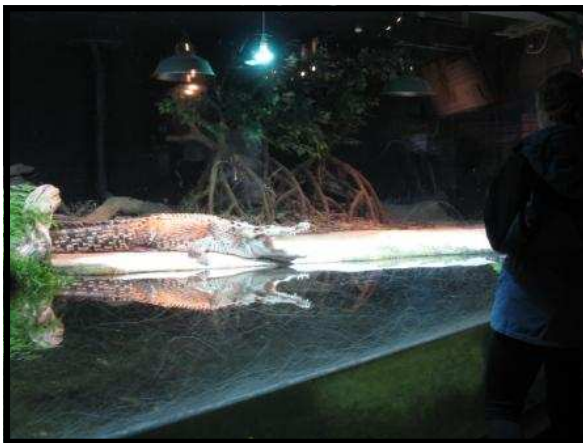
Well Done girls!!

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Product Development Challenge 2010

This is a competition for secondary school students to work as a team and develop a new product with the help of a local business. Watties has provided us with a young ambassador to help answer the questions we have throughout the process. Ellen Fowler, Tamar Kinney, Amy Smith and Olivia Volkenant have been working hard to design a new product since Term 1.

They recently invited staff to taste-test their newly designed salad dressings during lunchtime. The girls had made the mayonnaise-based dressing from scratch and developed the flavours. Staff tasted three salad dressings and filled in a questionnaire to help the girls choose which one to develop further. They are now working to perfect the chosen salad dressing and write up their design process before the competition closes in September.



National Aquarium Visit

Yr 13 Biology students travelled to The National Aquarium to observe marine life adaptations based on their habitat for the Evolution topic.

The students are looking for different physical characteristics to organise sea shells into separate species.