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School Community

From the Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa

Another fantastic school year comes to an end, and I am sure you've made some wonderful memories and enjoyed some great learning moments. So much happens within the school year and in 2023 I have particularly noticed the way individual events are part of something even bigger. The learning you do that takes you forward one step at a time, or for seniors the learning that takes you forward in NCEA, the individuals in sports teams that make the collective whole so much better, the small acts of kindness that make us a group of good people.

Small things, which don't always look like much in isolation, hold the power to collectively create something truly special. They are like the brushstrokes in an art masterpiece, each adding its unique

touch to the canvas. Whether it's the individual ingredients in a delicious recipe, these individual components, when combined, show us what can be achieved.

We've had teams, like our netball and hockey, achieve the best results at national tournaments that we have seen for a very long time, seen Year 10 and 11 students take on the challenges of the new NCEA numeracy and literacy requirements, and watched as the four mighty waka of NPGHS have accumulated points in a year of fun and competitive spirit. Each point earned at a waka event might have seemed insignificant on its own, but it was crucial to the outcome.

We've also seen the way that we as a school are a small piece of life that you are connected to beyond the time you spend here. This year we had visits from Old Girls Carmel Sepuloni (Deputy Prime Minister), Jo Moir (Political Editor), Tory Whanau (Mayor of Wellington), Michaela Blyde (NZ sevens rugby player), and each of them shared their memories and connections to school. The connections they made with current students had an impact too, connecting different generations of students together. The art work that now hangs in O Block, created by a group of students with support of the



Creatives in Schools programme, also shows this connection of our past, present and future.

At the start of August we welcomed three new pou, with the support of whānau of Te Ātiawa. The pou stand on the corner of Northgate and Mangorei Road and represent our school values, while linking to pou in our school hall, tukutuku and other taonga throughout the school. The pou, along with the planting around them, are part of something bigger and create a welcoming entry to New Plymouth as well as connecting us to the land, the values of the school, and our community.

Students, families, whānau, the School Board, and staff all have a connection with the school, but at some point, everyone does move on to the next step. This year Maree Bull, Nan Harting, Paul Scott, Sarita Ahluwalia, Lisa Floyd, Kerry Yates and Vicki Bearman, all members of our amazing support team, moved on to new adventures, time with family, or retirement. We said farewell to Mary Vicente, Mel Durling, Irene Wieggers, Trish Macartney, Meredith Piselli, Janetta Rowlands, Karyn Preston, Pantea Rastegari from the hostel and catering staff. I would particularly like to acknowledge Nan Harting, and Maree Bull, who have been at NPGHS for 35 years and 21 years respectively. This is a real commitment, and one that is rarely seen in working lives these days. The changes they have been part of in the administration processes have made our school



stronger. We wish all these staff well for the future.

From the teaching staff, Athol Hockey decided to retire after 21 years at NPGHS. He has brought his enthusiasm to the teaching of Science, being involved in Science Fair and EVelocity events as well as the work in the classroom. Athol is keen to stay connected with the school and we will continue to see him in a relief teaching role. Barry Marnoch moves on to new adventures after 26 years in the school. He brought his skills, humour and trade experience into the workshop and the Technology department and we will miss everything he has brought to the staff. Since 1998 there have been many students who have learned practical and life skills from Barry. We look forward to seeing him at school in a relief capacity, in between cycling trips in 2024. Karen Eliason said goodbye to teaching after almost 35 years. She started at NPGHS in March 1989 and has guided many students through lessons and life. Karen's positive approach and practical skills have made those lessons enjoyable and there are many mother and daughter combinations around Taranaki that have both had the pleasure of Karen as a teacher. Karen's input into netball at our school and around the region is also legendary and we are sure we will still see her at the courts.

We sadly said goodbye to teachers Asra Anjum, Ashleigh Collins, Tanya Mercer, Claire Hodson, Kat Coleman, Leigh Laurence, Lesley Harris, and itinerant music tutors Stuart Maunder and Beth Haveswood, as they embark on new challenges in business, retirement, overseas or at other schools. We know that people grow through change, and while each of these teachers will be greatly missed at NPGHS, we wish them well for their next life adventures and feel assured that the connections with our school will not be lost. We look forward to welcoming new teachers to the school, knowing they will bring growth and new connections to us too.



Ms. Brown, Michaela Deegan, Lottie Moffat, Carmel Sepuloni, Jo Moir, Tony Whanau and Makayla Wells



Young Enterprise Ako Tamariki - *Treyann Williams, Laura Pickles, Ms. Brown, Kalissa Giddy, Cerys Lewis*

Helen Mumby, Maggie Verry, Myken Rowland, went on parental leave and we look forward to welcoming them back in due course. We were very grateful to have the services of several relievers and staff on fixed term contracts whose commitment to the school and students was significant, adding their part to something bigger.

As always, the importance of us all working together shines through as our individual contributions mean that we can all achieve more. E ngaki ana ā mua, e tōtō mai ana a muri – if the first group do the work properly, the following group can accomplish the task. For those students, whānau and staff leaving New Plymouth Girls' High School in 2023, thank you for everything you have contributed. We hope you take good memories with you, and that the connection with NPGHS remains strong as you make

new networks. To all those returning, let's celebrate the wonderful year that was 2023 and the part that each of us played in making it that way. As we look ahead to the future, the promise of collaboration and connection becomes increasingly essential. In a world that is constantly evolving and interconnected, working together and forging meaningful connections are the keys to progress. These collaborative efforts not only inspire innovation and problem-solving but help us lift our own expectations. We can all be part of that, and 2024 will again bring opportunities for wonderful memories and great learning moments that contribute to something bigger.

Jacqui Brown

Principal

Board Report

A Year of Positive Progress

Tēnā koutou katoa,
Ko Taranaki Te Maunga
Ko Mohakatino Te Awa
Ko Rotoiti Te Roto
Nō Taranaki ahau
Ko Ludlam Tōku whānau
Ko au te heamana o te poari
Ko Kelly Marriner Tōku ingoa

Dear NPGHS community,

As the Presiding Member of the current Board of Trustees, I am delighted to address you in this team's first year of governance. Our Board is composed of individuals who bring diverse governance skills and a deep commitment to the betterment of New Plymouth Girls' High School (NPGHS). Together, we are dedicated to ensuring that every student can achieve their highest educational standard, and that our school is a physically and emotionally safe place, embracing responsibility, respect and relationships.

Meeting New Planning and Reporting Requirements

This year marks a milestone for school boards as we embrace the new planning and reporting requirements. We are intentionally planning and evaluating our performance in accordance with the framework Te Whakangārahu Ngātahi. Our strategic plan, and annual implementation plans aim to provide a nurturing environment where every student can flourish academically, emotionally, and socially.

Embodying Our Values with Pou

It was exciting to see NPGHS proudly introduce our three new pou. These pou now stand tall outside the school on the Northgate Mangorei Road Intersection, welcoming all who pass by.

These pou, named Poutama, Purapura Whetu, and Niho Taniwha, align perfectly with our school values: haepapa/responsibility, whakamana/respect, and whanaungatanga/relationships, respectively. They serve as a visual reminder of our commitment to these values and our dedication to creating an environment where students can feel strong in their own identity.

Property projects

The use of the one-off School Investment Package saw the completion of signage installed across the campus.

A new fire system was commissioned for the hostel and new heating in the hostel common areas was installed.

Our maintenance programme continued, with a number of buildings painted and roofing completed.

A Special Thank You to Our Principal

On behalf of the NPGHS Board I want to take a moment to commend our Principal, Jacqui Brown, for her unwavering dedication and exceptional leadership.

Jacqui fosters a positive and inclusive school environment, open dialogue, and encourages a sense of responsibility. Her deliberate actions are enabling the team to collectively create the environment where everyone can thrive academically, emotionally and socially, reflecting the school values.

The Board acknowledges the work done by the Senior Leadership Team and the wider staff making further progress with our annual goals of equity and excellence, culture and belonging, and engagement.

A Bright Future Ahead

The Board farewells Helen Lim, our 2023 Student Trustee, and wishes her all the best for her remarkable future ahead, as well as all our Year 13 girls as they finish their journey with NPGHS.

The Board gives thanks and appreciation for all the work that the staff at NPGHS does for our school. We wish our students and staff all the very best for the summer break and the bright future ahead.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Kelly Marriner

Presiding member, NPGHS Board



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Staff List

Senior Leadership Team

Principal

Jacqui Brown *BEd, BSc, DipTchg, PGDipEd*

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Suzanne Bradburn *BLS, BEd, DipTchg*

Brett McFarlane *BSc, MSc, DipTchg*

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Beth Parsons

Scotlands Hostel Manager

Cimone Wright

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Waka Kaitiaki (Head of Waka)

Rebecca Crowe

Waka Amo (Waka Dean)

Rihari Brown

Kurahaupo Waka Huia Deans

Waka Kaitiaki (Head of Waka)

Bronya Mischefski

Waka Amo (Waka Dean)

Kerrie Wootton

Tainui Waka Huia Deans

Waka Kaitiaki (Head of Waka)

Jackie Crawford

Waka Amo (Waka Dean)

Karen Eliason

Tomomaru Waka Huia Deans

Waka Kaitiaki (Head of Waka)

Callum Harris

Waka Amo (Waka Dean)

Callum Harris (Term 1)

Waka Amo (Waka Dean)

Courtney Brons

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Waimarie Teachers Assistant

Monique Jansonius

Waimarie Part Time Teacher

Ursula Watson

Waimarie Learning Assistants

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IT Technician

Hayden Kwong *New Era*

Sports Director

Josie Cleaver

Sports Coordinators

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Cafeteria Staff

Hostel Catering Team

Uniform Shop

NZ Uniforms



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5th Row: Rebecca Geevarghese, Melissa Wilkes, Grant Robinson, Katrine Coleman, Monique Jansonius-Albers, Nyla Carroll, Imke Harder, Abigail McCrae, Donna Ainsworth, Claire Hodson, Fiona McRae-Plumtree, Kim Cribb, Chelsea Watton
4th Row: Lesley Harris, Jordyn Huffam, Kimiora Taita, Angela Whitehead, Katie Deiler, Shanelle Smart, Lisa Simpson, Elizabeth Kinnell, Helen Mumby, Asa Anjum, Emma Doherty, Tanya Harris, Nickolas Bourtery, Bridget Wright
3rd Row: Wendy Stewart, Andrew Chubb, Andrew Forest, Jim Graham, Anton Berndt, Sam Moon, Patrick Parker, Brett Zimmerman, Andrew Rae, Simon Berndt, Bronya Mischefski, Cameron McHugh, Nan Harting, Kimberley Bellas
2nd Row: Megan Bendikson, Lisa Floyd, Sandra Hawkins, Kerrie Wootton, Yomi Williams, Jonathan Faulkner, Gilly Osmond, Sarah Sampson, Barry Marmoch, Julia Stephens, Gillian McNeil, Myken Rowland, Helen Hofmans, Dianne Young
Front Row: Maggie Verry, Karen Ellason, Kirsty Grieve, Brett McFarlane, Suzanne Bradburn, Stella Bond, Jacqui Brown, Kevin Byrne, Beth Parsons, Cimone Wright, Rihari Brown, Callum Harris, Jackie Crawford

Aotea Waka Huia

To lead the mighty Aotea Waka in 2023 has been a huge honour and seeing our Waka grow, have fun, and embrace opportunities has made our experience as Co-leaders even more memorable.

It has been a big year for Aotea as we adjusted back to pre-Covid formats for our Waka events, eager to improve our standings from 2022. Having both Swimming Sports and Athletics so close together is always frantic so we quickly jumped into action and began to pave our path to victory. We started the year off with a slow-motion Baywatch run down to the pool, revealing our Summer in Red theme and state of the art pool float. After many cold mornings, our talented synchro team put on a show in the synchronised swimming competition taking out 2nd place. We were lucky enough to have some standout swimmers carrying the competitive section, but it was our overall participation, enthusiasm, and energy of Aotea that helped us secure a well-deserved win. Following our win at swimming sports, Aotea was determined to come out on top at Athletics. Due to a tight schedule, we were unable to show off our new chant or have a good laugh at the mascot race but with thanks to the awesome help of Lucy and Amani, we have added a new banner to our collection which won the banner competition. Once again, our high participation, good vibes, and delicious lollies were enough to get us over the line, claiming our 2nd place victory of the year.

One of our initiatives coming into this year was to continue to build our Waka spirit within Kawai Huia classes; and so, came the Aotea Cup. This had Kawai Huia's compete in regular challenges throughout Terms 2 and 3 including decorating their doors and a TikTok challenge. We were really impressed with the level of involvement, and hope this is continued in 2024.



MacKenzie Third - Aotea Waka Huia Co Leader



Ruby Hales - Aotea Waka Huia Co Leader



Pearl Lauderdale-Smith - Aotea Waka Huia Secretary



Renee Donovan - Aotea Manaakitanga Leader

Unfortunately, the highly anticipated Waka Plays were cancelled this year. While this was disappointing the Waka leaders got creative and came up with a fun assembly for the last day of Term 2 which included activities such as waka feud, finish the lyrics, charades, and musical chairs which brought out a lot of Waka passion. Our Aotea team brought high enthusiasm and continued to show Waka spirit, although no points were on the line.

Coming up is the Fun Run and Waka Singing and we have no doubts that Aotea will continue to bring energy and participation. Currently on top of the leaderboard, we are hoping these two events will secure us the Waka Cup at prizegiving.

We can't thank our Year 13s enough for always bringing the Waka spirit which was crucial to our wins this year. To Mrs Crowe and Matua Rihari, thank you for always guiding and supporting us in all our endeavours. Lastly to Aotea, thank you for being so willing and enthusiastic to give everything a go, you have made our job so much easier. This year NPGHS has been coated in red with Aotea's fiery spirit and we know this is going to flow right into next year. We can't wait to see what is in store for Aotea in the future, but we know you will all be in extremely capable hands.

Surfs up,

Ruby Hales & Mackenzie Third





Kurahaupo Waka Huia

Throughout the years Kurahaupo has often been compared to a Waka that has a journey to take. A journey that consists of a series of challenges that grows determination, after the failure of crashing into rocks, and strength to then rebuild the Waka once more and succeed.

This year Kurahaupo has taken somewhat of a similar journey, a journey with many challenges, but more importantly a whole lot of unforgettable memories. At the very beginning of our journey, alongside our leaders, we set out the goal of having a more enthusiastic and involved Waka. A goal we achieved by promoting Waka events, having fun themes everyone could participate in, and overall having a positive Waka spirit.

We had a busy start to the year, going straight into preparing for Swimming Sports. From early morning synchro practices (so grateful for the warm pool), to covering a pool floatie in blue paint for our entrance, we were ready to smash our first event. Swimming sports was very successful for Kurahaupo this year, with amazing competitive swimmers, relay teams, and a synchro routine that placed first! We had an amazing amount of effort, involvement, and energy from our Waka. We couldn't be prouder of the people who got involved, singing, and cheering their hearts out on the side or getting in the pool and swimming as fast as they could, coming away with second overall.

Shortly after, we had another big event, Athletics. Athletics this year was also a very successful Waka event as there was an enormous amount of involvement as well. This was clearly seen as throughout the day we could see so many people dressed in blue lining up for numerous events. This was such a cool event to spend the day with your friends while trying new activities and having fun. This event was a favorite with so many smiles by the end of the day, they



Tonkow Buranajaroenkit - Kurahaupo Waka Huia Co Leader



Sophie Wilkinson - Kurahaupo Waka Huia Co Leader



Lily Bridger - Kurahaupo Waka Huia Secretary



Emma Hatch - Kurahaupo Manaakitanga Leader

were contagious.

Unfortunately, this year Waka plays/films were cancelled however we ended Term 2 with a fun assembly where each Waka battled it out in musical chairs, guess the lyric, charades, and waka feud. While no points were on the line it was still incredible to see the Waka spirit displayed as representatives battled it out for the win. Coming up we still have Waka Singing and the Fun Run where we hope to come out on top.

From being disco queens at Swimming Sports to Gargamel and the Smurfs at athletics, we embraced the weird and crazy roles. Being the Waka Co-Leaders for Kurahaupo was such an amazing roller coaster we enjoyed every up and down, twist and turn. We are truly honored to be able to lead Kurahaupo in 2023, an experience that had taught us so much, created amazing memories and friendships that we will cherish forever.

In saying that, we couldn't have done it without the support we had behind us. Lily Bridger, our secretary, and Emma Hatch our Manaakitanga leader, thank you for the doing so much behind the scenes such as banners, props, ideas. Ms. Mischefski and Mrs. Wootton, thank you for the guidance and help throughout the year. And most importantly the students of Kurahaupo, for their involvement and effort in every event, with a special mention to the Kurahaupo Year 13s... we couldn't have done it without you!

*Tonkow
Buranajaroekit &
Sophie Wilkinson*





Tainui Waka Huia

Let's go Tainui!

Having the opportunity to lead this amazing Waka full of Mana and pride has made our last year at NPGHS so much fun. This year has given us opportunities to create new relationships and some amazing memories. From Lottie in her frog costume to Mamma Mia, this year has been full of laughs and plenty of Waka spirit.

Swimming sports kicked our year off with a bang. We had tons of students get involved in and out of the pool. Starting with our Year 13 entrance decked out in green and dancing around a money tree, the energy was through the roof. There was so much enthusiasm in the air which helped Tainui take out the Waka relays and the infamous tire tube race, beating the other Wakas by a whole length of the pool. Our chant, Tainui girls are dynamite, echoed through the crowd, letting everyone know that we were there and ready to win. Although our synchronized swimming team placed 4th (still wary about the judging on that one), we made so many funny memories getting up at 6:30am to practice in the tiny pool at the Aquatic Centre. Swimming sports was so great this year, and it was all due to our amazing Waka that worked together and stayed positive.

Next up, Athletics! It is widely known throughout the school that Tainui has the best athletes. We are a massive threat in this Waka event. Now although as Waka co-leaders we aren't the sportiest when it comes to athletics, we still got involved. We had shotput, high jump, sprints and the classic 400m walk to look forward too. It was awesome to see everyone getting involved in the events too, we saw tons of students trying new things and getting stuck in. Although the mascot race was unfortunately cancelled this year, we still got to see our mascot at work. This frog was all over the place, we wouldn't be



Alisha Cheav - Tainui
Waka Huia Co Leader



Paige Catlin-Maybury
- Tainui Waka Huia Co
Leader



Grier Gibson - Tainui
Manaakitanga Leader



Hannah Taylor - Tainui
Waka Huia Secretary

surprised if Lottie had tan lines of the frog feet, she was wearing all day, that's commitment. Overall, athletics was such fun day of sun and laughs, even if we landed in 4th place (again, the judging seemed iffy).

Due to Term 2 being super busy in all year groups, Waka Plays were unfortunately cancelled, however all the Waka leaders got to host an assembly consisting of a ton of games. We had musical chairs, charades, finish the lyric and, Tainui's own, Waka Feud! This assembly was a huge highlight for us as leaders because it gave us a chance to connect with more of our Waka. Our team was mighty and after the chant competition, judged by Mrs Brown, Tainui placed first! With Paige on the mic and Tainui in the stands, it was safe to say this assembly was the best one yet.

Overall, this year has been absolutely incredible. We are so privileged to have had such an amazing time with an amazing Waka. As Co-leaders of the Tainui waka for 2023, we can honestly say that we will never forget the moments our Waka has given us. Thank you, Tainui, Ms Crawford and Mrs Eliason, you guys have made our year unforgettable and we can't wait to see what happens in the future.

Go the green machine!

*Paige Catlin-
Maybury & Alisha
Cheav*





Tokomaru Waka Huia

This last year at NPGHS has been unforgettable, filled with fun, success, and amazing experiences. Being Waka Co-leaders for Tokomaru was a huge privilege.

Although the start to our first term was rough - we were short one leader - we formed a synchronised swimming team with members that were organised, cooperative and competitive, which led to our routine gaining us 2nd place at Swimming Sports. The many early morning practices in the freezing cold school pool and trips to the aquatic centre were worth it. For our competitive swimmers we watched them win multiple races, especially some of our juniors. The talent coming through is impressive! It was overall an exciting experience; the weather was perfect and the levels of participation got higher and higher as the day progressed.

Athletics day was another chance for all the athletes to show off their secret talents of running their hearts out on the track, give their all for shot-put, discus, javelin, jumping incredibly far in long-jump, and incredibly high in high-jump. We spent the day before athletics creating a banner, that aligns with our theme we decided to do this year: bees and flowers. For both Athletics and Swimming Sports, this involved dressing up in yellow, and we encouraged flower crowns, costumes, and bee stripes. We went with this theme because one of our chants really stood out to us: "We got it all together, buzzing for a win, Tokomaru bumblebees are on top again." This chant was inclusive of the correct pronouncement of Tokomaru - something that may have been missed in previous years - pronounced "tougoumaru" not "toekoemaru."

We had a chill Term 2, with one event at the end of the term - a fun Waka Feud. This was the first time in years that something other than



Pippa Birdsall - Tokomaru Waka Huia Co Leader



Leah Smith - Tokomaru Waka Huia Co Leader



Angela Lumanglas - Tokomaru Manaakitanga Leader



Jade Magee - Tokomaru Manaakitanga Leader

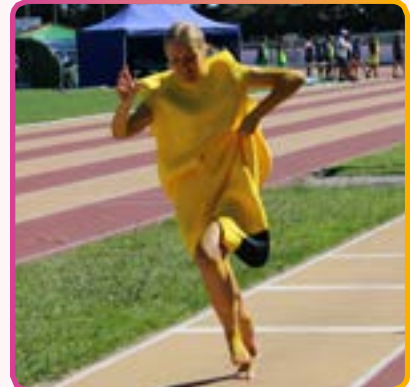
House Plays had taken place. This event involved people from all year groups, coming together to play minigames such as musical chairs, finish the lyric, 20 seconds or less and charades.

Coming up we have Waka Huia singing in one weeks' time and the fun run for this term, which will almost conclude this amazing year. A massive shoutout also to our Manaakitanga leader, Angela Lumanglas and our Secretary Jade Magee, who stepped up to fill empty leadership positions and have done wonderfully at their jobs. To all the other Tokomaru Year 13s, thank you for the last 5 years, you all are the real MVP's and wherever you end up next year, whether completing a tertiary education or travelling or working, we wish you the absolute best.

Overall, being one of the Waka Huia Co-leaders this year has been a memorable and beneficial opportunity. 2023 will be a year we will never forget.

Lots of love,

Leah Smith & Pippa Birdsall





Scotlands Hostel

2023: A Year of Triumphs and Togetherness at Scotlands Hostel

The Year 2023 has been nothing short of spectacular for Scotlands Hostel, right from the very first day when our enthusiastic Year 13s warmly welcomed our new Year 9s and their families into our hostel whanau. The year kicked off with a heartwarming pōwhiri ceremony, setting the tone for an unforgettable journey into hostel life.

Big Sisters, Little Sisters: A Bond that Lasts Forever

Head Boarders Caro Olliver and Izabelle Keegan, alongside the Manaakitanga Leaders Jorja Death and Ruby Helms, have set the gold standard with their Big Sister/Little Sister Programme. Our Year 13s have formed genuine bonds with their Year 9 "little sisters," creating a nurturing and supportive hostel family environment that's second to none.

Champions from Day One

From day one, our Hostel Leaders were determined to make 2023 an exceptional year for Scotlands Hostel. They rallied the boarders, crafting a spirited new chant that echoed through the school grounds during swimming sports – and guess what? We out-chanted the entire school, making it an electrifying moment that sent chills down our spines.



