



NPGHS NEWSLETTER

February 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa

What a fabulous week! I really enjoy this time of the year as students, staff, parents and whānau bring the school back to life. It is exciting to welcome back those who were here last year, those who join us for the first time, and those who return to us after time out of the New Plymouth region. The start of a new school year is full of promise, with fresh beginnings, new things to learn, new connections and new opportunities.

This year 10% of our Year 9 students are boarders at Scotlands Hostel and we welcomed them and their families to their 'home away from home' on Wednesday. On Thursday, Year 13 students, staff and Board members welcomed our new students from Year 9 to Year 13 to the school with a warm and memorable pōwhiri. We want to thank all parents, whānau, and colleagues from other schools who joined us for this milestone moment. The Year 13 students showed their leadership on this day, helping students find their classrooms, log on to the network, and become part of their waka during the tabloid sports in the afternoon. The four waka of Aotea, Kurahaupo, Tainui and Tokomaru engaged in a good spirited but highly competitive battle and the eagerly awaited results can be found on the back page of this newsletter. I want to say a very big thank you to Year 13 for the care, genuine acceptance and support shown to all students yesterday. I believe we are in for a wonderful year and look forward to your leadership as you work with Lottie Moffat, 2023 Manu Tāiko/Head Girl, and our two Kaitiwiā/Deputy Head Girls, Makayla Wells and Michaela Deegan.



Jacqui Brown, Principal

I also want to say thank you and well done to all the new students who have made the most of their first days at NPGHS and joined in with everything offered. There is a lot to take in, and we will continue to support them while they learn where things are and how things work. I hope the sense of excitement stays with them for a long time, and any worries or concerns they might have had are quickly forgotten.

Today we have welcomed all students back to school and students have started brief introductory lessons. It's great to have everyone back, and their energy and enthusiasm has been a highlight. We look forward to the year ahead and all that students will achieve inside and outside the classroom.

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New Staff Members

Our staff spent the earlier part of the week preparing for the year and welcoming new members to our team. We are pleased to welcome Teacher Aides Molly Ambrose and Kylee Hubbard, Sports Co-ordinator Patrick Parker as well as teachers Cameron McHugh (Drama and Music) and Imke Harder (English). Yachika Ramsamy (Maths) and Jo MacCallum (Food and Nutrition/Hospitality) will join us at the end of February once they have completed their responsibilities at their current schools.



NCEA Results

As we start the 2023 school year, we know that many students are reflecting on their NCEA results from 2022. There are some outstanding individual results and we look forward to recognising these students in future assemblies. Included below is a brief summary of the provisional 2022 NCEA results and we are incredibly proud of the successes students have achieved. You will note that achievement rates at NPGHS remain well above the national level and even above schools of the same decile. This is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of students, the expertise of teachers, and the support of whānau and family.

Achievement rates 2022	NPGHS	Decile 7 schools	National
Level 1	79%	74%	64%
Level 2	87%	83%	74%
Level 3	87%	75%	67%
University Entrance	70%	57%	48%

If your child achieved the results they were aiming for, I'm sure you celebrated with them and we also want to say congratulations. If they didn't quite reach their goals, remember that NCEA can be achieved over time and teachers are ready to help make this year even more successful.

Reminders

- **Leave passes:**

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless they have a leave pass. This includes at lunchtime and at interval, when students are required to stay onsite.

- **Keeping students safe**

Please do not drive in or walk in to the school grounds to drop off or pick up students. Short stay drop off and pick up carparks are available on Mangorei Road. Parents and whānau, and all visitors need to sign in at the main office on arrival.

- **Jewellery**

Students were shown the slide below in Waka meetings today. We appreciate your support to make sure they do the right thing each day.

<p>Jewellery </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to three earrings in each ear (either plain studs or sleepers) • One silver or gold, metal pin-head sized, nose or lip piercing • A wristwatch • One necklace • One bracelet • No other items of jewellery are permitted. • Taonga may be worn. 	<p></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other jewellery (<i>Rings of significance can be worn on a chain around the neck</i>) • Coloured nail polish • Artificial nails • Gel nails • Make up is generally not permitted but if worn, must be natural in appearance with no eyeshadow or lipstick
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NCEA Level 1 Pilot

We are very pleased that students completing Year 11 courses will have the opportunity to participate in some of the new Level 1 Revised Achievement Standards this year. You may have heard that there are some changes to NCEA underway and the review of standards is part of this process. Students completing Year 11 courses are unlikely to notice much difference as their teachers will help them learn, they will do assessments, and receive grades and credits in the same way. They might, however, notice that the standards they complete in English, Science, Te Reo Māori and Visual Art are different to those who completed them last year. Staff have been working towards these changes for some time and are ready to deliver quality learning and assessment for our students.

We will have an information evening later in Term 1 for parents and whānau to learn more about NCEA as well as the proposed changes. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the Head of English - Gill McNeil (gmcneil@npghs.school.nz), Head of Science - Julia Stephens (jstephens@npghs.school.nz), Head of Visual Art - Kirsty Grieve (kgrieve@npghs.school.nz), or Head of Te Reo Māori - Rihari Brown (rbrown@npghs.school.nz).

New Plymouth Girls' High School
Te Kura Taitamawāhine o Puke Ariki

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New Plymouth Girls' High School is now using SchoolBridge as our main form of communication with parents/caregivers and whānau. SchoolBridge is a versatile collection of tools that help school communities quickly and efficiently share information and get things done. This replaces our previous SchoolApp.

For more information on how to connect, please click on this link : <https://www.npghs.school.nz/schoolbridge>



Stymie is an anonymous reporting tool we use at NPGHS. Students, staff, and whanau can use Stymie to report any form of harm, to others, themselves or their school community.

Notifications are made through www.stymie.co.nz and involve submitting a short form which explores: Who are you making a notification about? Where did it happen? What happened? How often is this happening?

Stymie gives students and members of our school community the power to say something and takes away the fear of reporting information by empowering bystanders, because it is 100% anonymous. It is another means of supporting our pastoral system at New Plymouth Girls' High School. Only designated staff members will receive notifications via email when a report is made. We will deal with all reports according to our existing pastoral care system to continue to promote student wellbeing.

Please encourage your student to use Stymie to report any form of harm, to others, themselves or the school community. Stymie is a valuable tool ensure New Plymouth Girls' High School is a safe place for all.



Tabloid Sports 2023

Final Results

- 1st - Kurahaupo
- 2nd - Aotea
- 3rd - Tokomaru
- 4th - Tainui



2023 DATES

TERM 1

2 February - 6 April

- Mon 6 Feb - Waitangi Day
- Fri 17 Feb - Swimming Sports
- Tue 7 March - Athletics Sports
- Mon 13 March - Taranaki Anniversary

TERM 2

24 April - 30 June

- Mon 24 April - 'learning from home' day
- Tues 25 April - ANZAC Day
- Mon 1 May - Teacher only day
- Mon 5 June - King's Birthday

TERM 3

17 July - 22 September

TERM 4

9 October - 14 December

- Mon 23 October - Labour Day

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