Stars and Stripes: Americana Magic

Americana night saw our hostel come alive with red, white, and blue-themed outfits, as we celebrated American culture in style. It was a night of fun and camaraderie that left us with unforgettable memories.



Dancing with the Boarders: A Groovy Success

In a first-of-its-kind event, our leaders introduced "Dancing with the Boarders," a weeks-long dance competition judged by our Year 13s. The grand finale saw the dynamic duo of Georgia and Sarah waltz away with the grand prize, showcasing their impressive dance moves.

Friendly Rivalries and Trophy Wins

We took on challenges from our neighbouring girls' boarding school, SHGC, with zeal. Our junior and senior teams shone brightly in netball and basketball, emerging victorious in every game. Perhaps it was the unwavering support and spirited chants from our boarders in the stands that ignited our competitive



spirit, leading us to claim a new trophy.

Dinner Swaps and Brotherhood

We didn't just limit our bonds to sister schools; we had some fantastic dinner swaps with NPBHS, our brother school. These evenings were filled with shared stories, delicious meals, and action-packed multi-sport games. Our pool party BBQ was an absolute hit!

Embracing Diversity

Our hostel is a melting pot of cultures, and we welcomed students from Japan with open arms. Our Year 10s ensured they felt right at home, fostering connections and learning about the rich tapestry of cultural differences.

Pasifika Delight

Our Pasifika girls, in collaboration with Chef Justin, curated a mesmerizing Pasifika-themed dinner. From the exquisite cuisine to the stunning décor, it was a delightful journey into Pasifika culture.



Pre-Ball Excitement

Year 13s were given a warm reception with a Pre-Ball gathering at the hostel. It was an opportunity for group photos with their dates and whanau, along with some delicious nibbles. Our younger boarders couldn't help but admire their big sisters, all dressed up and looking absolutely stunning in their ball dresses.

JKR Extravaganza

Term 3 brought our beloved JKR competition, and the competitive spirit among the girls was at its peak. Each Year group teamed up with Chef Justin to craft a themed menu and decorate the dining room. The themes were out of this world, with "A Night in Prison" by Year 12 emerging as the 2023 JKR Champions.



Lambs, Laughter, and Love

We adopted two adorable baby lambs, Daffy and Daisy Lamb, and even had a "name the lamb" competition. Their playful antics won the hearts of all, especially the staff who couldn't resist spoiling them with cute outfits. Now, they have their own Facebook page, allowing us to keep up with their adventures back on the farm.



High Tea Farewell

As the Year comes to a close, we eagerly anticipate study leave and exams, but not before the grand finale – High Tea. Our Year 12s will take the reins, crafting a menu and transforming the room into a spectacular setting for our farewell to the Year 13s. It's a time to dress up, celebrate a Year of hostel life, and wish our seniors all the luck in the world for their exams.



In 2023, Scotlands Hostel has been a place of growth, friendship, competition, and celebration. Together, we've made unforgettable memories that will forever hold a special place in our hearts. As we bid farewell to this remarkable year, we look forward to the adventures that lie ahead.

Cimone Wright

Hostel Manager





Scotlands Hostel

Back Row:

Ngahua Salmund, Isabella Harvie, Gemma Wickstead, Eden Wiseman, Lucy Honeyfield, Cardin Harvey-Smith, Sophie Van Den Brand, Bethan Mulliss, Ellie Morgan, Bella Ormsby, Alexia Clement, Frankie Walker, MacKenna King, Learne Coetzee, Harriet Muller, Morgan Rawlinson, Tori Bayley, Ashleigh Mutch, Sophie Perrett, Marley Morsall-Rei, Shannon Marene, Giselle Du Preez

Danielle Caskey, Andazahleik Winiherei (P), Tegan Crowe, Hayley McLean, Paxton Burke, Kaitlyn Perrett, Ruben Flutey, Harriet MacRae, Emily Levings, Xanthe Smith, Isla Mutch, Queenie McClutchie, Sarah Johnson, Anya Hunt, Georgia MacRae, Lainey Hancock, Maika Rauputu.

Waimiria Willison, Molly Rukuwai, Wenarata Teeapa, Lani Rova, Macy Death, Addison Hill, Molly Fletcher, Lili Herbert, Maia Hori, Millah Keller, Cahill Siebert-White, Taya Harvey-Smith, Grace Clough, Kyia Rabone, Scarlet Helms, Kahurangi Perawiti, Gemma Warren, Charlotte Hickman, Summah Ritchie, Sydnee Coomey, Gemma McNulty, Amy Smith, Alisha Walker, Marama Turner, Annabel Jeyes, Sophie Irons.

Seated:

Justin Walley, Hannah Smith, Ava Taylor, Jada Barnes, Ruby Helms, Claire Zhou (P), Reese Brodie, Caro Oliver, Tihema Berntsen, Grace Rueben (P), Pamela Sargent, Treynn Huffam, Georgia McRae (P), Fern Jones, Cimone Wright, Kate Clarke (P), Mia Stevens, Rachael Aplin, Jayda Neustrofski, Abby Smith (O), Leah Fagan (P), Malissa Martin, Trixie Thomas (O), Maureen Van Blek, Kate Pease, Izzy Keegan, Anna Victoria Francis, Lexus Bishop, Hannah Worthington (P), Savannah Clement, Ayla Benefield.

Seated Front:

Carol Robinson, Sarah Boulter, Pip Durling Matthews

(P) = Partially Obscured, (O) = Obscured

Scotlands Hostel Head Boarders

Beginning the year Caro and I had the same goals and ambitions to start something new that would not only bring hostel students out of their comfort zone but create a sense of belonging. Dancing has always been a passion that Caro and I have shared since we were as young as we can remember. It is something that brings people together which is why we wanted to implement this into the hostel. A new and exciting event Dancing with the Boarders, like the tv show Dancing with The Stars was generated into our hostel. We designed a new trophy for the winners in hope that this event will continue. The event took place over four weeks in Term 2. Many girls said this was the highlight of their year whether they were participating in the dance themselves or supporting.

Another highlight was bringing back some healthy competition with SHGC in a Netball and Basketball game. These were activities Caro, and I did in our joiner years at the hostel, so it was great to see these come to life again. Netball plays a significant role in Caro's life, taking up majority of her time out of school. It is a passion that she truly loves. Caro and I were proud to see the same passion shared among other age groups in a fierce competition that resulted in Scotland's hostel coming out on top!

Although it has been hard over the past couple years to interact with both our brother school and FDMC, it was within both Izzy's and my interest to continue activities with their



Caro Olliver
- Scotlands Hostel
Head Border Co-Leader



Izabelle Keegan
- Scotlands Hostel
Head Border Co-Leader



Ruby Helms
- Scotlands Hostel
Manaakitanga Co-Leader



Jorja Death
- Scotlands Hostel
Manaakitanga Co-Leader

hostels. These included the traditional Year 9 pool social, dinner swaps, multi-sport, quiz nights and how could we forget the whole hostel dancing social with FDMC.

We hope that we have lit the path for future leaders of Scotland's hostel and continued the legacy that lives within us.

*Caro Olliver &
Izabelle Keegan*

Year 13



Izabelle Keegan & Caro Olliver

Head Girl Manu Taiko

Throughout my journey here, I have been blessed with countless opportunities. Among the many valuable lessons I've learned, there's one that stands out prominently; the influence of words and their ability to inspire.

There are many words and whakatauki that have touched me this year, and as Manu Tāiko of our school, these relate to the amazing things I have been able to see you all achieve this year!

'One day or day one'

Getting involved is such a key part of being able to discover new passions, to be able to meet new people, create memories and have a whole load of fun. I have seen many times throughout this year when the day one mindset has been taken on. At Year 9 camp, I was privileged to be able to have so much fun alongside everyone. Being able to go rafting, dance to Bad Hair Day multiple times, play touch and hide on the nightline, all while getting to know so many new faces to our Kura was so special. Year 9s, your attitudes and laughter helped inspire me to step out of my comfort zone as well. You have inspired me to dance more, sing more and dress up as Kermit for every waka event. And man have the waka events been a blast this year! I loved seeing everyone dressing up as hotdogs, bananas, the mighty Māori minion and Tainui carrying the iconic monkey around. While it wasn't our year to beat the teachers at athletics, your encouragement and passion to help each other made the day. To be able to walk, run and swim all alongside you, it has been amazing

to be able to encourage and to be encouraged! And to Miss Watton... an arm-wrestle rematch is coming.

'Go one more'

This year has been a great year for many sports teams, cultural groups and academic awards. I have seen a lot of extra mahi that being put in by everyone. Whether that was those that performed in Rockquest, got an awesome result away at nationals or tournament week, excelled in your sport or got that E in an internal that you worked hard for, it has been the result of going that extra mile. At the beginning of this year, as Manu Tāiko, I wanted to inspire others to go that extra mile in what you love and to help encourage others to put in that hard work.

Here at Girls' High, I have been able to see you all flourish in so many areas and be yourself. Being genuine is a key aspect that I have aimed for, and I have seen this quality in our Kura throughout teams, friends, between teachers and students and that is what makes our school so special. New Plymouth Girls' High School is a place where we can go that extra mile, together, as one people.

One bad chapter doesn't mean the story is over

To the Year 13s, we have had our ups and downs throughout our times here, but I am so glad that I have been able to do it with you. I cannot wait to see you all take different paths and excel in many areas. It has been so awesome to be a part of a year group where everyone has different goals, but seeing the support and



love you give to your mates to help them achieve them is so powerful. I cannot wait to see you all around the country as we move into a new phase of our lives.

Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many

Mic and Mak, I couldn't have done this without you. Your energy, love, integrity, and pure passion has shone this year and I cannot picture a year without your golden smiles/ I'll always remember your golden smiles. Working together with you every day has been a ride and a half that I do not want to get off. I have so much love for you and all that you have done to lead our Kura. You are such positive people, and I will never forget the laughs and moments we have shared.

To BMC and Ms. Brown, thank you for your wisdom and guidance. I have loved getting to know you both, and I deeply appreciate the time and thought you put in to helping everyone around you. The Monday

Kaitiriwā - Deputy Head Girls

and Friday kōrero we have had has been such a highlight and I will miss both of your jokes and smiles every day.

Wendy-Ann, Andy, and Bob, all the office staff and the amazing teachers we have here, the connections that you have been so willing to make mean a lot to me and to all the ākonga. The passion and time that you put into your jobs does not go unnoticed.

Don't stop when you're tired, stop when you're done

He tāngata. The people. Here at New Plymouth Girls High, I just want to say a massive thank you to all of you. You have thrived in 2023! You are ready to move onto a new year, new experiences. Seeing you all flourish, being able to say hey to so many of you every day, to be able to laugh with you and give you hugs is something I will never forget. Massive kudos for smashing this year out of the park, and I can't wait to follow along to see what you achieve in the following years.

To wear the korowai and to be able to now hand it over to the next leader of our school, I leave here with so much happiness, knowing our school is in amazing hands. These past five years at Girls' High will be a big part of my heart and I know I will find it hard to not want to come back here every day where I can see the familiar faces that light up my day. I have so much aroha for this school, and I know 'Three things will last forever – faith, hope and love – and the greatest of these is love.'

And finally, thanks for making our school a school ;)

Lottie Moffat

Manu Tāiko, Year 13

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget the way you made them feel.” This is the approach I've strived to apply to my role as Kaitiriwā - Deputy Head Girl this year.

The legacy that I would feel most honored to have left at New Plymouth Girls' High School is less on a materialistic level and more based on the way I connected with others and made them feel. To work towards being a better person tomorrow than I am today, every day. I set out to ensure that I spoke with confidence and intention and listened with understanding and captivation, in the hope of creating an inclusive environment where people feel valued as much as I truly value them.

Being a Head Girl is more than just having the flashy title, it's what you choose to do with that title. Coming into this year as a part of the Head Girl team there were many unknowns. However, these unknowns were not something I feared, instead, I was eager to see what the year would hold for me while working alongside the most amazing people I know, the people of our Kura. Yep... That's right! Working alongside you, not above you. This is something I value greatly as a student because we are stronger together.

I am so incredibly grateful for each and every one of our students here at Girls' High, your friendly personalities and our little conversations around school are something I will treasure for the rest of my life.

MY GIRLS!! You are the Mak and Moff to my Mic!

Makayla, I will forever be admiring your energy and positivity. Our bubbly personalities bounce off one another like nothing else. You



prove time and time again the importance of optimism and a smile. Your forward-facing mindset is comforting and homely and I am forever grateful for the friendship we have created. Lottie, you are the strongest person I know. I wouldn't have made it this far if it wasn't for your constant support. Your modest persona is admirable and if I were able to impact just 1 person the way you have impacted 1,300, I would be grateful. We have become so close; I can't remember what life would look like without having a best friend like you. Thank you. I couldn't have asked for a more cohesive and determined team to push through the highs and lows of 2023.

Our staff! I thank you for creating a safe environment for not only myself, but for all students to learn and grow in several ways, not only on an academic level, but on personal levels too. Your endless time and effort do not go unnoticed, and I am in awe of the challenges you've overcome.

SLT, Senior Leadership Team, I couldn't have asked for a more talented group of people to guide me through this year. I aspire to be half the leaders you are and look forward to taking the life lessons I've learned from you all with me throughout life.

There is never a dull moment with you BMC, it's been said before and I'll say it again, I have no idea how you

manage to be so consistently patient with the three of us. Thank you for your lightheartedness while keeping me in check each week and making sure we stick to a timeline ;)

The lady with such a special soul, Ms. Brown. Thank you for reminding me of the importance of taking time for myself, although I was a hard person to convince to take steps back even when I needed it most, I knew you always had my back, and I am beyond grateful for that.

A tip from me for your future years, whether those years be at high school or moving onto a new stage of your life is, don't sweat the small stuff. Try not to get sucked into the negativity around you and don't get caught up in the things you can't control. Choose happiness and happiness will follow. This is your life to live. Take action. If you want something done, do it. If something needs to be said, say it. And most importantly, if you have a dream, don't be afraid to dream it. With the help of a positive mindset, you might just be surprised how far you can go.

So much love and even bigger smiles.

Michaela Deegan

Year 13

I am so grateful for the past 5 years I have had at New Plymouth Girls' High School. Particularly this past year of leadership that I've had the immense privilege of experiencing. This kura has allowed me to flourish in ways that I never expected, and for that, I want to express my utmost gratitude.

In my speech for Manu Tāiko last year, one of the crucial points that I emphasised was the importance of allowing every student in our Kura to feel seen, valued and heard. This is a belief that I've held close to my heart and was what prompted me to initiate the creation of the NPGHS Pānui this year, our student newsletter created by some of our very own ākonga. This has truly been a passion project for me, and it has been awesome seeing it grow into something where we can celebrate the great things happening in our school and the successes of our peers. Thank-you to Ms Brown for trusting me to get this off the ground! And, to the wāhine who have been a part of the team, writing stories and pitching in wherever you can. You are all superstars!

Since I started here in 2019 as a little Year 9, I had always been inspired by the Head Girls' and Deputies. I admired the way they led with such intention and passion, and the thought of potentially following in their footsteps one day excited me. Little did my imagination know, I would be in the position that I am today as one of the Kaitiriwā for 2023. And what a wild ride it has been! This year, Lottie, Michaela, and I have had the chance to inspire and guide the tāngata of our Kura. We have been granted the opportunity to create our own legacy. One which has been influenced by the leaders of the past, but one that is unique and true to who we are as well. There is a whakatauki which says "Whai ake i te huarahi tika mōu. Follow the path that is true for you." And this has been how we have approached our



leadership this year, with authenticity and confidence.

On that note, I want to thank my go to girls, Lottie and Michaela! I always admire the way you both light up any room that you enter and make everyone you talk to feel so valued. You've both been such a constant for me this year and it has been a joy to work together! I have found it so exciting seeing the goals we set for ourselves come to fruition and I'm incredibly proud of all that we have achieved over the course of this year. Being together makes the mundane activities that we occasionally must endure so much more exciting. We laugh together, we sometimes cry together and we tautoko one another, constantly pushing to improve ourselves. Together we made the goofy trio...mic, mak and moff!

BMC, you're such a legend! Never failing to bring optimism and humour into times that may be testing us. Yet, still supporting and guiding us to achieve our goals and fulfil our roles to the best of our abilities. We couldn't have done this year without you! So, thanks!

Ms Brown, thank-you for your continuous encouragement and the pearls of wisdom that you have shared throughout the year. I am constantly amazed by how you handle tricky situations with such grace, and I want to honour how brilliant you are at your job!

To the 2023 leadership team, you guys are awesome! It has been a pleasure leading alongside you all and seeing your visions be put into action.

Board of Trustees Student Representative

And to the class of 2023, congratulations! We have officially made it through high school. It has been so great getting to know and walk alongside you all and I look forward to seeing where everyone ends up in the future.

A final thank-you needs to be extended to the students of Te Kura Taitamawāhine o Puke Ariki. Thank-you for the conversations, the smiles, the laughs, and the hugs. For the memories, the moments of joy and the unwavering support.

As this chapter of my life ends, I look back and reflect on how special it has been. Girls' High has become my second home and it's strange knowing I won't be here next year. However, all good things must come to an end, and I am anticipating this new season that I'm about to enter. I have no doubt that it will be wonderful!

With so much love and thanks,

Makayla Wells

Year 13

In my final senior year, here at NPGHS, I had the massive honor of serving as the student representative on the Board of Trustees for 2023. My role enabled me to represent the student body among those who governed our school. The experiences gained from this leadership position has proven to be invaluable, equipping me with versatile skills that extends well beyond my time in high school.

During my time in this position, I have had the privilege to actively participate in the school's governance and work alongside a committed team that represents the best interests of the student body. While familiarizing myself with the professional environment of the board, I also had many opportunities to celebrate numerous student, staff, and school accomplishments. It was inspiring to witness the school's vibrant return, after the negativity from COVID. As the Student Representative for the BOT, I completed my duty in delivering student reports at meetings. In these reports, I was given the opportunity to highlight the names of countless student achievements and exciting events which only further reinforced my love and pride for NPGHS. We truly are fortunate to be surrounded



by such talented students, and to have such a wide array of opportunities for these achievements.

I owe great thanks and gratitude to Ms. Brown and Kelly Marriner for warmly welcoming me onto the board and providing me with this fantastic team experience, which I will never forget. To our other members on the board, thank you for an exceptional year and for accepting me so sincerely into your circle. Each meeting became one to look forward to and I am deeply appreciative of the authenticity and wisdom of each individual on our Board. NPGHS is greatly privileged to have such thoughtful people making our big decisions.

Helen Lim

Year 13



Music Leader

Visual Arts Leader



There have been lots of highlights as Performing Arts Music Leader this year, both in school events and for me personally.

Throughout the year at NPGHS The Arts played a significant role in our school, and I've had the opportunity to help organise and participate in these events and activities. One of the standout events was Arts Week at the beginning of the year, which was a great success. The karaoke session during Arts Week was a blast and a major hit with everyone. We also had a giant game of musical chairs that brought excitement and friendly competition to the event. Another memorable event this year was the talent show, which took place during Happy Week. The talent show showcased a huge amount of musical and dance talent within our school. 2023 was a great year and these events certainly highlighted the incredible creativity and passion of NPGHS students.

Bethany McKibbin

Year 13

Being the Visual Arts Leader at New Plymouth Girl's High for 2023 has been an awesome opportunity for me to further celebrate the Visual Arts and to meet many likeminded students from our Kura.

We began celebrating Visual Arts with a vibrant Arts Week in Term 1. During this week, students of all year groups came together to create stunning pavement art, runway worthy wearable arts and hairstyles that used shocking amounts of glitter. Arts week was a wonderful opportunity to get to know students of different year levels and the interactions that happened that week were extremely positive. The Arts Committee this year was very successful in numbers (T3 was packed full of avid artists) and the student's commitment to attending these meetings was impressive. Many of the students in The Arts Committee were involved in making props for the set of the New Plymouth Girls' High School, Winne the Pooh production at the beginning of this year. They looked amazing on the stage. The committee members attended several meetings throughout the year and assisted enthusiastically with Arts Week.

Another highlight of the year was the National Visual Arts Trip to Wellington that Miss Smith, Ms Mercer, and Mr Bouterey accompanied Visual Arts, Art History and DVC students to in May. This trip included visits to two galleries, Te Papa Museum, and a guided tour of the Victoria university Te aro campus and the Massey University Wellington campus. From this trip students were inspired by what they saw and potentially gained some idea of their creative plans for the future.

Early in Term 3 twenty-six ākonga had the amazing opportunity to



collaborate on some mural paintings with the wonderful New Zealand artist Lizzie Thomas. These murals are fixed on the wall in O-block and feature separate panels that represent our past, present, and future. Each panel contains many beautiful symbols and messages that people can read about on a descriptive label next to the narrative panels.

Towards the end of Term 3, we had many students partake in the Taranaki Schools Exhibition. The artworks were bright and varied, in style and media. It was open to Years 9 -13 students. The opening night was really successful with many students selling their work.

The students of our Kura have been involved in many Visual Art competitions and events this year and have been so passionate about celebrating all things art. The support from students, teachers, Ms Grieve and Ms Wright in this leadership role has been incredible and I appreciate all the dedication and hard work they have put into Visual Arts this year. I have loved meeting so many budding artists from all ages at our school and I cannot wait to see what they create in the future.

Amani Colgan

Year 13

Dance Leader



As Dance Leader, I ensured that 2023 was full of different performing art events, giving every student at NPGHS the opportunity to gain their dance badge while also having fun!

This resulted in many different dance workshops throughout Term 2 and three consisting of different genres including contemporary, lyrical, ballet and hip hop. I made sure there were at least four each term, providing many chances for students to gain hours.

In week nine of Term 2, I hosted the Night of Dance. This was an extremely fun after school event where students performed dances for parents and friends. This event was a group effort, working with the technology team, students from the Year 13 dance class and the dance committee, photographers, and with the dance teacher, Mrs McCrae. At the end, it was super successful!

In week five of Term 3, I worked with the music leader, Bea McKibbin, to host the NPGHS Talent Show. This event ran for two lunchtimes and was also a lot to organise. We allowed for any students to sign up and categorised the performances into three divisions: music, drama, and dance. Though we did reject some applications, including a rollerblading performance. I organised three

judges: Mrs Mace, Mrs Bellas, and Mr McHugh.

The first day of the talent show was extremely stressful. I was running around ensuring everything was in order and once students came rushing in, that was when I realised how big the talent show was. Almost all of downstairs were full of students. Amazing to see but added so much pressure!! Day two ran much more smoothly than day one. After some deliberation, the winners of the talent show were a band at third, a jazz performance at second, and a lyrical dance for first. They received handmade certificates (made by me) and some chocolate. Both events were just fantastic! Really stressful to organise but super enjoyable once they happen.

In conclusion, I had fun :)

Jania Peng

Year 13



Honohono Leader

Trying to find a highlight this year was impossible because the entire year was a highlight. From being invited to the Mt Taranaki breakfast at the start of the year, to the 2023 Aotea region paerangatahi regionals where our Māori performing Arts class performed as Tuhonohono, and the unveiling of our pou to the little things in between have all been highlights for me.

My main goal this year was to not only help Māori kaupapa get more involved in our Kura but to support our Pasifika girls so that they had the same opportunities as our Kapahaka girls. I can proudly say I've achieved this. Watching our Māori Wahine walk and grow not only as individuals but academically and with their sporting achievements, watching them walk into our Kura with their head held high showing mana in their culture gave me a warm feeling being a tuakana to most of them. I hope these ataahua wahine toa continue to grow and achieve many things because they have no limit.

I'm going to leave with a whakatauki about new beginnings.

Tūngia te ururua Kia tupu
whakaritorito te tupu o te harakeke

Clear away the undergrowth so
the new shoots of flax can spring up.

Ko Taranaki te maunga

Ko Aotea te waka

Ko Otakeho te awa

Ko Ngaruahinerangi toku iwi

Ko Hinerau toku ingoa

Hinerau Wilson-Kemp

Year 13

Academic Leader - Traditional Science



Having the opportunity to be the Academic Leader for Traditional Sciences in 2023 was an incredible experience, which I will never forget.

Throughout the year, I was privileged to work with a committee full of dedicated, passionate students. It was a true pleasure. Together, we made it our goal to create a positive learning environment in the school and engage students in maths and science beyond the classroom.

As Maths and Science Leader, the major event of the year was Maths and Science Week. This involved holding exciting STEM related activities each day. The week was a huge success, with high amounts of student involvement – particularly the day we made ice cream!

The aim of Maths and Science week was to give students a taste of the curriculum beyond what is taught in class. As Maths and Science leader, encouraging interest in the STEM field is a main goal of mine, and Maths and Science week was a fun way of achieving it. Students first embraced our mutual love of the classic Maths and Science show Big Bang Theory. We then moved onto tackling engineering and Physics through the famous Egg Drop. Brewing ginger beer and making ice cream helped students discover the science behind common treats.

It was also great to see so many students receive Maths and Science badges as a result of their involvement in activities such as: ICAS Maths Competition, Otago Junior Maths Competition and the 2023 WITT Taranaki Science Fair. This year, Varya Kern was selected to represent us at United Space School in Houston, Texas. I would like to congratulate Varya upon her selection.

A massive thank you to Mr Bone and Ms Stephens for their continued support throughout the year. It was an absolute privilege being the Maths and Science Leader.

Ruby Kennedy

Year 13

Academic Leader - Traditional Arts

This has been an exciting year for traditional arts at NPGHS. Our school hosted the Ngamotu Model UN, exchange students from Colegio San Nicolás De Myra in Chile, and we continued to hold a traditional arts week, which was introduced last year.

For three weeks in July, nine students from our school hosted girls from Colegio San Nicolás de Myra and they attended classes with their host sisters for the first two weeks of Term 3. This was a wonderful opportunity to learn all about Chilean

culture and traditions and develop a better understanding of Spanish language.

Traditional Arts Week consisted of a variety of lunchtime activities that covered the different subjects that come under Traditional Arts. The week started off with geography kahoots, and the following day there was a lit quiz. Traditional arts week happened to fall whilst the Chilean exchange students were here, so they spent a lunchtime teaching a traditional Chilean dance. Another day we had a one-minute film challenge which saw recreations of stories like Cinderella and Aladdin.

This year both Languages Club and Model UN club ran at lunchtime. In Languages Club we did languages quizzes and games and watched movies in other languages. In Model UN there were lively debates over current world issues. In August NPGHS hosted Ngamotu Model UN where students from schools all round Taranaki came to participate. Students were each assigned a country and had to work to solve world issues as their country. Thank you to Mrs Crowe for making this possible.



Isla Smale

Year 13

Technology Leader



Introducing the PB&J trio, a dynamic team that works better together. Picture this: Sarah, our peanut butter acts as the glue that holds the team together, ensuring seamless assembly. Elisha's representation of the jelly on our team contributes to the sandwich's visual appeal by adding attractive colours, without it, our assemblies would be plain and boring. Laura, our "Bread," it's what makes up the sandwich and forms the essential foundation of our team. Without her, our assemblies would lack structure and coherence, resulting in chaos. Together, we're not just a technology team; we're the driving force behind this year's technological success.

In 2023, being in a technology team taught us that the seemingly insignificant jobs require teamwork and dedication. With this teamwork, we can produce an environment for assemblies that's welcoming and vibrant. We're able to express and combine our ideas about what we could do to make the assemblies run smoothly. Even though there have been obstacles that we faced behind the scenes of the assemblies with the microphone and computer, we communicated with each other, making our jobs easier.

Excluding assemblies, we're able to help others run events, like the Night of Dance and the Talent Show. Entirely this was a good experience for us to boost our confidence with using technology and dealing with technological issues in front of crowds.

We also made Gaming Club a space that kindled new friendships and inspired students within different year levels to bond with those of similar interests. Furthermore, it's now a space that creates a competitive atmosphere which pushes students to learn, grow and showcase their abilities to each other. Unfortunately, students were unable to participate in the E-Sports tournament, due to clashes with other events, however we aim to have more fun events these in the future.

Sarah Jaing

Year 13

Hauora Co-Leaders



This year has been nothing short of an insane journey for both of us and we are so grateful to have experienced it alongside the other Year 13 leaders as well as the rest of our incredible school.

We started off the year by continuing the breakfast club legacy. It started off slow, but as more people got to know about Breakfast Club, we soon had the whole hall foyer filled with girls waiting for a nutritious breakfast to get them through their day every Wednesday. Breakfast Club became a safe and welcoming environment (with delicious pancakes and milo) that students were looking forward to each week. Knowing that we were able to positively impact students' mornings is an amazing feeling. Of course, none of this would have been possible without our group of helpers so thanks so much to each of them. A special thanks also to Van Dycks for their generous pancake donation, it was much appreciated by everyone involved.

A huge project for us this year was organizing the school blood drive. It was so great to see the number of girls and teachers alike who were willing to donate to such an important cause. For every blood donation up to three lives are saved, making the efforts of our donors even more remarkable.

We also helped with the promotion for World Vision 2023 and got the school involved with Pink Shirt Day to help raise bullying awareness.

The most memorable event for us this year was our school Happy Week which we organized alongside our head girls. This was filled with activities such as an emoji scavenger hunt, chalk art, and a Year 13 vs. Staff multisport game. The star event of the week of course was the food trucks. This year we were fortunate enough to have four different trucks including ice cream, gelato, Turkish and Venezuelan. We also held a Takitahi day during this week which raised money for mental health charity Voices of Hope.

We have gained so many new skills thanks to this experience and are grateful for every moment. Good luck to next year's leaders, the year goes by faster than you expect so make the most of it while you can!

Brooke Jorgensen & Pama Tipene

Year 13

Sports Co-Captains

2023 has been a great year for sport at New Plymouth Girls' High school, which Kara and I have had the privilege of being a part of. The year started off with a bang, swimming sports held at our school pool and athletics held at the TET stadium in Inglewood were both incredible days with the sun shining, personal bests achieved, and school records broken, as well as a lot of laughter, smiles and banter throughout the day. Our Volleyball and Futsal teams also went to New Zealand Secondary Schools summer tournament and represented the school to a high level. Volleyball placed 30th and both the junior and senior Futsal teams placed 6th.

We formed our Senior Sports Council early in the year and got to work right away with implementing new lunchtime activities for students of all year groups to get involved in. This included Volleyball, Just Dance and Dodgeball, which saw great numbers that increased throughout the year.

We had 3 winter and 2 summer exchanges throughout the year. Facing Whanganui Collegiate, Palmerston North Girls' High School and Whanganui High School. These exchanges had some tough and very close challenges for both sides. With all the overall matches we won three of the exchanges, lost one and drew one.

Before we knew it winter tournament had rolled around and all the hard work that these teams had put into training and games throughout the year was to pay off. The week saw some great results for New Plymouth Girls' High School, in fact our most successful results ever, with 4 of our team finishing in the top 16 in New Zealand. What awesome results, ka mau te whi!

We also played two Boys' High vs Girls' High Year 13 matches, with the first one being dodgeball at Boys' High where the boys were very clear winners. The second game was Netball at girls high where the girls just managed to get the win by ONE point. It was a very intense and exhilarating game with a lot of cheering from the awesome number of students and teachers that were watching the game. 2023 also saw some very close Year 13 vs staff challenges, with the staff managing to take out both the 4x100m relay at athletics and the Multisport game in Term 3.

Kara and I would like to thank the staff that helped us along the way this year. Thank you to all the sports teachers as well as a massive thank you to Mr Parker, Mrs Cleaver, Mrs Leatuafi, and Mrs Bond, your help this year has been very much appreciated.

We would also like to wish the Sports Captains for 2024 the absolute best in their roles and endeavours. We hope that you continue to grow sport involvement in our school and encourage those around to get involved, all the best.

Kia kaha, Kia maia, kia manawanui!

*Nicole Kowalewski
and Kara Baker*

Year 13



Outdoor Education Co-Leaders



This year we were privileged to be your NPGHS Outdoor Education Co-Leader's for 2023. We loved the position and the ability it gave us to be part of all things outdoors within our school. Our favourite Outdoor Education experience this year was at the beginning of the year when we went to TOPEC with the Year 9s for their camp.

This camp is a great bonding experience between Year 9s and Year 13s. This gave us a chance to meet and talk to the Year 9s, as well as complete actives with them. This was an awesome experience as we got to assist the Year 9s not only form relationships with their new peers and teachers. The activities were designed to bring the students out of their comfort zone, this was truly rewarding to see them pushing their limits. There are many awesome outdoor activities available throughout our school.

These activities are a great way to get into the outdoors and have some

once in a lifetime experience that you might not be able to do after high school. NPGHS has been successful in our competitions involving outdoor education, we won the Go 4 12 adventure race. This is a NZ Schools race, that includes hiking, biking and sometimes kayaking for 12 hours! We are super excited for the Year 9 and 10 camps coming up at the end of the year.

We believe our experience of being your Outdoor Education Co-Leaders will benefit us greatly with our future endeavors after school. Thanks so much for having us this year and giving us the opportunity to expand our knowledge.

*Sage Piebenga and
Kaylee Hunger*

Year 13

Environment Co-Leaders

The environment is often forgotten as we become enveloped in the chaos of life. No time to appreciate this tree, no time to appreciate that glass of fresh water. This year, as Co-leaders, we have worked together to put the earth first.

To begin the year, we organised the Waste Free Period Product talk, had many committee meetings to



decide the actions we would take that year, and held a fundraiser to help us do so. This meant we could purchase many fruit trees, completing the previous leaders' work. These were planted on the school grounds on the hill to the pool, and we hope that students in the years to come will enjoy their beauty and the fruit they provide.

Throughout the year we held many beach cleans and even an orchard clean up, to remove invasive vines from the Milne Pl Community Orchard. It was also fun to get involved in the New Plymouth Climate Strike, where we painted some awesome posters to deliver our message loud and clear.

As the Environment Committee grew, it was exciting to hold sustainability quizzes, games, movies, and talks, to help spread awareness and cultivate some passion.

To wrap up the year and to reward our dedicated committee members for their hard work, we set up an Environment badge. This was an epic achievement and helps us to leave our legacy behind. In the future, this badge could be an award that helps the committee grow further and help put many more ideas into action.

To sum up, the year has been very productive, and we were so privileged to get the opportunity to be part of that.

*Drew Hoskin and
Holly Dixon*

Year 13



On the 24th to the 26th of September during the term three school holidays, three of us Year 12 students were lucky enough to have had the opportunity of attending the 2023 Rangatira, ylead conference held at Rotorua Boys' High School.

Around 75 students across the North Island attended from a variety of schools. Throughout the three-day course, we worked on developing our leadership skills and making connections with others. There were many ways that we were taught these skills such as listening to inspiring guest speakers and mentors, attending workshops on public speaking, and using our personal strengths and completing 'secret missions' which required us to clearly communicate in smaller groups.

Some of the highlights and activities we enjoyed were our team meetings. On the second day we chose a mentor and a group to be in for the rest of our time at YLead. Two of our year 13 students - Michaela Deegan and Pearl Lauderdale – Smith were part of the mentoring crew and provided a positive atmosphere throughout the course. Each group had a secret agenda which was shown off at the end assembly.

Overall, this was an amazing experience for the three of us and we took a lot from it through learning the importance of deeper communication to build trust with our peers and focusing on looking on the bright side of situations instead of searching for the 'spies' in our lives.

If you're a year 11 and you think this event sounds a bit like you, we recommend it!! You'll come away understanding yourself more and have many new skills under your belt. It's also a wonderful place to meet like-minded people and together, you'll share many memories for years to come.

ast year's council and the councils to come in the following years. We changed the way year 9,10,11 and 12 could get on the council by opening up applications to the whole school.



Left to right:

Matilde Silva, Meg Newland, Michaela Deegan, Pearl Lauderdale-Smith and Sophie Thomas

Student Council Secretary

As Student Council Secretary I've loved working along side many other leaders and students to try make our ideas and initiatives happening throughout the school. We were all excited to make positive changes and improvements around the school and community.

This year the student council focused on trying to create continuity between last year's council and the councils to come in the following years. We changed the way year 9,10,11 and 12 could get on the council by opening up applications to the whole school.

The student council gets the opportunity to pick 4 different charities we think impact our students so that they can help support the charity on a Takitahi day.



We chose Brave, World Vision, Voices of Hope, as well as helping support the school with the Napier Girls High school fundraiser after the cyclone. Our school council also went to local areas on the 24th and 25th of August to help fundraise for Daffodils day.

Felicity Cleaver

Year 13

Library Leader



It was such an honour to be the Library Leader for 2023! This position has taught me so much about myself and about the students at this wonderful school. It was an honour to work so closely with Mrs Gunn and feel her passion for the library spread to everyone that walked through the library doors.

Term 1 saw the library welcoming so many wonderful students as student librarians. These students have worked so hard throughout the year to make the library the safe, welcoming space that almost every student knows it to be. We also created a Library Committee that comprised of all the senior student librarians. The Committee was in charge of coming up with ideas for library Week and helping to organise those activities.

Library Week was held at the start of Term 3 and was a fun-filled week that was enjoyed by everyone that participated. We had daily lunchtime activities of Kahoot quizzes, Character Headbandz, Book-Bingo, Bowl-a-Book, mini-golf, charades, musical chairs, and a lot of just dance. Library Week would not have been possible if not for the immense help from Mrs Gunn and the student librarians that all helped to organise the activities that took place.

I am eternally grateful for the guidance that Mrs Gunn has provided

me, her passion for the library and the way people feel when they walk in is so inspiring. I cherished the time I got to spend working alongside the student librarians because this year wouldn't have been successful without them.

I wish the best of luck to the Library Leader of 2024. I hope they use the library to create a sense of community within the school!

Yahvini Naidoo

Year 13



International and Global Perspectives Leader

International Leader was an exciting role this year, as we got to host a number of exchange students from around the world. This included hosting a group of students from Colegio San Nicolas De Myra in Chile together with New Plymouth Boys' High School for the first time since 2019.

Our schools have a long standing relationship of over 20 years and it was refreshing for our students to interact with international peers. Part of hosting this exchange was welcoming the Chilean students into our school with a trip to the New Plymouth District Council to meet the Mayor Neil Holdom, followed by a pōwhiri and later in the week, and a full school assembly.

As the International Leader I really enjoyed interacting and watching other students interact with the girls who part-took in classes and activities, allowing us to learn more about each other's cultures and lifestyles.

Next year a group of students will go to Chile as a part of the same exchange, which will be an amazing opportunity to look forward, to not only for them but for years to come.

Jill Zwart

Year 13



Leaders 2023



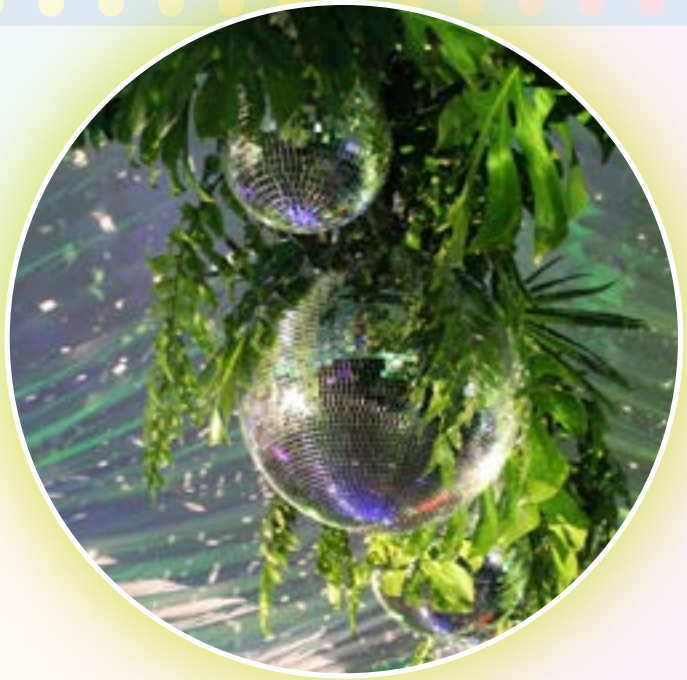
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Front Row: Supapit (Tonkow) Buranajaroenkit, Isla Smale, Ahuaiti (Pama) Tipene Tai Tin (Tipene), Makayla Wells, Lottie Moffat, Michaela Deegan, Helen Lim, Angela Lumanglas, Alisha Cheav

School Ball

'Forest Fest'

'Forest Fest' was the theme that captured the night of the 2023 New Plymouth Girls' High School Ball. Right from the start of the year, the ball was already buzzing discussion between us Year 13s as it became fast approaching. The Ball Committee was hard at work right from the beginning, brainstorming ideas to make sure the night shone.

We chose the theme of 'Forest Fest', a combination of disco balls and plants to really seize the shine of the night. Walking into the ballroom, you were met with shining letters and disco balls lining the dance floor, encouraging that ball feel to get everyone dancing, singing, snapping photos and having a blast! It was not only the Year 13s that danced up a storm but the teachers as well! Everyone looked stunning and



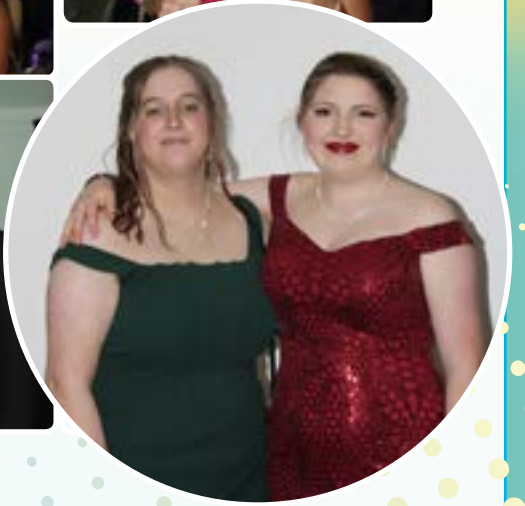
without you Year 13s, the ball could not have happened if it wasn't for the energy and laughter you brought!

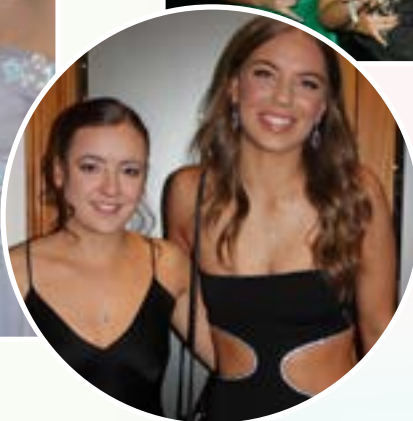
A massive thank you to all of those on the Ball Committee, you worked countless hours and put so much love and care in to help produce something spectacular! To Mrs Crowe, Mrs Brons and Mr McFarlane, your guidance, thrilling ideas and your willingness to help us make it an unforgettable night was so greatly appreciated in all the months that were spent planning. Andy, Bob and the Visual Arts Department, your skills, knowledge and effort you put in towards the ball helped bring out that final touch. As well, to all the whānau, friends and teachers who helped with the setup, pack down and to everyone who supported us, ehara koe i a ia!

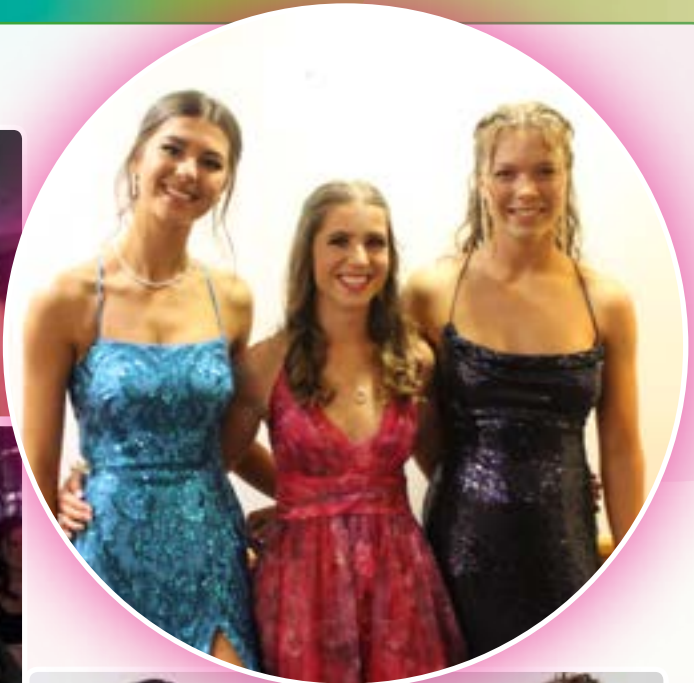
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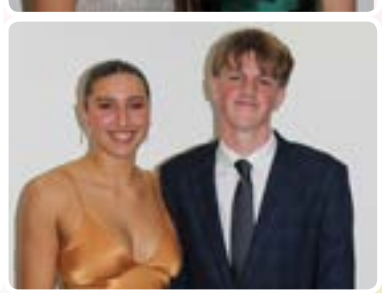
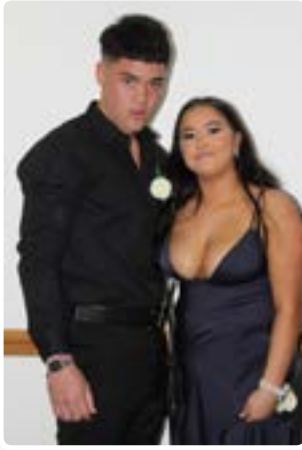
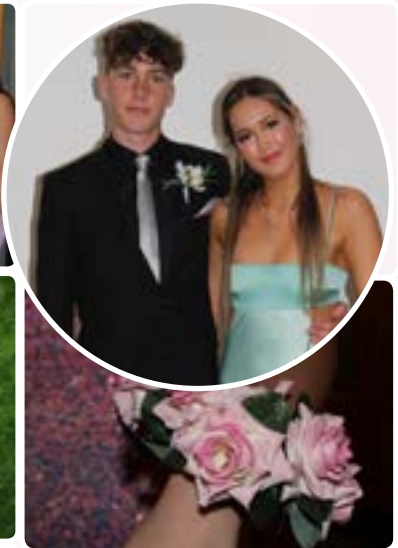
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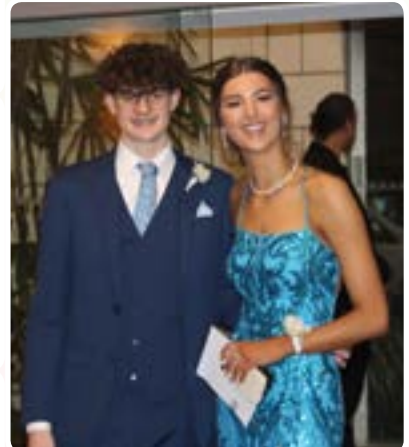
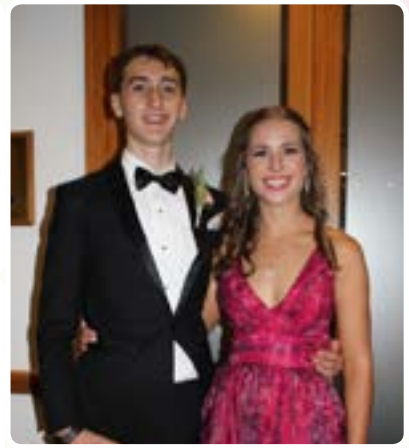




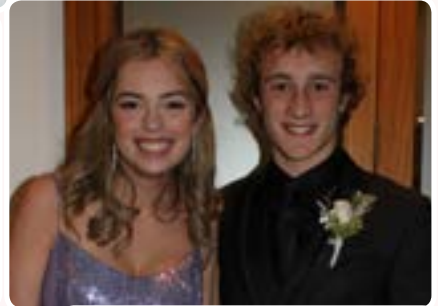




FOREST FEST











World Vision 40hr Challenge

During Term 2, an awesome committee of Y9-13s got together to organise NPGHS fundraising for the 40 Hour Challenge. Over our "Hype Week" we held a bake sale, 40 second challenges, chalk art and hosted a Takitahi (non-uniform) day. It was an amazing week and our Kura raised \$2849.80 in total, helping hundreds of people to access clean water. Good job team!

Paige Catlin-Maybury

Year 13



Left to right: Olivia Corin, Grace Hooper, Sarah Anglesey, Stuti Tiwari, Sophie Dodunski, Janell Halgryn, Chloe Halgryn, Paige Catlin-Maybury (front).

SADD

378!

This astounding number is the death toll on New Zealand roads in 2022 alone. This number is far too high, so I decided to join Students Against Dangerous Driving NZ (SADD), an organisation empowering young people to make safer and better choices on the road. Whether you're a pedestrian, cyclist, motorist, or passenger, road safety affects everybody. Your choices made while driving can change your life or those of others in seconds. During the October school holidays, I along with 7 other students, from throughout New Zealand, traveled to Christchurch for our first SADD National Leadership Program (NLP). Each National Leader was brimming with passion and ideas to revolutionise road safety in New Zealand. Together, we brainstormed and began planning innovative



projects that could save lives on our roads. This was an incredible opportunity for me to meet amazing new people and start my journey towards creating positive change on New Zealand roads.

Students Against Dangerous Driving isn't just about road safety; it's a chance to forge connections, become a leader and impact our

communities positively. Keep an eye on the notices around the NPGHS SADD Committee and how you can be involved within our Kura.

Thea Betts

Year 12

Learning Area Highlights

New Zealand Scholarships 2022

Awarded Outstanding Scholarship

Lily STODDARD

English (Outstanding)
Biology

Harmony MORRIS

Statistics (Outstanding)

Awarded Scholarship

Gwyneth AISH

Design

Finn DAVIES

Painting

Asja FAIRBROTHER

Photography

Natalie FOSS

Photography

Jesse GIBBONS

Photography

Brooke JORGENSEN (Year 12)

Photography

Helen LIM (Year 12)

English

Emi MACKIE

Design

Billie PARKER

Photography

Danni RITSON

Photography

Stephanie WATSON

Painting

Jenny ZHOU

Biology

Senior Prize-giving 2023

Sports Awards

Heidi ALBON

Hockey Distinction

The Deborah Armstrong Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to 1st XI Hockey

Milla ALBON

Hockey Distinction

The Kirsty Grieve Cup for Leadership in Hockey

Kaitlyn ANTILL

Athletics - Track & Field

Runner Up to Intermediate Champion

Pippa BIRDSALL

Cricket Distinction

Charlotte (CJ) BLACKMORE

Cricket Distinction

Football Distinction

Brooklyn BURTON

Hockey Distinction

Charlotte BUTLER

Cricket Distinction

Sutherland Sports World Trophy for Most Promising Player

Alisha CHEAV

Badminton Distinction

Lila CORRAL

Indoor Volleyball Distinction

The Edmund Poh Cup for the Most Valuable Senior Player

Tatianna CROFSKEY

Hockey Distinction

Jorja DEATH

Cricket Distinction

Lilly DOWSING

Football Distinction

The McInally Cup for Excellence in Soccer

Casey DRAKE

Hockey Distinction

Olivia EARL

Gymnastics Distinction

Jorja ELDERSHAW

Basketball Distinction

The Toni Roberts Cup for Most Valuable Senior Player

Samsara FALANIKO

Netball Merit

The Most Outstanding Senior Netballer Cup

Gemma FEEK

Football Distinction

Phoenix FRASER

Rugby Distinction

Ebonee GOOD

Netball Distinction

Ruby HALES

Swimming

The Senior Champion Cup

Madeline HOBO

Athletics - Cross Country Merit

Swimming Distinction

Runner Up to Intermediate

Swimming Champion

Petra HOFMANS

Adventure Racing Distinction

Cycling Merit

Cara HOLLARD

Cricket Distinction

The McDonalds Cup for Cricketer of the Year

Emma JAMIESON

Athletics - Cross Country Runner Up to Senior Champion

Athletics - Track & Field Distinction

Kiera JOHNSTONE**Hockey Distinction**

The Hodge Cup for Most Improved Hockey Player

Sara JURY**Athletics - Track & Field Distinction****Jacquelyn KOWALEWSKI****Adventure Racing Distinction****Athletics - Track & Field Distinction****Athletics - Cross Country Distinction**

The Sonia Barry Trophy for Senior Cross Country Champion

Nicole KOWALEWSKI**Trophy Hockey Distinction**

The McCluggage Trophy for Excellence in Hockey

Cup Tennis Distinction

The Jenny Farinella Cup for Senior Tennis Champion

Charley LAHMERT**Rugby Merit**

The Carrie Lobb Cup for Most Valuable Player

Harper LEATUAFI**Netball Distinction**

The Jamilah Gupwell Trophy for Most Promising Senior Netball Player

Madeleine LEEKS**Indoor Volleyball Distinction**

The Cup for Most Improved Senior

Sophia LOUIS**Basketball Merit****Indoor Volleyball Merit****Netball Distinction****Maddie MACKENZIE****Cricket Distinction****Caitlin MARSHALL****Cricket Distinction**

The Vikki Corlett Trophy for Most Valuable Player 1st XI Cricket Team

Diya MENON**Cricket Distinction****Zoe MILLER****Cricket Distinction****Charlotte (Lottie) MOFFAT****Adventure Racing Distinction****Athletics - Cross Country Merit****Athletics - Track & Field Merit**

Runner Up to Senior Champion

Cycling Merit

The George Wharehoka Memorial Cup for Best All Round Cyclist

Harriet MULLER**Football Distinction****Caro OLLIVER****Netball Distinction**

The Carolyn Phear Trophy for Leadership, Outstanding Performance and Commitment to Premier 1 Team

Riley PACKMAN**Football Distinction****Zoe PARR****Skiing**

The Adam Clegg Memorial Cup for the Highest Placed Female Skier between NPGHS and Scared Heart Girls' College

Skiing

The Sally and Katie Wolfe Cup for Best All-Round Skier

Saskia PELHAM**Football Distinction**

The O'Keefe Trophy for the Most Valuable Team Member for All-Round Contribution to 1st XI Soccer

Futsal

Eddie Brown Futsal Cup - Most Valuable Player

Sasha RASMUSSEN**Football Distinction****McKenzie ROWLANDS****Swimming Merit Intermediate Champion Cup****Jarhlia SALISBURY****Netball Umpiring**

Senior Game Official of the Year Cup for Netball Umpiring

Jordi SANDS**Rugby Distinction**

The Carrie Lobb Cup for Most Improved Player

Rugby

The Kendra Cocksedge Trophy for the Most Dedicated New Player

Addi SCHWIRTLICH**Indoor Volleyball Distinction**

The Dickson Cup for Outstanding Player

Anika SCOTT**Cricket Distinction****Eva SCOTT****Badminton Distinction****Chanya SEASTRAND****Badminton Distinction**

The Badminton Cup for Excellence, Achievement and Attitude

Martha SIMON**Badminton Distinction****Aarnya SIMPSON****Rugby Distinction****Amber STORER****Rugby Distinction****Jayda STRUTHERS****Hockey Distinction****Hayley TEWHATA****Athletics - Track & Field**

The Senior Champion Cup

Basketball Distinction**Netball Merit****Georgia THEODORE****Hockey Distinction****Ella THIRD****Football Distinction****Erica THOMPSON****Indoor Volleyball Distinction****Greer UPSON****Tennis Distinction**

Runner Up to Senior Tennis Champion

Amy VICKERS**Netball Distinction****Bella WANSBROUGH****Swimming Merit**

Runner Up to Senior Champion

Jaide WEBBY**Athletics - Track & Field Distinction****Makayla WELLS****Adventure Racing Distinction**

The Fleming/Paterson Cup for Outstanding Performance in Adventure Racing

Sophie WILKINSON**Basketball Distinction**

The Cleaver Cup for Excellence in Basketball

Jill ZWART**Rowing Distinction**

Sports Special Awards

Oliver Trophy for House Swimming

Aotea

Miss Stevens Memorial Cup for House Athletics

Aotea

NPGHS PE & Sport Department's Team of the Year Cup

Senior Adventure Racing Team:

Petra HOFMANS, Jacquelyn KOWALEWSKI, Charlotte (Lottie) MOFFAT, Makayla WELLS - Captain

National Title Holder Badges 2023

New Zealand Secondary School Go-4-12 Adventure Racing National Champions

Jacquelyn KOWALEWSKI, Charlotte (Lottie) MOFFAT, Makayla WELLS

Hillary Challenge Adventure Racing National Champions

Petra HOFMANS, Jacquelyn KOWALEWSKI, Charlotte (Lottie) MOFFAT, Makayla WELLS

Year 11 Diligence Awards - 2023

Hannah ARMSTRONG, Natalie BAILEY, Poppy BARNES, Isabella BARRETT, Aleigha BIGHAM-SMITH, Penelope BLANCHARD, Charlotte BRADBURN, Monique CAMDEN, Jorja CASTLES, Kayley CLARK, Khloe DEMETRIOU, Casey DRAKE, Bianca DRINKWATER, Emma EAGAR, Aisha GEMALA, Ava HASHEMI, Keira HIDE, Madeline HOBBO, Kierah HOSKING, Jade HUFFAM, Sophie IRONS, Zairha JAGMIS, Annabel JEYES, Alex JUFFERMANS, Petra KEITH, Yusong (Rayna) KIM, Naomi LANDRETH, Anneleen LINGENFELDER, Kelly-Ann LOCKLEY, Georgia LUSCOMBE, Sophie MAGON, Maia MARS DEN, Coco MARSHALL-KIRBY, Lucy MARTIN, Sineade MCGRATH, Laura MCNEIL, Chloe MUIR, Risha

NATH, Alice OBREJA-DAMIAN, Mena RAVEN, Madge RILEY, Jordi SANDS, Livi SARTEN, Eizra SAUNDERS, Mia SCHOEMAN, Eva SCOTT, Wanganui SEUFALE, Sophie SEWELL-MONOD, Martha SIMON, Skye SIMPHALIVANH, Alicia SMITH, Kimberly (Kim) STEWART, Daina THORPE, Zoey VERSTER, Nelithma VITHANA, Amy WATSON, Jessa WELLS, Ashley WILSON

Year 11 Academic Awards - 2023

Rachel OKELLY (ANGEL)

First in Hospitality

Hannah ARMSTRONG

First in Accounting (Shared)

First in English - Level 2 (Achieved as a Year 11)

Isabelle ASHMAN

The Cup for First in Sports Science and Physical Education (Shared)

Dana BAKER

First in Food and Nutrition

First in French

Isabella BARRETT

First in Textiles Technology

Charlotte (CJ) BLACKMORE

First in Mathematics Numeracy

Nikylah (Niky) BRACKSTONE

Mr. Hatherley's Prize for Strings

Lila CORRAL

First in Animal and Plant Science

Kate DENSON

First in SPEC - (Specific Preparation for Employment and Citizenship)

Emma EAGAR

First in Design & Visual Communication (Shared)

First in Social Studies

Neve HUDSON

First in Digital Visual Arts

First in Mathematics with Statistics

Jade HUFFAM

First in Business Studies

Sophie IRONS

The Helen Thomson Prize for Mathematics

Emma JACKSON

First in Economics

Hailey JOHNSON

Mrs Bruning's Memorial Prize for Achievement in Art

Alex JUFFERMANS

First in Music and The Oswald Mills Rosebowl for Music

Yusong (Rayna) KIM

First in Classical Studies - Level 2 (Achieved as a Year 11)

First in Mathematics with Algebra and Statistics - Level 2 (Achieved as a Year 11)

First in Physics (Prize presented by NZ Institute of Physics) - Level 2 (Achieved as a Year 11) (Shared)

Jacquelyn KOWALEWSKI

The Cup for First in Sports Science and Physical Education (Shared)

Madeleine LEEKS

The Practical Sewing Award

Faith LOKENI

The Hadden Cup for Year 11 Speech

Georgia LUSCOMBE

First in Accounting (Shared)

Jessie MORGAN

The Gower Cup for Food and Nutrition

Chloe MUIR

The Bayly Cup for Outstanding Service to Drama

First in Spanish

Harriet MULLER

First in Geography

Risha NATH

First in Computer Science

First in Health

Alexis O'DOHERTY

First in Drama

Nevaeh READE

First in Dance

Eizra SAUNDERS

First in Māori Performing Arts

Sharna SIMONS

Overall Excellence in Trades Academy

Skye SIMPHALIVANH

First in Visual Arts

Isabelle THEOBALD

First in Design & Visual Communication (Shared)

First in Te Reo Māori

Billie THOMSON

First in History

Bailee TRESIDDER

The Marion Ruscoe Memorial Tray for Practical Cookery

Brooke WOODHEAD

First in Design Technology and The Clelands Design Award

Top Overall Scholars 2023 – Year 11

Hannah ARMSTRONG**Isabelle ASHMAN****Monique CAMDEN****Yusong (Rayna) KIM****Diya MENON****Alice OBREJA-DAMIAN****Isabelle THEOBALD****Amy WATSON**

YEAR 11 Special Awards

Yusong (Rayna) KIM

Whiting Cup for General Excellence in Year 11

Year 12 Diligence Awards - 2023

Ella ACE, Hana BARTON, Sydney BECKER, Leila BENTON, Thea BETTS, Ashleigh BLUME, Isobel BRICE, Reese BRODIE, Charlotte BULL, Charlotte BUTLER, Caitlin CHAMBERLAIN, Rujula CHITNIS, Louise CLARKE, Grace CLEMENT, Skyla DOST, Danielle DU BUISSON, Olivia EARL, Amy ELLIS, Jayde ENGERT, Eden FAIRWEATHER, Tasha FOREST, Kalissa GIDDY, Aaliyah GREEN, Tara GREINER, Kailey HASTIE, Nicole HODSON, Sharna HOLLWAY, Emma JAMIESON, Eve JOHNSON, Gabrielle KEITH, Varvara (Varya) KERN, Cerys LEWIS, Millar LIMMER, Nataya LUMLUKSANAPHAIBOON, Aliyah MAAKA, Zoe MAGNUSSEN, Mahika NAIDOO, Meg NEWLAND, Aimee OAKEY, Grace O'DOWDA, Elsie PALMER, Kate PEASE, Laura PICKLES, Portia PLUMTREE, Neve POST, Allie QUINN, Allyssa RANGER,

Linda RITTISAT, Grace RUBEN, Addi SCHWIRTLICH, Anika SCOTT, Matilde SILVA, Gabrielle SIRAA, Sophie THOMAS, Mollie TIPENE, Stuti TIWARI, Isabella TREADWAY, Greer UPSON, Milla VAN BEERS, Amy VAN ZYL, Jasmine WATSON, Jessica WHALLEY, Sophia WISCHNOWSKY, Nishita YADAV, Yanmeng (Nancy) YU

Year 12 Academic Awards - 2023

Ella ACE

First in Dance

Caitlin ADAMSON

First in Fitness and Recreation

Macey AUSTIN

First in Māori Performing Arts

Hana BARTON

First in Drama (Shared)

First in English and The Kate Fletcher Cup for English - Level 3 (Achieved as a Year 12) (Shared)

The Gaskin English Prize

Sydney BECKER

First in Spanish

Leila BENTON

The Biological Science Prize presented by L A Alexander Trust for Diligence in Level 2 Animal and Plant Science

Thea MACDONALD-BETTS (BETTS)

First in Accounting

Isobel BRICE

The Washer Cup for Agriculture and Horticulture

Charlotte BUTLER

First in English and The Kate Fletcher Cup for English - Level 3 (Achieved as a Year 12) (Shared)

First in Mathematics Extension

The Joanna Harrison Cup for English Essay

Molly CAMERON

The Photolife Photography Award

Macy CARLYON

First in Tourism

Yeha (Scarlett) CHOI

First in Economics

First in Social Studies

Amy ELLIS

The St Cecelia Award for Music

Natasha (Tasha) FOREST

First in Food and Nutrition

First in Geography

Anna-Victoria (Anna) FRANCIS

First in Design Technology

Catherine FREW

The Port Nicholson Band Trust Cup for Brass

Kalissa GIDDY

The Magazine Prize for Creative Writing

Kasey GOOCH

First in SPEC - (Specific Preparation for Employment and Citizenship)

Aaliyah GREEN

Mrs Bruning's Memorial Prize for Achievement in Art

Chloe HANCOCK

Overall Excellence in Gateway - Workplace Vocational Training

Kailey HASTIE

First in Animal and Plant Science

Morgan HOBO

First in Shape Your Future

Sharna HOLLWAY

First in Art Design

Mrs Bruning's Memorial Prize for Achievement in Art History

Emma JAMIESON

First in Sports Science and Physical Education

Eve JOHNSON

First in Health

Varvara (Varya) KERN

First in Calculus - Level 3 (Achieved as a Year 12)

First in Music - Level 3 (Achieved as a Year 12)

First in Physics - Level 3 (Achieved as a Year 12) (Shared)

The Doris Veale Cup for General Excellence in Music

Cerys LEWIS

First in Textiles Technology

Nataya**LUMLUKSANAPHAIBOON**

First in History

Zoe MAGNUSSEN

The Christine Harris Cup for Piano and One Other Instrument

Tayan MILLS

First in Hospitality

Kingslee MUNRO-NEAL

First in Science

Mahika NAIDOO

First in Art History

Elsie PALMER

First in Music and The Kerry Christiansen Cup

The Barbara Morrison Memorial Cup for Services to School Music

Laura PICKLES

First in Drama (Shared)

First in Enterprise Studies

Portia PLUMTREE

The Louise Duckmanton Cup for Achievement at Awhina

Neve POST

The George Thomas Hooper Scholarship for Violin

Allie QUINN

First in Mathematics with Statistics

Grace RUBEN

First in Photography

Anika SCOTT

The Photolife Studios Certificate for Recognition of Achievement in Visual Art

Matilde SILVA SAINZ (SILVA)

First in Spanish - Level 3 (Achieved as a Year 12)

Tamara TE WAAKA

First in Te Reo Māori

Sophie THOMAS

First in Design & Visual Communication

First in Media Studies

Stuti TIWARI

First in Biology

First in Chemistry

First in Computer Science

First in Physics - Level 3 (Achieved as a Year 12) (Shared)

The Georgina McMullan Prize for Mathematics

The Burgess Trophy for Senior Speech

Greer UPSON

First in Visual Arts

Yanmeng (Nancy) YU

First in Physics (Prize presented by NZ Institute of Physics) (Shared)

The Mahy Prize for Woodwind

Top Overall Scholars 2023 – Year 12

Charlotte BUTLER**Rujula CHITNIS****Natasha (Tasha) FOREST****Varvara (Varya) KERN****Nataya LUMLUKSANAPHAIBOON****Elsie PALMER****Neve POST****Linda RITTISAT**

Year 12 Special Awards

Hayley STORER

The Roger Bell Award to Support Further Learning

Sierra ROBINSON

The Roger Bell Award to Support Further Learning

Amber STORER

The Elsie Andrews Memorial Prize for Positive Attitude and Diligence (Presented by the New Plymouth Old Girls' Association)

Sophia LOUIS

The Wendy Morgan Memorial Cup for Sportsmanship, Leadership and Service in Sport

Lilly DOWSING

The Barry Marnoch Cup for High Performance in a Chosen Sport

Charlotte BUTLER

The Rebecca, Courtney & Olivia Eaton Cup for Leadership, Sports & Academic Excellence

Varvara (Varya) KERN

Aderman Cup for General Excellence in Year 12

Year 13 Diligence Awards - 2023

Molly ARMSTRONG, Lily BRIDGER, Lucy BROWN, Supapit (Tonkow) BURANAJAROENKIT, Felissa CHIAN, Libby CLEGG, Freya COATES, Amani COLGAN, Ella COLLINS, Yara DAHER, Jorja DEATH, Holly DIXON, Renee DONOVAN, Mandrie DU PREEZ, Megan FRANK, Ruby HALES, Caja HANCOCK, Hazel HART, Emma HATCH, Tia HAWKINS, Kate HILLIAM, Savanah HINTZ, Amanda HOOGEBOOM, Drew HOSKIN, Joseph HOWARD, Elisha JIMENEZ, Brooke JORGENSEN, Ruby KENNEDY, Kaylin KLEM, Pearl LAUDERDALE-SMITH, Dakota LIMMER, Yahvini NAIDOO, Tania PENG, Laura SARTEN, Isla SMALE, Janaye SULLIVAN, Maia SULZBERGER, Sarah TAING, Hannah TAYLOR, Mackenzie THIRD, Bella THORNHILL, Pama TIPENE, India WARREN, Makayla WELLS, Sophie WILKINSON, Frieda WILSON, Claire ZHAO, Jill ZWART

Year 13 Service to the School & Academic Awards - 2023

Kara BAKER

Service to the School - School Sports Captain Co-Leader

The Special Memorial Prize for School Sports Captain (Prize presented by Mrs McCarthy) (Shared)

The Stella McAuley Cup for School Sports Captain (Shared)

Pippa BIRDSALL

Service to the School - Tokomaru Waka Huia Co-Leader

Sophie BOVETT

The A & K Scanlon Memorial Prize for Writing

The Gaskin Shakespeare Prize

The Magazine Prize – Runner Up

Lily BRIDGER

Service to the School - Kurahaupo Waka Huia Secretary

Emilia BROWN

First in Geography and The Pamela Hine Geography Prize

Supapit (Tonkow)**BURANAJAROENKIT**

Service to the School - Kurahaupo Waka Huia Co-Leader

Brooklyn BURTON

First in Tourism

Jodi CARVER

First in Media Studies (Shared)

First in Textiles Technology

Paige CATLIN-MAYBURY

Service to the School - Tainui Waka Huia Co-Leader

Alisha CHEAV

Service to the School - Tainui Waka Huia Co-Leader

Felissa CHIAN

The Doone Smeaton Cup for General Excellence in Level 3 Sciences - Chemistry, Biology and Physics

Felicity CLEAVER

Service to the School - School Council Secretary

Amani COLGAN

Service to the School - Visual Arts Leader

The Featherstone Cup for Choral Music

Trelise COOK

The Photolife Studios Certificate for Recognition of Achievement in Digital Media

Yara DAHER

First in Statistics Internal

Jorja DEATH

First in Biology Internal

Service to the School - Scotlands Hostel Manaakitanga Leader

Michaela DEEGAN

Service to the School - Kaitiriwā (Deputy Head Girl)

The Taylor Cup for Kaitiriwā (Deputy Head Girl) of the School

Holly DIXON

First in Biology

First in Chemistry and The Keith Sewell Memorial Cup for Chemistry

First in Sculpture

First in Statistics External

Service to the School - Environment Co-Leader

The Most Significant Contribution to Health, Safety and the Environment Cup – Environment Leader (Shared)

Renee DONOVAN

Service to the School - Aotea Waka Huia Manaakitanga Leader

Eva-Marie (Eva) DUNLOP

First in SPEC - (Specific Preparation for Employment and Citizenship)

The Nicola Morine Passion for the Performing Arts Cup

Ashlee ELLIS

Overall Excellence in STAR - Classroom Vocational Training

The Outstanding Shakespearean Performance Cup

Grier GIBSON

Service to the School - Tainui Waka Huia Manaakitanga Leader

Leticia (Tom) HADLOW

First in Shape Your Future

Ruby HALES

First in Computer Science

Service to the School - Aotea Waka Huia Co-Leader

Caja HANCOCK

First in Art Design

Izabella HANCOCK

First in Art History

Emma HATCH

Service to the School - Kurahaupo Waka Huia Manaakitanga Leader

Ruby HELMS

Service to the School - Scotlands Hostel Manaakitanga Leader

Arwen HOBSON

First in English Internal

Amanda HOOGEBOOM

The AICA NZ Prize Awarded to the Most Improved Year 13 Student in Level 3 Chemistry

Drew HOSKIN

Service to the School - Environment Co-Leader

The Annual Award for Singing

The Most Significant Contribution to Health, Safety and the Environment Cup – Environment Leader (Shared)

Kaylee HUNGER

Service to the School - Outdoor Education Co-Leader

Briar JENSEN-VOULLAIRE

First in Drama

First in Media Studies (Shared)

The Julie Chadwick Prize for Drama

Brooke JORGENSEN

Service to the School - Hauora Co-Leader

Izabelle KEEGAN

Service to the School - Scotlands Hostel Head Boarder Co-Leader

The Molly Wills Rosebowl for the Head Girl of Scotlands (Shared)

Ruby KENNEDY

First in Classical Studies

First in History and The Gaskin History Prize

Service to the School - Academic Leader (Traditional Sciences)

The Mary Rush Vase for Excellence in Drama

Kaylin KLEM

First in Printmaking

Nicole KOWALEWSKI

First in Sports Science and Physical Education

Service to the School - School Sports Captain

Co-Leader

The Special Memorial Prize for School Sports Captain (Prize presented by Mrs McCarthy) (Shared)

The Stella McAuley Cup for School Sports Captain (Shared)

Pearl LAUDERDALE-SMITH

First in Enterprise Studies

First in Social Studies and The John Walmsley Cup for Social Studies

Service to the School - Aotea Waka Huia Secretary

The Enterprise Studies Cup

Helen LIM

Service to the School - Board of Trustees Student Trustee
The NPGHS Board of Trustees Prize for the Student Trustee
The Daily News Centenary Literary Prize

Angela LUMANGLAS

Service to the School - Tokomaru Waka Huia Manaakitanga Leader

Jade MAGEE

First in Design Technology
Service to the School - Tokomaru Waka Huia Secretary

Bethany MCKIBBIN

Service to the School - Performing Arts Leader (Music)

Charlotte (Lottie) MOFFAT

Service to the School - Manu Tāiko (Head Girl)
The W H Jones Memorial Cup for Manu Tāiko (Head Girl) of the School

Yahvini NAIDO

Service to the School - Library Leader

Madinina NORDIN

Mrs Bruning's Memorial Prize for Achievement in Art History

Caro OLLIVER

Service to the School - Scotlands Hostel Head Boarder Co-Leader
The Molly Wills Rosebowl for the Head Girl of Scotlands (Shared)

Emily ORR

Overall Excellence in Trades Academy Vocational Programme

Tania PENG

Service to the School - Performing Arts Leader (Dance)
The Suzee Freeman 'Spirit of the Dance' Award for All Round Contribution to Dance

Jazelle PETERS

Mrs Bruning's Memorial Prize for Achievement in Art

Sage PIEBENGA

Service to the School - Outdoor Education Co-Leader

Laura SARTEN

First in Dance

Isla SMALE

Service to the School - Academic Leader (Traditional Arts)

Leah SMITH

Service to the School - Tokomaru Waka Huia Co-Leader
The Instrumental Music Cup

Mya SMITH

Overall Excellence in Gateway - Workplace Vocational Training

Madison (Madi) STRACHAN

First in Design & Visual Communication

Sarah TAING

Service to the School - Technology Leader

Hannah TAYLOR

Service to the School - Tainui Waka Huia Secretary

Hannah THEUNISSEN

First in Photography

Mackenzie THIRD

First in Economics and The Lyndsay Patten Cup

First in Food and Nutrition

Service to the School - Aotea Waka Huia Co-Leader

The Karilyn Findlay Cup for the most conscientious student in Food and Nutrition

Ahuaiti (Pama) TIPENE TAI TIN (TIPENE)

Service to the School - Hauora Co-Leader

India WARREN

First in Health (Shared)
The Special Magazine Prize for Short Story

Makayla WELLS

First in Te Reo Māori
Service to the School - Kaitiriwā (Deputy Head Girl)
The Brooke Muggeridge Cup for Kaitiriwā (Deputy Head Girl) of the School
The Diane Eagles Memorial Cup for Music and Drama

Charlotte WHITE

Overall Excellence in 3+2 Career Training

Sophie WILKINSON

Service to the School - Kurahaupo Waka Huia Co-Leader

Frieda WILSON

First in Health (Shared)

Millie WILSON

First in Painting

Hinerau WILSON-KEMP

First in Māori Performing Arts
Service to the School - Honohono Leader

Jill ZWART

Service to the School - International and Global Perspectives Leader

Top Overall Scholars 2023

Supapit (Tonkow) BURANAJAROKIT
Holly DIXON
Ruby HALES
Brooke JORGENSEN
Lily (Lee) MCEWEN
Tania PENG

University Passes 2023

Supapit (Tonkow) BURANAJAROKIT
University of Canterbury Full year paper Mathematics
Yara DAHER
University of Canterbury ½ year paper Intro Psychology Brain, Behaviour & Cognition
University of Canterbury ½ year paper Ethics, Politics & Justice

Ruby HALES
University of Canterbury Full year paper Mathematics

Brooke JORGENSEN
University of Canterbury ½ year paper Intro Psychology Brain, Behaviour & Cognition

Helen LIM
University of Waikato ½ year paper Intro to NZ Law & Society

Lily (Lee) MCEWEN
University of Massey ½ year paper A Foundation of Interpersonal Skills for the helping Professionals
University of Massey ½ year paper Language & Communication

Tonkow BURANAJAROENKIT
Overall Excellence in University Courses

University Scholarship Awards 2023

Supapit (Tonkow) BURANAJAROENKIT

University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship

Felissa CHIAN

The University of Otago Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship
UC Hiranga Scholarship
Aruhiko - Power Engineering Excellence Trust Undergraduate Scholarship

Yara DAHER

The University of Auckland - Top Achiever Scholarship

Michaela DEEGAN

University of Waikato Ko te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship

Holly DIXON

The Victoria University Tangiwai School Leaver Scholarship

Arwen HOBSON

The University of Otago – Performance Entrance Scholarship

Amanda HOOGEBOOM

The University of Otago - 150th Entrance Scholarship

Drew HOSKIN

The Victoria University Pakohe School Leaver Scholarship
UC School of Forestry High Achievers Award

Brooke JORGENSEN

The University of Otago - Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship

Helen LIM

The University of Otago - Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship

Yahvini NAIDOO

The University of Otago New Frontiers Excellence Entrance Scholarship

Tania PENG

The University of Otago Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship
The Victoria University Tangiwai School Leaver Scholarship

Isla SMALE

The University of Auckland - Top Achiever Scholarship
The Victoria University Tangiwai School Leaver Scholarship

Leah SMITH

The University of Otago - Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship

Talia THOMPSON

Taranaki Careers Expo Trust Scholarship

Makayla WELLS

The Victoria University

India WARREN

Totoweka School Leaver Scholarship

Millie WILSON

AUT Find Your Greatness Scholarship
Christian Broadcasting Association Scholarship
UC Hiranga Scholarship
Taranaki Careers Expo Trust Scholarship

Jill ZWART

Athletic Scholarship to Southern Methodist University, Texas

2 Confidential Recipients

Otago University Priscilla Sandys Wunsch Trust Scholarships

Year 13 Special Awards

The Top Waka Huia Shield donated by the late Dr Adams-Smith for the Highest Score in Activities, Sports and Academic Endeavours

Aotea

The Edna Barker Cup for Day Girls V Boarders Competition

Day Girls

Helen LIM

Excellence in Youth Leadership (Prize presented by YMCA)

Molly ARMSTRONG

The Waimarie Award – to the student who aspires to summit

their own Maunga

Eva DUNLOP

The Liam O'Neill Prize for Tenacity

Ava TAYLOR

The Barbara Harrison Memorial Cup for Courage and Perseverance in the Face of Adversity

Brooklyn BURTON

The Rebecca Crowskey Memorial Trophy for Friendship (as voted by the Year 13s)

Makayla WELLS

The Penny Butt Cup for Promotion of School Spirit

Tea KEMP

Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award – in Forestry Science

Hinerau WILSON-KEMP

The Roger Bell Award to Support Further Learning

Sarah TAING

The Spotswood Centennial Award for Outstanding Service to the School

Sophie BOVETT

The Spotswood Centennial Award for Outstanding Service to the School

Anglea LUMANGLAS

The Naomi McKean Cup for Friendship, Courage and Wisdom Et Comitata, Et Virtute, Et Sapientia

Nicole KOWALEWSKI

The Toni Street Cup for Support of the Manu Tāiko (Head Girl)

Charlotte (Lottie) MOFFAT

The Sheryl George Cup for all round Sporting Contribution to New Plymouth Girls' High School

Hinerau WILSON-KEMP

The Tu Tama Wahine Trophy

Charlotte (Lottie) MOFFAT

The Belle Moller Award for Outstanding Service to the School

Brooke JORGENSEN

Doc & Lorna Riddle Memorial Prize Celebrating Achievement in Science and Arts

Jill ZWART

The Excellence in Work and Sport Cup (Prize presented by the Waikato Branch of the Old Girls' Association)

Briar JENSEN-VOULLAIRE

The Joanne Murphy Cup for Excellence in Work and Performing Arts

Lily (Lee) MCEWEN

The Year 13 Diligence Prize

Tania PENG

The Excellence in Work Cup (Prize presented by the Waikato Branch of the Old Girls' Association)

Ruby HALES

The Vernon Parkinson Cup for General Excellence in Year 13 (Prize presented by the Wanganui Branch of the Old Girls' Association)

Jill ZWART

The Cup for Runner Up to Dux Ludorum

Emma BRIMELOW

The Excellence in Sports Cup for Dux Ludorum - Prize Presented by The Waikato Branch of The Old Girls' Association

Supapit (Tonkow)

BURANAJAROENKIT

The Helen Thompson Memorial Scholarship presented by the New Plymouth Old Girls' Association

The Chloe Mugeridge Cup for Proxime Accessit

Holly DIXON

The Helen Thompson Memorial Scholarship presented by the New Plymouth Old Girls' Association

The Dux Ring for Dux Literati



Jill Zwart
Runner Up to Dux Ludorum



Emma Brimelow
Dux Ludorum



Supapit (Tonkow)
Buranajaroenkit
Proxime Accessit



Holly Dixon
Dux Literati

Junior Prize-giving 2022

Sports Awards

Heidi Albon
Hockey *Distinction*

The Kaye Cup for the Most Improved Junior Hockey Player

Lani Anaha
Rugby *Distinction*

Michaela Blyde Trophy for the Most Dedicated Junior Rugby Player

Bebe Anderson
Football *Distinction*

Kaitlyn Antill
Netball *Distinction*

Kahsia Bailey-Nowell
Basketball *Distinction*

The Kerryn Roberts Cup for the Most Promising Junior Basketball Player

Kahsia Bailey-Nowell
Netball *Merit*

Chadelle Bascara
Athletics - Track & Field *Distinction*

Chadelle Bascara
Athletics - Cross Country *Merit*

Chadelle Bascara
BMX *Merit*

CJ Blackmore
Cricket *Distinction*

Lila Corral
Volleyball

The Megan Poh Cup for the Most Valuable Junior Volleyball Player

Lila Corral
Netball *Merit*

Macy Death
Basketball *Distinction*

The Maurice Gilmour Cup for the Junior Basketball Team Player of the Year

Charlize Duncan
Athletics - Track & Field

The Frank Willis Cup for Junior Champion - Athletics - Track & Field

Charlize Duncan
Hockey *Distinction*

Lexi Elemam
Athletics - Track & Field *Merit*

The Megaw Cup for Junior Field Champion

Lexi Elemam
Athletics - Track & Field

The Runner Up to Junior Champion

Lexi Elemam
Swimming

Runner Up to Junior Swimming Champion

Lexi Elemam
Netball *Merit*

Keziah Fakavamoeanga
Rugby *Distinction*

The Kendra Cocksedge Trophy for the Most Dedicated New Player

Annie Fisher
Snowboarding *Distinction*

Annie Fisher
Athletics - Cross Country *Merit*

Phoenix Fraser
Rugby *Distinction*

The Carrie Lobb Cup for Most Valuable Rugby Player

Phoenix Fraser
Touch Rugby *Distinction*

Phoenix Fraser
Basketball *Merit*

Melody Gordon
Volleyball

The Cup for Most Improved Junior Volleyball Player

Melody Gordon
Cricket *Merit*

Stella Henwood
Netball *Distinction*

Talia Hinz
Football *Distinction*

Petra Hofmans
Adventure Racing *Distinction*

Petra Hofmans
Orienteering *Distinction*

Petra Hofmans
Athletics - Cross Country *Merit*

Sarah Johnson
Swimming

Runner Up to Intermediate Swimming Champion

Sarah Johnson
Athletics - Cross Country *Distinction*

Runner Up to Junior Champion

Sarah Johnson
Adventure Racing *Distinction*

Sarah Johnson
Football *Distinction*

Sarah Johnson
Multi Sports *Merit*

Bella Jones
Netball

Junior Game Official of the Year Cup for Netball Umpiring

Jacquelyn Kowalewski
Athletics - Cross Country *Distinction*

The Junior Champion Trophy

Jacquelyn Kowalewski
Athletics - Track & Field *Distinction*

Jacquelyn Kowalewski
Basketball *Distinction*

Leilani Rova
Netball *Merit*

McKenzie Rowlands
Swimming *Distinction*

The Junior Swimming Champion Cup

Kaylee Rutherford
Badminton *Distinction*

The Runner Up to Junior Badminton Champion

Marley Sampson
Athletics - Cross Country *Distinction*

Marley Sampson
Athletics - Track & Field *Distinction*

Junior Track Champion

Jordi Sands
Basketball *Distinction*

The YMCA Excellence in Basketball Trophy

Eva Scott
Badminton *Distinction*

Chanya Seastrand
Badminton *Distinction*

The Junior Badminton Champion

Martha Simon
Badminton *Distinction*

Amy Smith
Netball *Distinction*

Santina Snooks
Netball *Distinction*

Ella Staples
Football *Distinction*

Ella Staples
Futsal *Merit*

Georgia Theodore
Hockey *Distinction*

Ella Third
Football *Distinction*

Ella Third
Futsal *Distinction*

Libby Tito
Basketball *Distinction*

Libby Tito
Netball *Distinction*

Year 9 Overall Diligence Awards

Jasmine ABERDEIN, Sydney AINSWORTH, Miro AMOORE, Teghan AUSTIN-THOMPSON, Jaydeen BADENHORST, Lia BARTON, Shiloh BAYLIS, Ella BECK, Tahlia BELCHAMBER, Asha BENCE, Samantha BENTALL, Claudia BROCK, Macy BROWN, Enya BURGER, Emily CAMERON, Nevaeh CARROLL, Lucy CHRISTIAN, Rachael CHRISTIAN, Olivia CORIN, Caitlin CROWE, Imogen DEN-MCKAY, Maia DINNISON, Sophie DODUNSKI, Sophia DRAKE, Lienke DU PLESSIS, Giselle DU PREEZ, Charlize DUNCAN, Sarah DUNCAN, Jasmyn ENGERT, Ruby EVANS, Claire FELTOE, Annie FISHER, Cian FLANNAGAN, Molly FLETCHER, Amelia FOREST, Georgia FOX, Erin FRENCH, Emmason GOODALL, Melody GORDON, Emma HALE, Janell HALGRYN, Lucy HATCHARD, Ashlee HAY, Sam HEARN-POWERS,

Scarlet HELMS, Bianca HOFFMANN, Maia HORI, Sophie HUNT, Jasmin KEMSLEY, Disha KHANOLKAR, Casey MAGON, Emaan MALIK, Emily MATTHEWS, Queenie MCCLUTCHIE, Annabelle MOORE, Emma MUIR, Bethan MULLISS, Eint OLIVIA, Darcy O'SULLIVAN, Ava PARKES, Kaylee POLLOCK, Laya RAJANEESH, Beattie RILEY, Jaya ROBINSON, Ellie ROGERS, Kaylee RUTHERFORD, Zahra SHAH, Nala SINGH, Heather SMALE, Ruby STRINGER, Sienna TOGHILL, Mizaan TURNER, Allison VAN ZYL, Charlotte WATKINS, Tait WEBBY, Natalie WITHERS.

Year 9 Subject Prizes

Keira ADAMS

Digital Technology

Sydney AINSWORTH

Design & Visual Communication, Nature of Technology

Miro AMOORE

Design Technology

Aaliyah ANAHA

Mathematics

Lani ANAHA

Physical Education

Ellie ATKINS

English, Spanish

Teghan AUSTIN-THOMPSON

Textiles Technology, Te Reo Maori

Kahsia BAILEY-NOWELL

Physical Education

Lia BARTON

Drama

Tahlia BELCHAMBER

Food & Nutrition, Nature of Technology

Samantha BENTALL

Mathematics, Nature of Technology

Claudia BROCK

Design & Visual Communication, Design Technology

Matilda BUBLITZ

Design & Visual Communication, Mathematics

Raehina BULLOCK

Te Reo Maori

Enya BURGER

Physical Education, Digital Visual Arts

Nevaeh CARROLL

Design Technology

Lucy CHRISTIAN

Design & Visual Communication, Spanish

Rachael CHRISTIAN

Nature of Technology

Emily CLARKE

Digital Technology, Science, Social Sciences, Visual Arts

Olivia CORIN

Food & Nutrition, French, Music, Science, Social Sciences

Lily DAHM

Nature of Technology

Kitana DEAN

Design Technology, Visual Arts

Jade DEATH

Digital Technology

Maia DINNISON

Food & Nutrition

Sophie DODUNSKI

Drama, English

Sophia DRAKE

English, French, Nature of Technology, Social Sciences

Lienke DU PLESSIS

Visual Arts

Giselle DU PREEZ

Food & Nutrition, Mathematics

Charlize DUNCAN

Nature of Technology, Social Sciences, Visual Arts

Sarah DUNCAN

Design Technology

Lexi ELEMAM

Physical Education

Jasmyn ENGERT

English

Kate ERB

Nature of Technology, Te Reo Maori

Ruby EVANS

Design Technology, Digital Technology, Physical Education

Isabel FEARNES

Digital Technology

Claire FELTOE

French, Social Sciences

Cian FLANNAGAN

Design Technology, English, Food & Nutrition, Physical Education, Te Reo Maori

Molly FLETCHER

Design Technology, Food & Nutrition

Mahina FORE

Nature of Technology

Amelia FOREST

Design & Visual Communication, Digital Technology, English, Food & Nutrition, French, Mathematics, Nature of Technology, Science, Social Sciences, Textiles Technology

Frida GARDINER

Digital Technology

Maddison GATES-STEVENS

Digital Technology

Melody GORDON

Drama, English, Food & Nutrition, Mathematics, Music, Nature of Technology, Science, Social Sciences

Deborah GRAHAM

Science

Emma HALE

Design Technology, Food & Nutrition, Physical Education

Chloe HALGRYN

Visual Arts

Janell HALGRYN

Digital Technology

Chloe HATCH

Science

Lucy HATCHARD

Drama

Sam HEARN-POWERS

Drama

Scarlet HELMS

English, Food & Nutrition, Mathematics, Social Sciences

Charlize HIDE

Nature of Technology

Evaleigh HINDRUP

Nature of Technology

Sophia HOLDER

Nature of Technology, Spanish, Music

Savanna HOLDOM

Food & Nutrition

Te Aho HOPE

Music, Te Reo Maori

Maia HORI

Digital Visual Arts

Maddy HOUGHTON

Design Technology, Nature of Technology

Tatyana IBARRA-ANTIOQUIA

Digital Technology, Spanish

Ella JAMES

Nature of Technology

Vrinda JAUHARI

English, Music, Nature of Technology

Jasmin KEMSLEY

English, Mathematics, Science, Textiles Technology, Visual Arts, Robotics

Disha KHANOLKAR

Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Robotics

Grace KING

Dance, English, Nature of Technology, Te Reo Maori

Ella KITSON

Design & Visual Communication

Freya KLEINSORGE

Physical Education

Keira LEWIS

Design Technology

Casey MAGON

Nature of Technology

Emaan MALIK

Mathematics, Science

Emily MATTHEWS

Digital Visual Arts

Estelle MONK

Mathematics

Annabelle MOORE

Mathematics

Holly MUGGERIDGE

Physical Education

Emma MUIR

Design Technology, French

Bethan MULLISS

French, Mathematics

Layla O'DONNELL

Nature of Technology

Eve O'KEEFE*Design & Visual Communication***Eint OLIVIA***Digital Technology***Darcy O'SULLIVAN***Design & Visual Communication, Design Technology, English, Food & Nutrition, Mathematics, Nature of Technology, Physical Education, Science, Social Sciences***Greer PARKES***Nature of Technology***Zoe PHILLIMORE***Design & Visual Communication, Digital Technology, Nature of Technology, Textiles Technology***Luka PHILLIPS***Digital Visual Arts***Kaylee POLLOCK***English, Mathematics, Science, Textiles Technology, Visual Arts, Robotics***Hazel PRESTIDGE***Nature of Technology***Kyla RABONE***Design Technology***Beattie RILEY***Digital Technology***Jaya ROBINSON***Digital Technology***Ellie ROGERS***Spanish, Visual Arts***Indie RUKA***Design & Visual Communication***Kaylee RUTHERFORD***Dance, Design & Visual Communication, Visual Arts***Zahra SHAH***Digital Technology, Visual Arts***Pearl SHEARER***Physical Education***Cahill SIEBERT-WHITE***Food & Nutrition***Nala SINGH***Design Technology***Heather SMALE***Design Technology, Digital Technology, English, Food & Nutrition, Mathematics, Spanish***Santina SNOOKS***Food & Nutrition, Textiles Technology***Portia SOLOMONS***Nature of Technology***Stacey STEPHENS***Nature of Technology***Laquesha STEVENS***Te Reo Maori***Myah STOLTE***Dance, Physical Education***Ruby STRINGER***Mathematics***Marley SUTHERLAND***Te Reo Maori***Wenarata TEEPA***Te Reo Maori***Libby TITO***Physical Education***Sienna TOGHILL***Digital Technology, English, Spanish, Social Sciences, Textiles Technology***Marama TURNER***Te Reo Maori***Mizaan TURNER***English, Science, Visual Arts***Allison VAN ZYL***Design & Visual Communication, Visual Arts***Sabine WAKEMAN***Nature of Technology***Tait WEBBY***Textiles Technology***Lexi WHITE***Physical Education***Gemma WICKSTEED***Visual Arts***Hannah WILLEMEN***Nature of Technology***Paige WILSON***Textiles Technology***Millie WOLFE***Physical Education*

Year 10 Overall Diligence

Felicity AISH, Kaitlyn ANTILL, Hannah ARMSTRONG, Melanie AVERY, Natalie BAILEY, Dana BAKER, Poppy BARNES, Isabella BARRETT, Aleigha BIGHAM-SMITH, Charlotte BRADBURN, Millie BROOKE, Monique CAMDEN, Jorja CASTLES, Tahlia CHIAN, Emily CHOI, Kayley CLARK, Lila CORRAL, Khloe DEMETRIOU, Penny DIXON, Casey DRAKE, Bianca DRINKWATER, Emma EAGAR, Sienna EALES, Kadey FAIRBROTHER, Hannah HARRISON, Ava HASHEMI, Kierah HOSKING, Neve HUDSON, Jade HUFFAM, Thalia IBARRA-ANTIOQUIA, Sophie IRONS, Emma JACKSON, Taryn JACKSON, Annabel JEYES, Emma JOYCE, Alex JUFFERMANS, Baljyot KAUR, Petra KEITH, Rayna KIM, Jacquelyn KOWALEWSKI, Zara KRUTZ, Ruth LANAN, Naomi LANDRETH, Madeleine LEEKS, Ashley LEWIS, Anneleen LINGENFELDER, Greer LOCK, Faith LOKENI, Maddie MACKENZIE, Georgia MACRAE, Sophie MAGON, Lucy MARTIN, Pippa MCEWEN, Addison MCKINSTRY-MARSHALL, Diya MENON, Lihini MORATUWAGE, Jessie MORGAN, Chloe MUIR, Risha NATH, Mila NIEUWOUDT, Alice OBREJA-DAMIAN, Alexis

O'DOHERTY, Mia PADRUTT, Lulu PARKINSON, Piera PARKINSON, Milla RASMUSSEN, Mena RAVEN, Zoe RAWLES, Rania REHAN, Zöe RICKARD, Nyrelle RITCHIE, Emma ROBERTS, Helena ROLLINS, Eva SCOTT, Chanya SEASTRAND, Wanganui SEUFALE, Edie SHEPLEY, Vada SHIRTCLIFFE, Martha SIMON, Skye SIMPHALIVANH, Isabelle THEOBALD, Billie THOMSON, Daina THORPE, Kaitlin TIPPETT, Jamie VAN PRAAGH, Danielle VICKERS, Maisy WARBURTON, Amy WATSON, Jessa WELLS, Jessie WOODS.

Year 10 Subject Prizes

Keighley ADAMS*English***Kaitlyn ANTILL***Sports Education***Hannah ARMSTRONG***Social Science***Melanie AVERY***Sports Education***Dana BAKER***Drama, Food & Nutrition, French, Mathematics, Science, Social Science***Poppy BARNES***Physical Education, Sports Education,***Chadelle BASCARA***Physical Education, Sports Education,***Niky BRACKSTONE***Te Reo Māori***Monique CAMDEN***Design Technology, English, Social Science***Jorja CASTLES***English, Māori***Hine CHASE-ROPIHA***English, Visual Arts,***Tahlia CHIAN***Animal and Plant Science, English, Science, Social Science***Emily CHOI***Science***Kayley CLARK***Business Studies***Lila CORRAL***Mathematics, Science***Casey DRAKE***Design Technology, Physical Education, Science***Meike DRINKWATER***Physical Education***Emma EAGAR***Animal and Plant Science, English, Science, Mathematics, Social Science***Kadey FAIRBROTHER***Drama*

Skylar GLADDING*Mathematics, Social Science, Visual Arts***Sienna HAMANN***Business Studies, Social Science,***Louisa HANCZ***Visual Arts***Joanna HARRISON***Science***Ava HASHEMI***Design and Visual Communication***Stella HENWOOD***Physical Education***Petra HOFMANS***Physical Education***Kierah HOSKING***Digital Technology***Neve HUDSON***Design and Visual Communication***Jade HUFFAM***Mathematics, Science***Emma JACKSON***Animal and Plant Science, Science, Social Science***Stella JOHNS***Physical Education***Sarah JOHNSON***Physical Education, Sports Education,***Bella JONES***Physical Education***Alex JUFFERMANS***Mathematics, Science***Rayna KIM***Animal & Plant Science, English***Jacquelyn KOWALEWSKI***Food & Nutrition, Sports Education,***Ruth LANAN***Music***Naomi LANDRETH***Animal and Plant Science, Physical Education, Visual Arts***Harper LEATUAFI***Te Reo Māori***Madeleine LEEKS***Textiles Technology***Anneleen LINGENFELDER***Business Studies, Design and Visual Communication, Mathematics, Science, Social Science***Georgia LUSCOMBE***Business Studies, Mathematics, Science***Georgia MACRAE***Physical Education***Sophie MAGON***Physical Education***Lucy MARTIN***English, Science, Social Science***Pippa MCEWEN***Business Studies, English, Visual Arts***Addison MCKINSTRY-MARSHALL***Science***Laura MCNEIL***Science***Samantha MCNEIL***Science***Diya MENON***Social Science, Sustainability***Heidi MOORE***Physical Education***Chloe MUIR***Drama, Spanish***Risha NATH***Digital Technology***Alice OBREJA-DAMIAN***Music***Mia PADRUTT***Visual Arts***Milla RASMUSSEN***Physical Education***Sasha RASMUSSEN***Physical Education***Mena RAVEN***Sustainability***Nyrelle RITCHIE***Physical Education***Nevaeh ROBSON-MARTIN***Te Reo Māori***Helena ROLLINS***Business Studies, Dance, Mathematics, Science***Alishah SADIQ***Physical Education, Sports Education,***Mia SCHOEMAN***English***Chanya SEASTRAND***Mathematics, Physical Education, Science***Vada SHIRTCLIFFE***Physical Education***Eliya SHLOSBERG***Science***Martha SIMON***Mathematics, Science, Visual Arts***Skye SIMPHALIVANH***Design & Visual Communication, Mathematics, Visual Arts***Amy SMITH***Food & Nutrition***Isabelle THEOBALD***Social Science, Visual Arts,***Billie THOMSON***English, Design and Visual Communication, Mathematics, Social Science***Daina THORPE***Digital Technology, Mathematics***Isla TWIGLEY***Business Studies***Zoey VERSTER***Science***Peyton WARKE***Design Technology***Amy WATSON***English, Textiles Technology,***Jessa WELLS***Business Studies, Dance, Mathematics,***Waimiria WILLISON***English, Mathematics***Brooke WOODHEAD***Design Technology*

First in Subject - Level 1 Subjects

Hannah ARMSTRONG*First in Science - Level 1 (Achieved as a Year 10)***Alice OBREJA-DAMIAN***First in Mathematics with Algebra and Statistics - Level 1 (Achieved as a Year 10)***Isabelle THEOBALD***First in English - Level 1 (Achieved as a Year 10)*

Year 9 Top Overall Scholar Awards 2022

Oliva CORIN**Amelia FOREST****Melody GORDON****Scarlet HELMS****Jasmin KEMSLEY****Disha KHANOLKAR****Darcy O'SULLIVAN****Kaylee POLLOCK**

Year 9 Special Prizes

Sophie DODUNSKI*The Helen Riley Cup for Year 9 Drama***Melody GORDON***The Lumley Cup for Year 9 Music, The Magazine Prize – Runner Up***Samantha (Sam) HEARN-POWERS***The 9PR 2010 Cup for Most Improved Year 9 Mathematics***Te Aho HOPE***The Ian Menzies Memorial Prize for Year 9 Music***Jasmin KEMSLEY***The Magazine Prize for Creative Writing***Disha KHANOLKAR***The Taranaki Mathematics and Statistics Teachers Association Prize***Kaylee POLLOCK***The Junior Cup for Year 9 Speech Competition, The St Cecelia Award for Music***Laya RAJANEESH***The Annual Award for Singing***Kaylee POLLOCK***The Courtney Muggerridge Cup for General Excellence in Year 9*

Year 10 Top Overall Scholar Awards 2022

Hannah ARMSTRONG

Dana BAKER

Monique CAMDEN

Emma JACKSON

Rayna KIM

Anneleen LINGENFELDER

Alice OBREJA-DAMIAN

Jessa WELLS

Year 10 Special Prizes

Dana BAKER

The Ngaire Riley Cup for Year 10 Drama

Hine CHASE-ROPIHA

The Magazine Prize for Short Story

Rayna KIM

The Helen Thompson Prize for Mathematics

Jacquelyn KOWALEWSKI

The Marion Ruscoe Memorial Tray for Practical Cookery

Madeleine LEEKS

The Jean Sowry Memorial Prize for Practical Sewing

Georgia LUSCOMBE

The Taranaki Mathematics and Statistics Teachers Association Prize

Coco MARSHALL-KIRBY

The Prentice Cup for Year 10 Speech Competition

Alice OBREJA-DAMIAN

The Rachel Olsen Cup for Year 10 Music Cup, Mr Hatherley's Prize for Strings

Jordi SANDS

The Whakamua Prize for Oral Maori

Zoey VERSTER

The Karen Fox Cup for Junior Orchestra

Sarah JOHNSON

The Stewart Cup for Best All-Round Junior Sportsperson

Zöe RICKARD

The Rod Duncan Memorial Cup in recognition of Persistence and Strength of Spirit

Sienna EALES

The Oonagh Ogle Memorial Cup awarded to a Year 10 student who has a good attitude and is hard working.

Alice OBREJA-DAMIAN

The Paige Mugeridge Cup for General Excellence in Year 10

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School Production - Winnie the Pooh

Winnie the Pooh-Kids!

The Hundred Acre Wood came alive for the NPGHS production of Disney's Winnie the Pooh. Rabbit worried, Owl dispensed useless advice, the Bees buzzed, Tigger and Roo bounced, and more than one native bird slid through this energetic and charming production.

When we realized that Mrs. Woller's husband and chief childminder would be otherwise engaged with a NPOS show when we would usually be super busy with rehearsals, we had to come up with a creative plan to do a show in a MUCH shorter period of time- and so the search began. We found the Disney Kids range of shows, designed to be performed in around 30 minutes and decided to give this a whirl as a 'mini-production'. Several pots of honey later, the rights were applied for, granted and we are away.

The show was directed by Mrs Simpson with Mrs Woller ably and harmoniously working her magic as Musical Director. Mrs McCrae choreographed some truly memorable numbers with the assistance of senior students. Mr Berndt was a superb production manager and Mrs Horne once again put in hours of work sourcing, managing, and making costumes. The magic she added to the birds of the Hundred Acre Wood derives special mention as does her skilful re-tailoring of WTP onesies! Ms Grieve and the Visual Arts department created amazing masks, props and painted the set, which was constructed by Mr Mike Southam with assistance from Mr Andy Rae and Mr Brian Bertie. Their engineering of two slides from the main stage to the apron and delightful touches such as the dripping honey pot were really valued. Many other staff assisted with hair, makeup front of house and publicity as well as procuring food and moral support (that's you Mrs Cribb). A wild round of applause goes to parent Mrs Maryann Wells who was amazing at finding opportunities to promote the show and creating material for our marketing campaign. The cast of the show sincerely thank all these people for giving their time to enable the show to go on.

The cast performed six shows, including a contributing schools' matinee where over 800 excited children poured into the hall like a swarm of bees themselves. Only one evening show was held as this was for the young and young at heart in our community, so most shows were held in the afternoon. A highlight was seeing children arrive in costume as their favourite characters and interacting with our students after the performances for photos and hugs.

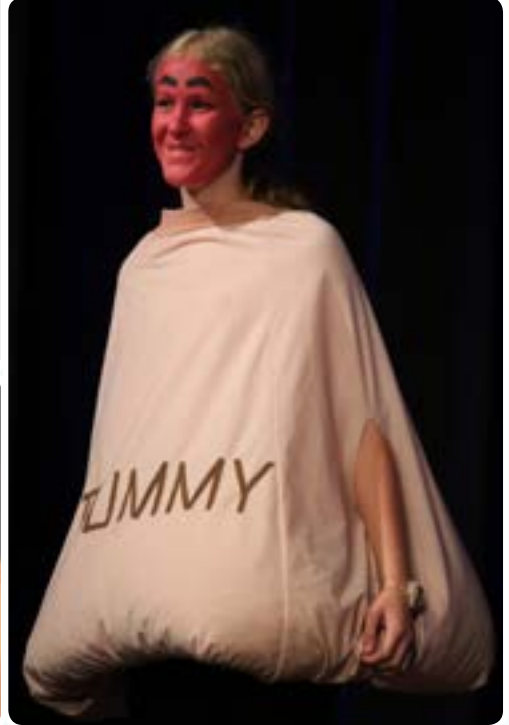


We leave you wise words from the show "The Hundred Acre Wood was full of lots of creatures. Everyone was different. Which is kind of cool when you think about it!"

Mrs Lisa Simpson

Director





Visual Arts and Art History

So much to celebrate and enjoy as more artworks are created through varied and creative programmes. Learning spaces have been filled with ākonga creating works in the fields of Design, Digital Visual Arts, Painting, Printmaking, Photography and Sculpture. We encourage pathways that will extend our ākonga in many directions and prepare them for what arrives once school is finished.

We began the year celebrating the success of our ākonga in last year's Visual Arts NCEA external and Scholarship examinations. We celebrated the following ākonga who received Scholarships in Painting, Stephanie Watson and Finn Davies, Scholarships in Design, Gwyneth Aish and Emi Mackie and Scholarships in Photography, Asja Fairbrother, Natalie Foss, Jess Gibbons, Brooke Jorgensen (Year 12) and Danni Ritson. Kadee Bunn's (Printmaking) and Rian Wilson's (Photography) portfolios were selected to tour the country in the Top Art exhibition.

This year the study of nineteenth century French Art, Early Italian Renaissance and Early European Modernism filled the minds of those ākonga who studied Level 2 or 3 Art History. Enriching our ākonga to become curious about the world prior to their existence and the change in art and society develops their understanding of the world.

Further success and celebrations that occurred this year were:

- Arts Week celebrated many ākonga who got involved in lunchtime activities such as Pavement Art, Wearable Arts, and the ever-popular Avant-Garde Hair Art.
- The Creatives in Schools projects was a huge highlight where a group of 30 students worked with practicing artist – Lizzie Thomas. Through the collaborative project, the ākonga made seven narrative panels that tell the stories of our past, present, and future at NPGHS. These are permanently exhibited in O-Block.
- Taranaki Schools Exhibition that was held at The Collaboration. Many Years 9-13 ākonga exhibited

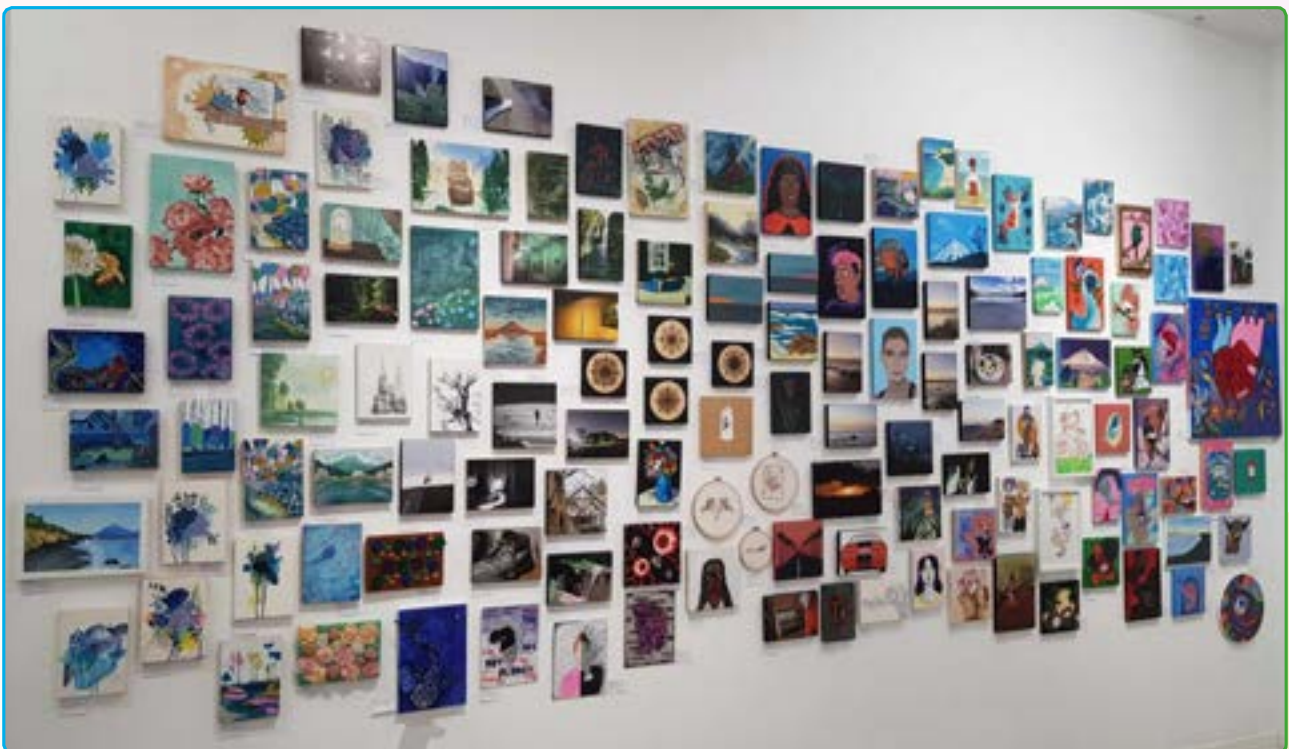
work with some selling their work.

- Levels 1 - 3 portfolios were on showcase in our library on the last day for seniors. This is such a rewarding time when ākonga can put their work on a portfolio and celebrate what they have accomplished. Congratulations to you all.
- Many ākonga joined the Visual Arts Committee led by our Visual Arts Leader Imani Colgan. I want to thank Imani for being an incredibly supportive leader and encouraging students to get involved in Visual Arts initiatives. Congratulations to all those who gained a Visual Arts Badge.

Lastly, an enormous thank you to my Kaiako, Bridget Wright, Andrea Fanshawe, Megan Maton, Tanya Mercer, Nick Bouterey and Katie Smith for their loyalty, supportiveness, professionalism and enthusiasm towards Visual Arts and Art History ākonga.

Kirsty Grieve

HoD Visual Arts / Art History



Taranaki School's Exhibition - NPGHS artworks



Skye Simphalivamh, Year 11



Art History Level 3 Early Renaissance



Art History Level 3 Modernism



Amarlia Morehu, Year 10



Queenie McClutchie, Year 10DVA



Charlotte Haskell, Year 9



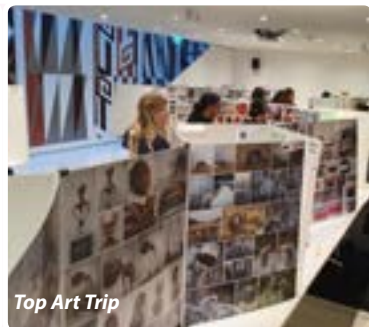
Kaylin Klem, Year 13



Chloe Halgryn, Year 10DVA



Katie Kirkpatrick, Year 13



Top Art Trip



Trelise Riddell, Year 9



Sarah Duncan, Year 10



Calin Ward and Hazel Hart, Year 13, One Minute Sculpture



Calin Ward Year 13

Creatives in Schools



This year we welcomed Mr McHugh into the Music Department. A multi-talented musician, singer and performer, Mr McHugh taught Year 9 Music as well as itinerant strings and piano. During his itinerant time, he also helped coach chamber groups and Rockquest groups. We are lucky to have his expertise in the department!

Orchestra Day was held in Hawera this year and it was great to allow children from South Taranaki to experience the joy of orchestral playing!

Chamber Music was awesome this year with 10 NPGHS groups entered, ranging from brass ensembles, percussion groups, strings and piano duets. The winning group, The Rail Trailers, made up of Neve Post, Alice Obreja-Damian, Zoë Magnussen and Varya Kern performed a world premiere of David Hamilton's "Rail Trail". They were accepted into the North Island Regional in Auckland where they saw some amazing talent and were very inspired!

Smokefree Rockquest was awesome again this year with three bands and three soloists competing

from NPGHS. Congratulations to Hannah Theunissen who came 2nd in the Solo/Duo section, Elliot Bovett who won the Best Lyrics award, and Lujain Alaswad, Jenna Riddle and Neve Hudson who won Best Song!

Jubilate choir made it through to the Lower North Island Big Sing Cadenza in Whanganui gaining a Korimako Silver Award. They sang one of Mrs Woller's compositions, The Icicles, based on a Janet Frame poem which proved very popular and three other schools want to sing it!

We took two jazz bands and the concert band to the Waikato Bands Festival where the Concert Band (directed by Ray Farrow) gained Gold! This is a big improvement as the last time they went to Waikato Bands Festival they gained Bronze. Thank you Ray for your amazing direction.

Our NPGHS Jazz Band under the direction of Robert Greenfield gained Bronze and this was their first time going to the Waikato Bands Festival so it was a fabulous experience for them.

The Combined Stage Band with NPBHS gained Silver under director Matt Benton. What's exciting is that the Stage Band was selected as one of the top 10 finalists to compete in the The Young Jazz Band-it

Essential NZ Jazz Band Competition in Wellington. Congratulations!! This initiative is a joint venture between Youthtown and the Aotearoa Jazz Education & Performance Charitable Trading Trust (AJE&PCT) and is supported by Musicworks NZ and the New Zealand School of Music - Te Kōki.

Both Jazz Bands also performed to a large crowd at the Taranaki Secondary Schools Jazz day held by the Taranaki Jazz Club. It was awesome to see bands from across Taranaki perform so wonderfully to such an appreciative audience.

Aside from competitions, we also had a brilliant talent quest, Who's Huia Showcase held at NPBHS which featured groups like the Ukulele Group led by Year 12 students Elsie and Zoë Magnussen, Latin Percussion Group directed by Julian Raphael, and our Barbershop Chorus directed by Krissy Jackson.

So many great opportunities happening at school this year musically. Such Fun!!!

Juliet Woller

HoD Music





Dance

2023 has been an exciting and busy year for our Dance Department. Senior dance students had a wonderful opportunity to participate in workshops with The Royal New Zealand Ballet and the Java dance company. These were great experiences for dance students to work with professional dancers and gain a real insight into dance as a career choice.

Our 'Night of Dance' was a great success. The students involved were enthusiastic, well organized and enjoyed being able to show off the dances they have worked so hard on throughout the year to their family and friends. The evening was enjoyed by all.

The Dance Department has been very lucky this year to have had Tania Peng as Dance Leader. She has been reliable, hard-working and organized. Tania has created many different opportunities for dance at NPGHS: lunchtime dance workshops, The Night of Dance and the Talent Show, are some of the events she has made happen in 2023. I would like to thank her for all her time, energy and spreadsheets!

Abigail McCrae

TiC Dance



Drama

2023 has been a very successful and enjoyable year in the Drama Department. We have been able to freely produce and share some wonderful performance work with our classes and audiences of family and friends, which after a few years of Covid restrictions has been very welcome.

The department staff this year included Mrs Lisa Simpson as HOD and we welcomed Mr Cameron McHugh as teacher of Drama and Music to the school. Mr McHugh is a recent graduate from NASDA (National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Arts) in Christchurch and has a depth experience across the performing arts that he brings to the school

We were fortunate to have amazing students at all levels- with many continuing their studies from previous years, some returning after a year away from Drama and realising the gap this had left in their lives! We also welcomed students new to the school who shared their talents with us.

Class productions were again the highlight of the year for many students.

Year 13 explored a play about a mind experiment called The Candidate by Brent Holland and performed scenes from Macbeth in the Taranaki Regional Shakespeare Festival. Year 12 students studied playwrights Bertolt Brecht and Dylan

Thomas, performing scenes from Brecht's The Caucasian Chalk Circle and produced a standout version of Thomas' Under Milkwood. The 1DRA classes performed plays by two New Zealand female playwrights; one class rewriting their own version of Denise Walsh's String of Dreams, and the other producing Lena Erakovich's Tia Lavandera and the Day of the Dead.

The 10DRA classes made their first public appearances. Mr McHugh's class performed Roshambo by Brian Borowka, which was great play about a paper, scissors, rock competition. Mrs Simpson's class performed Ernie's Incredible Illucinations by Alan Ayckbourn, which featured geriatric boxers, porcupine women, spies, and mountaineers. We would like to thank all our audiences -especially those who came to support the year 10 classes. It felt great to share our work with you.

All the class productions and performances have been lively, showing wonderful ensemble work. It is always a huge effort to produce a play or complete an internal assessment and we are always pleased with the commitment, hard work and team spirit displayed by our students.

Extracurricular activities were able to proceed with few modifications this year. Arts Week saw students participating in extreme charades and improvisation games. The Regional Shakespeare Festival was preceded by a NPGHS showcase, which included 9 self-directed groups. This was an amazing feat with over 40



students entered and performing to a high standard. We were once again graced by the presence of the mannequin Queen Gertrude and were pleased that she was able to appear in the Shakespeare Festival photo this year- see if you can spot her! It was especially wonderful to see students who had not performed on stage before working with friends to give something new a go.

Special mention to the Level 3 class of 2023. Ashlee, Briar, Bethany, Eva and Ruby- we wish you all well with their future endeavours and look forward to you popping in to say hi from time to time.

Also, much deserving of thanks are the grounds staff, Andy, Mike, and Bob who tirelessly get set pieces and staging out for us, set it up and then break it down again after each production, as well as making set items and props for us when required. Their energy, kindness and skill are much appreciated.

Mrs Lisa Simpson

HOD Drama





Arts Week





Māori Performing Arts

Kia ora koutou Ko Unity Wara tōku ingoa I am the Kaiako of the Māori Performing Arts, Te reo and Kapa haka at New Plymouth Girls' High School.

This is the fourth year of Maori Performing Arts and the second year of compulsory Te Reo at Year 9. This is a huge achievement for the Kura and for the rangatahi as a foundation for their Te Reo journey. This year we added head pieces created, new earrings huia feather, korowai and patu expanding our kakahu. We also gained ten new piupiu.

Last year we had many cancellations and frustrations, so this year has seen a better outcome.

The kotiro were able to perform at school events and had one with pacific as a dress rehearsal. They will also be performing Puanga festival in late October.

The big focus this year was Paerangatahi which the girls took the stage with just themselves mana wahine and they did a fantastic performance honouring their whanau and Kura. The students have also been working on their booklets to get them completed for the year and their practical items for assessment with all doing a great job. I am wanting to continue growing our roopu and increasing cultural awareness. I, myself am in my second year of my degree and learning things along the way to maintain a high level of teaching in kaupapa Māori settings. Next year we are excited that we will introduce Te ao haka university entrance credits for every year, exciting times.

If you're considering joining MPA Nau mai haere mai.

Come and have a korero with myself or Matua Rihari.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Unity Jayne Wara



Maori Performing Arts

Back Row: Waimiria Willison, Tonia Almano, Leilani Rova, Nevaeh Robson-Martin, Aarnya Simpson

2nd Row: Phoenix Fraser, Mia Taitoko, Keisha Houpapa, Unity Wara (Teacher)

Front Row: Oracle Rangī, Jada Barnes, Hinerau Wilson-Kemp, Rumatiki (Misty-Haze) Waihape, Eizra Saunders

Absent: Macey Austin, Mya Bridger, Janelle Dhedadig, Teutusi (Tusi) Faoagali, Ilesha Ross, Mia Waruhia

Following an impressive fundraising effort, 19 students representing over six Pacific Nations, Deputy Principal Mr Kevin Byrne, many parents and one teacher travelled in convoy to Palmerston North to participate in Pasifika Fusion 2023. It was the first time NPGHS had participated in several years.

The students' performances were outstanding and a result of many, many hours of work, parental guidance and the skilled instruction of Soifua Lone, who flew down from Auckland to tutor them. In beautiful traditional outfits, the girls performed a Cook Island, Tongan and Samoan dance. Five students also represented us strongly in the Pasifika General Knowledge Quiz and Veniana Vakadula and Fiapito Seufale showcased their Visual Arts Portfolios.

It was a pleasure to spend this time with the girls and their whanau. Special thanks to Pravina Roberts and Kayla Sutherland for the wonderful kai. The girls are already looking forward to 2024 and a committee is being formed so we are ready for 2024. The aim is to have more students involved and to enter into more categories, to showcase all their wonderful talents.

Jill Crewe

TiC Pasifika



Pasifika

Back Row: Giuliana Gavisani-Moratti, Raehina Bullock, Wanganui Seufale, Mere Raniu

2nd Row: Madison Katene, Nevaeh Robson-Martin, Victorhea Tongi, Marley Sutherland, Jill Crewe (Teacher)

Front Row: Faith Lokeni, Keziah Fakavamoeanga, Grace Ruben, Fiapito Seufale, Celestial Roberts, Natahsha Aldridge

Absent: Janelle Dhedadig, Teutusi (Tusi) Faoagali, Lautaimi Sifa, Veniana Vakadula



Mathematics

2023 has been another exciting and productive year for our Mathematics Department. I would like to thank each member of the maths team for their on-going commitment, passion, and positivity. Despite facing a different set of challenges, the maths team has been consistent in their approach to teaching. They are a fun, generous and supportive team to lead.

At the start of the year we had a surprise departure, resulting in a new arrival to the team. We were sad to farewell our very popular Acting HoD, Mr Shin Kirkcaldie, who left us for new challenges elsewhere. Shin had seamlessly stepped in for Mrs Sandra Rutherford, who was on maternity leave. As it transpired, Sandra decided to take a second year's maternity leave in 2023. This resulted in Mrs Yachika Ramsamy joining the team late in Term 1. Mrs Ramsamy made the big decision to move to New

Zealand and has settled in well to life in Taranaki. A big thank you to Fiona McRae-Plumtree, who also joined the team, doing a wonderful job teaching two junior classes, to go with her Science teaching load.

We were excited to have an Outstanding Statistics Scholarship awarded to Harmony Morris. A big thank you to Mrs Hofmans and Mr Bone, who every year put in many additional hours to support those students who attempt Scholarships.

The annual Maths and Science week was a raging success. Ruby Kennedy, our Science and Mathematics Leader, did a fantastic job of organising her team and presented a fun week of dynamic and interesting activities for budding mathematicians and scientists. It is always a great opportunity for students to engage in a range of activities in their own time. Well done to Ruby and her team.

Despite being a more settled year, it has at times been a bumpy ride. Throughout disruptions that were

beyond their control, our students have demonstrated perseverance and emotional agility. Congratulations to all our students at all levels. The race is long and different for everyone, you should all be proud of your efforts and achievements.

I would like to say a special thank you to the Assistant Heads of Department; Andrew Bone and Tanya Harris, who have done a fantastic job of stepping up to do whatever has needed doing when an inexperienced HoD needed some support. A massive thank you for sharing your knowledge and wisdom through this year. Also thank you to Mr. Kevin Byrne for his leadership mentoring as our Deputy Principal.

Have a great summer everyone and we look forward to 2024 and the exciting opportunities it brings.

Jonathan Faulkner

HoD Mathematics



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Science

Albert Einstein said, “The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking”. An interesting quote from an interesting person. This quote was very relevant for the science team this year.

A big focus, challenge and success was our involvement as a pilot school in the Level 1 Review of Achievement Standards. This systemic change for our teaching and learning required a shift away from content and towards context, understanding the science of our everyday lives and future. This is naturally a balancing act of both context and content, and of course like anything that is done for the first time still requires a little fine tuning. This being said, the course has been a positive change and the team should be very proud of what we have achieved. The future of Level 1 Science is exciting, and I am very grateful for the dedication, generosity, and trust both the science team and our Level 1 students have shown through this process.

A highlight for the year were the multiple trips to the predator free Ecosanctuary at Lake Rotokare Eltham. Almost all our Level 1 Science students made the trip to Lake Rotokare to collect data out in the field. The combination of their data and research enabled students to develop and discuss their evidence-based opinion on conservation in Aotearoa. It was a great opportunity for us to make links with our community and see the students gather real life data as budding scientists, enjoying their own backyard. We look forward to this trip occurring again in Term 1 of 2024.

The Taranaki Science and Technology Fair was again an excellent opportunity for our students to showcase their talents. We made a change to our junior programme this year and made at least one entry a compulsory task for all students which proved to be a fun



addition. There were a huge number of entries in a range of categories. A big congratulations to all the prize winners with a special mention going to the following students:

Stuti Tiwari for her technological development "Birds Eye" that gained her three special prizes: Second Prize Technological Development, Special Prize IOT Taranaki Outstanding Technology Award and the Special Prize Mason Charitable Trust scholarship.

Maddi & William Hopkins "Tiny



Butt Deadly" for their Scientific Investigation, which was awarded the Best In Fair WITT trophy, alongside: First Prize Yr11-13 Scientific Investigation, First Prize - Taranaki Regional Council Prize for best project demonstrating some aspect of environmental science, First Prize - Corteva AgriSciences Scholarship, Special Prize: Verbec (LogiCamms New Zealand) Trophy for the Best Project in Years 11-13 and Special Prize: NIWA environmental prize for the best environmental project based on climate, freshwater or marine issues.

We also had a team of four Year 10 students compete in the Year 10 Science Fair quiz. Although we didn't gain a place this year, the students all had a great time. Thank you to Donna Ainsworth for all her hard work organising, not only the students, but also the teachers for this year's Science and Technology Fair. We look forward to the interesting and thought-provoking entries for next year's fair.

The Science and Maths week was another roaring success. Our Science and Maths student leader, Rudy Kennedy, organised an awesome week with the annual 'egg drop' as well as the new addition of making ice cream and ginger beer. Although our ginger beer unfortunately didn't end up fizzing, the students involved brought enough fizz to make up for it! We will have to refine the recipe for next year. Congratulations to the students that completed the required hours and were awarded their Science and Maths badge, well done and keep up the great work.

Our Animal and Plant Science teacher, Mr Warwick Barker, has been beavering away in the horticultural plot and green house making improvements and installing gadgets. We are forever grateful for the generous contributions made each year by the L.A Alexander Trust which make these annual improvements and maintenance possible. Mr Barker headed north with a group of students, to the Mystery Creek Field Days, made possible by Mr. Brett Zimmerman in the Careers department. Mr. Barker was not allowed to buy a tractor however everyone had a great experience. Then Mr. Barker headed East with a group of students to Palmerston North for a guided tour of the Veterinary, Agriculture and Horticulture, Animal Science and Equine departments at the Palmerston North campus of Massey University. We hope to continue offering these opportunities to our students.

Over in physics, Mr. Andrew Chubb and Mr. Andrew Forest were delighted to have eight teams of students enter the annual Engineering competition run by the University of Auckland. This is a particularly tough competition. The teams of students worked hard to forecast the changing



energy requirements for future New Zealand with the implementation of artificial intelligence. The brain power and determination were palpable in the library that Saturday, a massive congratulations to the teams and to the teachers organising this. A special thanks to Mr. Andrew Bone and Mr. Jonathan Faulkner over in the Mathematics department for their work alongside us.

Another local field trip for our senior Level 2 Science class was the trip to the Rocky Shore at East End Reserve. Students collected data as marine biologists and analysed this data to make sense of the life process of a range of organisms. Thank you to Ms. Bronya Mischefski for making this trip happen each year.

Within the team we had a few changes, it has been great to have Mr. Andrew Chubb return after a year on paternity leave. Mrs. Sandra Hawkins had to say 'adios' to the Spanish department and is teaching full time which is sad for Spanish however we are very happy about. Mr. McFarlane returned to his favourite, senior Chemistry and Miss Rebecca Prestidge completed her full registration which is a wonderful achievement. Mr. Grant Robinson continues to balance his role with Outdoor Education and a full-time science teacher which continues to impress. Mr. Athol Hockey has been on leave for this year however a familiar face in the science labs as a reliever. Mrs. Claire Hodson attended workshops on neuro diverse learners and has shared her new learning with the team. Mr. Simon Berndt was appointed the new Teacher in Charge of Chemistry and has made significant contributions to the area. Thank you to Mrs. Fiona McRae-Plumtree and Mrs. Stacey Colbourne to their contribution to Science.

A special thank you to Mrs. Vicki Bearman our Science Technician. Mrs. Bearman singlehandedly prepared over 1000 experiments for us this year, we couldn't do without her.

Lastly thank you to the fantastic science team. Your students are very

fortunate to have your perpetual āhwi, wit, resilience, and positivity. You continue to share your love of science through your specialist subjects. I am very privileged to work alongside with you.

Thank you to our colleagues, the senior leadership team and the Board of Trustees for your on-going support. Thank you to our parents and whānau for continuing to trust in us to provide your young people with an excellent Science education.

Have a safe and happy summer break everyone.

Julia Stephens

HoD Science



United Space School

From the 17th of July to 2nd of August this year, I was away in Houston, Texas, at the annual United Space School organised by the Foundation for International Space Education. I, Varya Kern, and Liam Crowe from New Plymouth Boys' High School were the two representatives of New Zealand, joining 40 other students from 21 different countries in planning a hypothetical mission to Mars.

The journey began in May with preparatory assignments on topics from rocket engines to alien life to space law (though I never did find out if a baby born on Mars would require a visa to visit Earth). Over five weeks, every space school student was working hard on these tasks, whether they were on summer break or studying for exams. I know I sure found it difficult balancing the extra assignments with internals and extracurriculars. However, I enjoyed every late night and early start, and found myself paying extra attention in my regular physics and maths classes, imagining how the concepts could be applied when planning a space mission.

Before I knew it, July was slipping away, and I was frantically trying to get ahead on the two weeks of school I would miss at USS. July 17th was soon upon me, and I was boarding a Boeing 777-300 to the George Bush Intercontinental Airport.

The first thing that hit me when I stepped out of the airport was the heat. It averaged 35 degrees Celsius over the two weeks we were in Houston, regularly reaching a high of 40. A daily topic of conversation was how hot it was. The second was discovering that the Isle of Man was a country (the two representatives were a little miffed but not surprised at my ignorance).

The first day was a blur of matching names to countries to faces, meeting my host parents and my host sister, Zahra from Canada, and trying to stay awake through a haze of jetlag. After a good night's sleep, we gathered at the University of Houston, Clear Lake, where we would be spending most of our days working on the Mars mission. There we were interviewed to determine which team we would be put into, with each team focusing on a different aspect of the mission. I had my hopes pinned on the most popular team, Red (Mars transit), but was assigned to Blue (Mars exploration), which turned out to be for the best, if the perpetual noises of frustration coming from the Red Team's table were anything to go by! Over the next two weeks, we would be at the university from 7.30am to 5.00pm, working with our teammates to produce a final presentation as well as listening to lectures from experts in the field, including NASA astronauts, engineers, and geologists. My favourites were the talks on the VIPER lunar rover and the physiological effects of space travel on the human body. When we weren't in the classroom, we also had some amazing field trips, such as visiting the Johnson Space Centre and the Houston Museum of Natural Sciences.

It wasn't all work and research, thankfully. We got to experience the sights of Houston, such as seeing a Baseball game (go Astros!), hosting a talent night at a Tex-Mex restaurant, and spending some quality time with our host families. My favourite

experiences were visiting the Kemah Boardwalk amusement park and going to an American supermarket (I finally realised what recipes mean by 'a stick of butter'). Aside from that, we also had a 'Culture Faire' night, where each country's representatives presented something from their culture – music, dance, poetry, or some thrilling ghost stories – as well as a local dish. Several evenings were also spent getting to know the other students, including a pool party, a game night, and a viewing of *The Martian* (that glove thing would never have worked). These were a personal highlight for me – getting to know different people of all different cultures, listening to the different languages and accents, and making lifelong friendships.

On the final day we presented our projects to a panel of NASA scientists, who asked some gnarly questions and informed us of all the myriad ways our mission would have failed. Despite this, we all graduated, and I believe that even the most stoic of us was misty-eyed (or downright bawling) at the graduation party.

The United Space School is an amazing program that NPGHS and NPBHS are very lucky to offer. You meet wonderful people, learn about a world beyond our planet, and have a ton of fun. If you are interested in space or the sciences, I would highly recommend applying when you are Year 12: the experience is truly out of this world.

Varya Kern

Year 13



Shape Your Future

Our senior programme Shape Your Future shapes projects around ākonga interests and the learning opportunities have been broad and contemporary. This year saw numbers of ākonga selecting the programme increase, which was exciting for Kaiako who facilitate teaching and learning to support ākonga agency and self-efficacy.

Project frameworks harness our learning environment. Establishing relationships at the start of the year is key, so shaping our beginning with the framework Who am I is perfect. Following this we branch into Future Design, Image and Text, Refunctioning or Re-recognising and Making Change Visible.

The evidence that our ākonga produce in their projects is rich, engaging, often personal and rewarding in the sense of growing knowledge. Frameworks have enabled our ākonga to express views on topics that are of interest to them. This year's topics included Animal Cruelty, Body Image, Family relationships, Personal experiences, Sports performance, Character design and Fashion Police.

We had several guest speakers this year talk to our ākonga that were positioned to specific frameworks. Katey Pittwood (an ex-staff member and student) presented her passion for interior design through the homes that she has decorated and sold with our ākonga working on the Future Design framework. Pam Wootton spoke about her upcycling passion with domestic furniture and Janeen Page, a local ceramist and artist delivered a presentation on her creativity and exhibiting your practice during our Refunctioning or Re-recognising framework. Wesley Milne spoke about addiction and phone use during our Making Change Visible framework and the environmentalist and designer David Trubridge delivered an inspirational talk about his life and artistic practice on lighting. Our field trip to The Junction – Zero Waste Hub was inspiration for our Refunctioning or Re-recognising framework. An enormous thank you to the guest speakers who came into school to present to our ākonga.

Establishing whanaungatanga (relationships) is priority before learning can begin. My Kaiako have been highly supportive towards our ākonga, and I thank Katie Smith, Callum Harris, and Anton Berndt for their commitment towards the programme. We have also appreciated the wider support of Rebecca Mace, Gill McNeill, and Bevan Holloway.

Kirsty Grieve

TiC Shape Your Future



Allie Ainsworth-Laursen,
Year 12 Book Art



Danielle McPhee,
Year 12



Jess Muter, Year 12



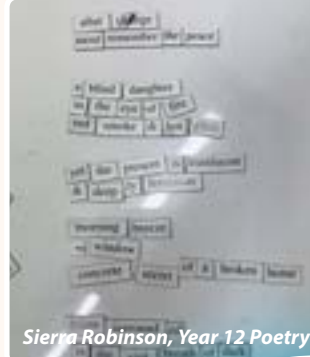
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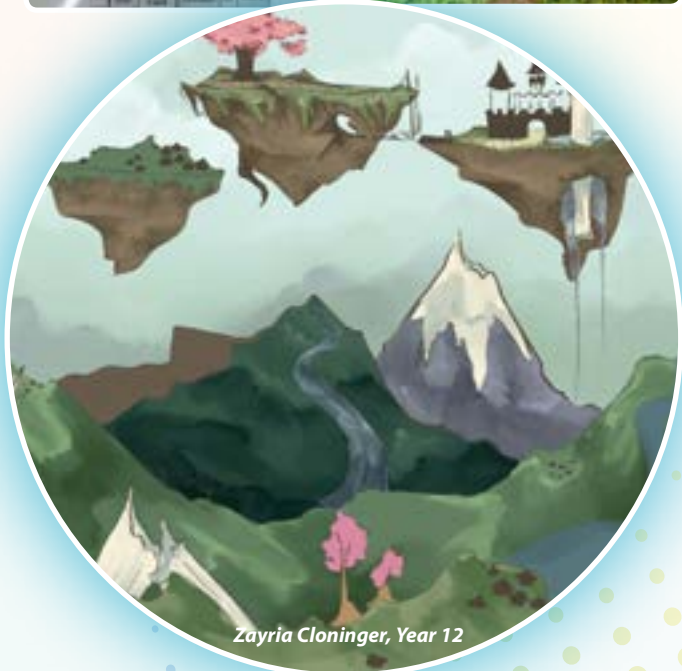
Trelise Cook, Year 12



Sierra Robinson, Year 12 Poetry



Shape Your Future garden



Zayria Cloninger, Year 12

Technology

Our Design Technology (Hard materials) has been another busy year in the Technology Workshop with students finishing projects in time to take home.

The Year 11, 12 and 13 students have been making coffee tables, sea chests, small cabinets and storage furniture items so far this year, and it's been lots of fun.

This has provided students with the opportunity to develop some excellent skills and valuable design tips along the way.

The Year 10s had a productive year gaining lots of technical skills with the chance to create a range of products including cast pewter jewellery, jewellery boxes, picture frames, shelves and a small treasure chest. With the introduction of some advanced jewellery making, they have been able to make some great take home items.

The Year 9 students experienced a 10 week rotation and enjoyed making a range of jewellery items, including aluminium bag tags, hammered copper bangles and timber desk tidies.

A big thanks to Mr Marnoch and Ms Laing for their enthusiasm, great ideas and help this year.



Design and Visual Communication - Graphics

It has been a good year for Design and Visual Communication at New Plymouth Girls' High School. Year 9 students have explored shape, form, colour and rendering through designing scenes for computer games and time pieces for the twenty first Century.

Year 10 students designed and rendered their own perfume bottles and small Bach/ houses.

The Level 1 students designed and rendered lighting solutions, I-site information centers and began to develop skills in digital modeling.

At Level 2, the students produced designs for a museum or art gallery and gallery furniture to fit.

Level 3 students created amazing preparatory work and designs for a holiday Bach and designer chairs and

Folio board presentations to wrap up the year.

A highlight of the year has been a visit to the Govett-Brewster/Len Lye Centre for the Year 12 and 13 students as part of their research for their projects.

Nature of Technology (NAT)/ and Digital Enhanced Learning Technology (DEL)

As the Technology curriculum changes, the Nature of Technology (NAT) course aims to deliver learning around how to optimise the use of digital technologies for learning in the twenty-first century. Students now use their own devices for all class work.

This course challenges students to consider the social and cultural impact of digital technologies.

Digital Enhanced Learning Technology will help students in all of their studies and could lead to Year 10 Digital Technologies or Yr 11-13 Computer Science courses.

The course includes:

- Using computers in the school environment and at home, especially regarding health & safety issues.
- Understanding how the internet works and issues related to its use.
- Using our devices while recognising the advantages and pitfalls of a "connected" world.



- Using some of the available software to communicate a range of presentations that can be used in other areas of education and personal life.

We now live in a digitally enhanced world with its own unique pitfalls and challenges. This means that we need to understand the digital world in order to thrive and be successful.

*Ms D Young and
Mr A Berndt*

DEL/NAT Co-ordinators

Digital Technologies

2023 has been a yet another busy year and our digital technology students have continued to create amazing outcomes across all levels of the subject.

The Year 13 students undertook an independent project to generate a digital media outcome. This has resulted in variety of projects such as an AI chatbot that assists student with troubleshooting technical issues at school and a game aimed at younger audiences that teaches basic use of Teo Reo.

In Year 12 we started the year with creating websites. A change that was bought in for 2023 was for the second project in which students proposed a digital outcome. This has seen students create projects ranging from a documentary piece, an interactive visual novel to an app that can identify native birds through the use of AI.

Year 11 students started out the year focused on developing a game using GDevelop. They followed that project with our first foray into the world of the Python programming language. And to wrap up the year, students have been creating websites using HTML+CSS.

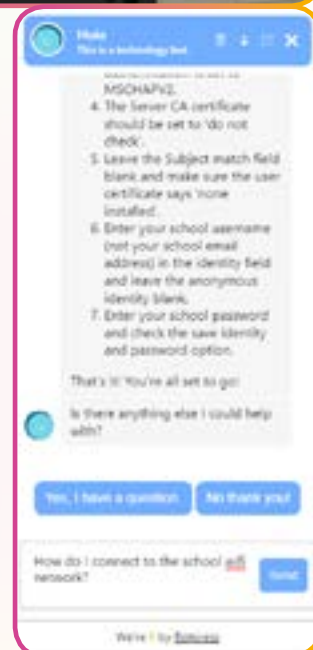
Year 10 have been studying a broad range of subjects which

started with 3d sculpting of mythological creatures and characters. They then developed websites by coding from scratch with HTML and CSS. Student also made games in Scratch working solo or collaborating with other students. This was followed on by an introduction to animation and lastly, they worked collaboratively on a smart home construction project in Minecraft.

Year 9 students undertake digital technologies as one of the core Technology subjects. This 'taster' course runs for approximately 10 weeks and provides students with the opportunity to develop their skills. This year they have been learning about correct procedures and conventions associated with file management, basic networking, IP addresses, tools and skills in image creation/manipulation with collage and they have been working either solo or collaboratively creating a game in Scratch.

Nick Bouterrey

TiC Digital Technologies



Textiles

The textiles room was awash with colour, pattern and texture this year as students completed a wide range of creations. Year 9 designed and stitched beautiful patchwork cushion covers. Year 10 students had the sewing machines humming to develop and broaden their skills with the completion of a sewing bag, pyjamas and a sweatshirt with a unique applied design.

Senior Textile students rose to the challenge of designing and making textile items to meet a specific need. The Year 11 creations included a corduroy jacket, turmeric dyed dress, velvet dress, crocheted tops, bunting, skirts, pants, corset and cosmetic purse.

The Year 12 students mastered the tailoring techniques required to make a timeless shirt and then endeavoured to produce sustainable textile items. Their final challenge was

to adapt a basic pattern to achieve their own conceptual designs for a skirt pants or dress.

Year 13 students began the year by crafting a custom made and designed pair of pants generated from their own personal body measurements. Other Level 3 creations included a waterproof and windproof jacket recycled from an old horse blanket, a denim jumpsuit, glamorous dresses and a gingham quilted and bound jacket.

I am very proud of the determination, commitment and perseverance shown by all the Textiles Technology students this year to develop their skills and use their time and materials responsibly and sustainably.

Colleen Horne

TiC Textiles Technology



Social Sciences and Business

“The Only Constant in Life Is Change.”- Heraclitus.

The year began with the news that the department was to be restructured and the traditional Business and Social Sciences would be integrated into one. The focus for Term 1 was on how this might look like. Over the year this created challenges and we are looking forward to a more stable and consistent 2024.

As always teachers look forward to NCEA results in January and Scholarship in February. Our NCEA results were pleasing. We look at what changes we can adopt to continue improving our results. Data analysis, professional conversations and a collaborative approach within the team result in refined learning opportunities for all students.

Level 1 Geography students were out doing their research on water quality along the Waiwhakaiho and we valued the support of Cordelle Rei. Level 2 explore the maunga and Level 3 looked at key issues related to a sustainable future for Taranaki.

Unfortunately, by the end of Term 1 we had two teachers that opted to follow different challenges and we farewell Miss Leigh Laurence and Mrs Kat Coleman at the beginning of Term 2. We welcomed Mr Richard MacCallum as a full time Geography teacher to the team. At the end of Term 2 we farewell Mrs Rebecca Geevarghese who moved back to Australia. Change continued in Term 3, and we welcomed both Mr Shayne Cochrane into the Business team and Anja Niechziol to support the transition. Jan Crofskey was chopping and changing between classes, and we value her support in holding the fort until reinforcements arrived. At the end of Term 3 we finally welcomed Mr Stuart Hoare. In Term 4 we welcomed Mrs Urmila Singh to teach Accounting.

We had a group of students attend the UN Model in Wellington and a huge thanks to Mrs Rebecca

Crowe for organising this.

On the theme of change, Professional Learning was a critical step in developing units and resources to prepare for the new curriculum. We were lucky to work with other schools and in our own teams during Teacher Only days.

Social actions began, not just teachers strikes but students also organised their own social actions. This year, Level 1 Social Studies students were excited to organise a social action to raise awareness about a human rights issue of their choice. The Level 2 students raised awareness and money for Pet Refuge. We saw a range of actions across the classes – from bake sales to social media campaigns, pamphlets, raffles, and library stalls. It was great to see students take initiative, represent the school, and connect with community organisations to support their valuable mahi.

We also had two Geography groups head to Australia, not on the same flights, as the Year 12 and 13 students were finally allowed to go to the Great Barrier Reef (delayed due to Covid) and a Year 11 group followed the week after. Thank you to Miss Kimberley Bellas, Mrs Sandra Hawkins and Mr Callum Harris who supported this trip mostly over their break time.

We had two teams form the Level 1 Geography classes to compete in the annual Maatangi Whenua Quiz competition, their endeavours were not rewarded but the experience will put them in good stead for the future.

As I write this report, I to look back at what has been a challenging year, with teacher’s strikes, staff leaving, finding replacements, building collaboration with changing personal have presented learning opportunities for the team. It is skills we encourage our student to build every day and I value the support of all teachers in the Social Science team and want to thank them for their commitment to improve education outcomes for our students.

A special thank you goes to the students who developed independence, resilience, and perseverance in making their way through the challenges they faced with staff changing. It is soft skills that will serve them well in the future. Change may be constant, as a team and collaborative (including students and teachers) we can manage this change to ensure it becomes a positive learning opportunity as we are all life-long learners.

Eddie Brown

HoD Social Sciences

YES (Young Enterprise Scheme)

Māramatanga is a YES (Young Enterprise Scheme) business that began in 2022.

When deciding on what product we wanted to create, we were focused on creating something that would help people. With the high rates of people struggling with mental health in New Zealand, we decided to create our ‘it matters’ mental health journal. The journal was designed and crafted by us, and its vision is to provide people with an outlet where they can get their thoughts from their heads onto paper. Our ‘it matters’ journal is a reminder that whatever you are going through, it matters, and you matter.

As a team, we talked to mental health advocates such as Mike King



and Sir John Kirwan, and as well as this, we talked to counselling services to gather information on what they find helps. The journal was then crafted together with activities, note pages, and advice from people who are in the mental health field/ have struggled with mental health themselves.

Our journal is designed to be a safe space where you can document your growth. It can be used when you are feeling happy, sad, or anything in-between. There have been many highlights throughout this journey of Māramatanga. The immense amount of support from generous local companies allowed us to donate copies to places in need. As well as this, receiving many opportunities such as being able to stock the journals in The Collaboration shop, attending business expos, and having an interview with The Daily News has all been a highlight for us. The main highlight has been seeing our journal do exactly what we intended it to do. Seeing and hearing that it has genuinely helped people brings us a sense of fulfilment. Its ongoing success throughout the past two years with purchases from schools locally and nationally, crisis teams, and other counselling services has gone beyond what we had ever imagined. Seeing the idea that we drew on a piece of paper now turn into a real-life product that has made a difference, gives us great pride. Being able to experience business whilst still at school through enterprise studies, is a very valuable way to learn practical skills that you can take into the real world. NCEA results were pleasing, we look at what changes we can adopt to continue to improve our results. Data analysis, professional conversations and a collaborative approach within the team resulted in refined learning opportunities for all students.

*Pearl Lauderdale,
Charli Moss and
Hannah Taylor*

Year 13



Young Enterprise Ako Tamariki

Kalissa Giddy, Laura Pickles, Treyann Williams, Cerys Lewis



Young Enterprise Bizzare Box

Grace O'Dowda, Ellie Smith, Mollie Tipene, Bre Hubbard



Young Enterprise Hay Away

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Year 11 Geography Great Barrier Reef Trip

In July this year a group of Level 1 Geography students had the amazing opportunity to experience the Great Barrier Reef.

This trip was fun, filled with many incredible activities and learning. We learnt about the sustainability of the reef and what amazing marine life there is as well as doing a coral survey to help collect information to better understand and protect the reef. Spending the day on Fitzroy Island, seeing local wildlife at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures, and staying on a boat overnight were just a few of our highlights.

We were lucky enough to scuba dive and snorkel so that we could experience the reef up close. We saw turtles, colourful fish, sharks and other marine life.

This trip took us out of our comfort zones, allowed us to try new things, and see one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World. This was a trip we'll never forget.

*Jessa Wells and
Mia Schoeman*

Year 11



Year 11 Great Barrier Reef trip

GBR Year 12 and 13 Geography Trip

The 2023 Great Barrier reef trip has been a long time in the making. With two groups going over to Cairns over the July school holidays. The first was the Year 12-13 trip whose trip had been postponed due to covid, then the Year 11 trip followed after it. Over the week each group explored Cairns to its true value. Doing everything from night markets and a crocodile farm to a night on the reef. As we did this we learnt about the reef, ecosystems and how to make it more sustainable for future generations.

The week consisted of activities both around Cairns and boat rides away on the reef.

On the first day we explored James Cook University and learnt about the venomous animals both on land and in the waters around Queensland before getting to see these animals close up in the research areas.

On the second day we took a boat out to Fitzroy Island where we hung out with turtles at the turtle hospital. Then got our first chance of the trip to swim with turtles in

person. Even though it was raining it didn't dampen our spirits and we were still keen to hop in for another snorkel where we learnt about coral health. We then had a chance to record the type and colour of the coral to help the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Association (GBRMPA) to monitor coral bleaching. Day three we took a boat ride surrounded with crocodiles before getting to hand feed kangaroos. Afterwards we took on to the colourful village of Kuranda before taking the sky rail over the lush rainforest back down.

For most people, the overnight boat journey to the reef was the highlight. The snorkelling out here was amazing and some of us were even lucky enough to go for a scuba dive as well. We swam with countless numbers of turtles and sharks. We found lots of nemo and Dory fish and a whole bunch of other weird and interesting fish. The sun was high and mighty making it the perfect weather to live in our togs for two days. From sunbathing on the deck to watching the sharks swim below. This night was truly memorable. A personal highlight for me was waking up at 5am to go snorkelling during the sunrise even though I got stung by a jellyfish. On our last day, we learnt about tourism around Cairns and Aboriginal art before getting a chance to create our own. Then we got some free time to explore around on our own before getting ready to leave. A huge thanks to the teachers and parents that helped out on both trips, we really appreciated it. We came home with huge smiles, amazing memories and experiences under our belt.

*Lauren Keighley and
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Year 12



Model EU

On the 22nd and 23rd of May, a group of 11 students and Mrs Crowe were down in Wellington at the 2023 Model E.U held in Parliament. Around 108 students from Wellington, Levin, Hastings, and New Plymouth were involved in the event, all of which were representing the 27 countries of the EU. Our very own New Plymouth Girls' High School students who participated in the event were, Emma Hatch, Thea Betts, Elsie Palmer, Rujula Chitnis, Nataya Lumluksanaphaiboon, Amy Van Zyl, Isabella Treadway, Kailey Hastie, Tasha Forest, Sophie Thomas, and Matilde Silva.

Model E.U stands for Model European Union, and for us students, it was a simulation of how a real European Union meeting would go between the countries. Some of the countries that the 11 students from NPGHS represented were Italy, Ireland, Portugal, Poland, Romania and Lithuania. Each of the 27 countries had 4 committees within them: Fisheries Agriculture Environment and Conservation, Foreign Affairs and Development, Justice and Human Rights, and finally, Industry Research Space and Technology. Each committee had 5 laws/ amendments that they had to read over. They then discussed whether these laws fitted into their country's climate goals. This made for great conversations based upon how our world is coping with climate change and how we are being affected by the war in Ukraine.

Even though it was our Girls' High students first time attending such an event, we all learnt quickly how the debating and rules worked. It wasn't long before we were discussing topics like whether nuclear power should be considered a renewable energy source and how we should manage food waste.



This awesome event taught us so much from participating in discussions within our committees and getting the opportunity to talk with our peers from other schools. Being in the same space as such like-minded people and walking through the rooms of the Beehive was a very special experience for us all. We all took away so many things from this experience and we hope to repeat it again next year. One of our students Kailey

Hastie even won an award from the Fisheries and Agriculture committee for being a prominent speaker representing Romania!

*Sophie Thomas and
Matilde Silva*

Year 12



Creative Writing

A siren blares in the distance. Smoke rises into the air filling this part of the city with ash and dust, as a little girl walks the streets covered in bruises. She knows she should not be out, but she cannot go back yet. He will still be angry. A boy walks out of a house, a fresh mark across his cheek. The boy spots the girl and runs over to her.

"Hi, I'm Max what's your name?" he asks excitedly.

"Rebecca," she says, stopping as she stares at his features. Blonde hair and blue eyes.

"Well, that's a pretty name." He smiles and grabs her hand and takes her through the city.

"Where are we going?" she asks, following him as they run through.

"You'll see," he says, taking her to a hill and he takes her to the top and sits underneath the big tree. They look down on their city.

"I hate this place," she says looking him in the eyes, her emerald staring into his sapphire ones.

(A few years later)

A powerful gang arises in the city. Tyranny rules over the city, and the bond, once strong, snaps as the two of them grow apart leading down different paths. Max receives a call letting him know a robbery has happened and he races to the scene to see a red rose etched in the safe and all the contents emptied. He curses and yells at his men to search the area. He cannot help but think about Rebecca and how much he misses her. Meanwhile Rebecca returns to base with a sack filled to the brim. She pours the contents onto the table and her eyes twinkle at the sight as the rest of the gang arrive.

"She has done it. Well done ma'am!"

They all start celebrating happily. They party in through the night. And into the early morning. Even then, there is still a major uproar. No one notices when Rebecca leaves. She goes up the hill to the tree and sits

down beside it, wondering where Max has gone and feels something in her stomach. She shrugs it off. And doses.

(A few years back)

"Here." Max hands her a bracelet.

"What is it?" inquires Rebecca.

"A bracelet because we're friends, right?"

"Yeah friends," she says looking down at it and smiles and she holds it tight. Max helps put it on her wrist as he holds up his and smiles. "See we're matching."

(Present day)

She wakes breathing heavily and pulls up her sleeve and finds the bracelet still there. She sighs in relief. And takes in her surrounding and realises its mid-afternoon.

She yawns and stretches. Then she gets up, regretting sleeping by a tree, and she strolls back to base to find everyone lying on the ground. She checks everyone's pulses. "Still alive... good" she thinks as she continues walking through the building she goes up onto the roof and stands there staring at her city. Sirens start wailing and they zoom past the building towards the smoke arising in the distance. She sits on the edge of the building and watches. The door opens and she flings a knife backwards and the person catches it.

"Breakfast if you want it superstar... It's chocolate chips pancakes, burgers and fries?" Kaeya says leaning against the door frame.

"No thanks loser saves me some though I might want it later."

"Roger that ma'am." He salutes and descends back where he came from.

She goes back down to watching and she realises police are streaming into the building like ants to a piece of fruit. She rushes downstairs to see everyone getting arrested. Kaeya looks up at her and mouths "go". She runs back up the stairs, tears streaming from her face. She jumps from the building landing on the ground. The person who was yelling orders at his team, sees her and

chases after her. She runs to the hill and up to the tree, blood streaming from her newly inflicted wounds, and she slumps against it. The figure comes after her. He stands 2-3 feet away from her.

"I've got you now criminal!" he yells.

She looks up to see the outline of a male figure.

"Who are you?" she asks weakly.

"Well, it can't harm anyone to tell a dying person, can it? The names Max Edmonds and who might you be milady?"

"Oh... that doesn't matter," she says tears springing to her eyes.

"It's good to see you again. I missed you Max."

"W-wait Rebecca it's you?! N-no it cannot be." He kneels beside her as tears run from his eyes, he clutches her closely.

"Max don't cry you're a... hero."

"Not in your eyes I am not."

"I want you to know," she says her conscious slipping.

"Want me to know what?! Stay with me please!" he cries out his voice cracking.

"I... love..." She stops falling into the darkness.

"Stay with me!" he screams.

"You," she says as she falls limp in his arms.

"NO!" he screams fear overwhelming him.

"Don't leave me behind," his voice turns to a saddened, broken whisper.

"I love you, Rebecca. I am so sorry please forgive me."

He pulls out a gun.

Bang.

His lifeless body falls on hers.

Emilee Venables-Zhou

Year 9

Run

It all happened so fast. Sun glaring, filtering through trees, rays hitting my skin. As the two wooden pieces collide, a loud clap echoes among the kowhais. Staring at the muddy track ahead, I leap forward.

Figures stumble past, faster. I slowly gain stamina, speeding closer to my opponents. I dodge the swaying trees, their shadows cooling me. Sprinting, I push past everyone, in the lead.

The track gets smaller and smaller, the tree's closer, now a narrow path, but it doesn't stop me. Flowers swing and sway, dancing back and forth as I run past. The birds chirp and sing melodies, crisp air cooling my lungs. A grey structure, peeking out from the ground appears, a rough surface. My foot collides with it, I gasp, hurling towards the ground. My vision dims for a second, a blur. Lying down, I face the sky. Clouds form above me, shaping into anything I imagine. They look as soft as cotton, perfect to rest on.

Something is coming. The earth shakes as a stampede of people goes past me. I stay still, lying on the earth, the sun burning my face as it escapes from the trees, I still don't move. Decisions form, in my head and chest, what do I do? My brain is telling me to stay where I am, to rest. But, my heart disagrees, its pounding in my chest, telling me to keep going. Run.

Charlotte Roach

Year 9

Mt Ruapehu

A creak. The chain halts. As the chair comes to a sudden stop it swings wildly. My heart dropped into my stomach for a moment. I am alone, suspended meters in the air with the closest people behind me.

It's peaceful up here. Alone in my own little bubble. The wind is biting

at my exposed face, whipping my hair in every direction and yet I do not mind. When I look down, I can see people below. They are tiny specks of colour against the glistening white of the snow, like Froot Loops in a bowl of milk. My skis are tugging at my feet, begging me to join the people on the slopes yet I cannot. I am at the mercy of the chairlift.

The cable squeaks and then I am moving once again, the chair bouncing slightly as the cable carries both me and it along. I relax back in my seat and wait for the chairlift to carry me the last few meters to the station where I know that my family is waiting for me. Once I dismount, I ski towards my family, and we set off along a trail before we come to a ridge.

As I stand on top of the ridge, I have a look around me and take a deep breath in. I can smell the frigidness on the air, and it burns. In a strange way it is pleasant, a way to know that this place is magical, full of natural wonders that I can experience. Smiling, I push off with my poles and down into the bowl, following my parents.

Wind is howling in my ears as I descend the slope. I let myself go, let the instincts driven into my body from years of experience take control and my mind starts to drift away. It feels freeing to do this, to just let my mind and body separate. After much too short of a time I reach the bottom and meet up with my family and we get in line for the chairlift. It is time to do this all again.

Portia Solomons

Year 10

Memorable place

(Free verse poem)

A memorable place
Is not a place but a person
The same person that is family,

that is friendship,
that is anyone who cares but not dares to break that place.

That place of recollection,
of remembrance

The memorable place will forever be locked in a case

The same case that I've had my whole life

The case with all those memories all snug and tight

But it's almost as if they fight,

Fight for a place in that box

One memory after another battling to see who will be remembered

or who will be dismembered

Left behind to have parried

Then buried by all
Waiting and waiting

Patiently for one switch to be flicked

one finger to be snapped

One light to be lit

Some sort of signal to bring back what was thought to be lost

They are never really lost though just forgotten and foreign to one.

The more memories you make

The more places you go

The more people you meet

It all adds to that box,

always seeming like it's

overflowing too full to even fit one more

memory

But it's never full

Only suffocating,

Suffocating to all the others

Just for a space, in that dark cramped place,

But it's not really dark, is it?

It's just there,

there full of everything but

despair

This little neat box filled with all your glee,

with all your precious things,

with all your precious debris.

The same debris that was made of all these pieces broken off from

every spot you sat,

Every smile you took,

Every friendship you made,

Every time you look
This little box, though so little
holds everything that you made
possible.

This box holds those horrible
moments

Moments of what you would call
weakness and bleakness

But they are not a liability,
nor will they ever be a disability

This little neat box holds all your
precious memorable places.

Allison Van Zyl

Year 10

Home to my Soul

A familiar cool breeze brushes my ankles as I wait in the darkness, just a few metres away from the bright lights illuminating my rival before me. Music floods the theatre with loud authority as the elegant figure twirls and bounds her way across the floor. The multiple shadows that fill the seats of the auditorium are completely silenced, quiet as a mouse, as if the music has banned them from saying a word. The thick lustrous curtains that frame the dance floor ever so subtly sway in the delicate breeze provided by the air conditioning. As the crescendo of notes deliver their final patterns, and my rival executes her last steps, I glance down at my jewel encrusted costume and feel the fire brewing in my veins. The music stops, the crowd roars into applause, and the girl exits the stage, sending a rush of adrenaline throughout my body.

Soon, familiar notes echo through my muscles as I step out into the lights that now stare at me. I'm the centre of every shadow's attention as I begin to paint the stage with my movements. The feel of the floor on my limbs takes me back in time for a second, acknowledging the shiny texture that has guided me through so many routines and taken so many falls. Memories have been created and stored in the depths of this building, only to be resurfaced

each time I step foot onto this black canvas. I find comfort in the warmth of the stage lights, and the soft black curtains that hang from the ceiling behind me. Huge, stark black speakers tower over me, playing the strong staccato music that is filling the room. "This is where I belong," breathes my conscience as I roll around on the floor.

Twirling, extending, and bending, my body takes me through the steps ingrained in my bones, the stage nurturing every tiny move as if I am a baby learning to walk. All of my hard work pours into the canvas for the world to see. My right arm steadily reaches up, lengthening each of its tendons and muscles into its final pose as I slowly look up to it. The music stops, the crowd roars into applause, and step by step, I slowly descend into the darkness of the wings.

Glancing back, I see all the magnificent paint strokes, colourful and wide, dull and narrow, that I scattered across the once blank but now full canvas. They begin to fade as the bell rings, inviting the next dancer onto the stage, and as they begin to walk into the spotlight, my lips curve into a small smile. I recognise that the stage is more than simply a platform for people to dance upon. It is much more than that. The memories, the costumes, the makeup, the people. They all contribute to making everyone's experience special and exciting. While the stage listens to many various songs and endures many rough landings, it also enables everyone to create their own pieces of art in a way that is wholly unique to them.

Kalissa Giddy

Year 12

The Silver Sword

It was raining, and there was a book on her desk. The thing was a shiny, metallic grey, the colour of

brandished steel, the once sharp edges dulled after years of use. She didn't pick it up. Didn't try to move it. As battered as the thing was, she knew it was dangerous. Even after 15 years of practice if she didn't handle it carefully it could slice through her hand and right into her heart.

Inside the cover, a faithful child had written her name in a sparkly blue gel pen. A pre-teen had scribbled notes in pens of all shapes and sizes. A teenager had stuck tabs out of the side in a little arrangement of red-orange-yellow-green-blue. Reminders of a more pious time mocking her in all the colours of the rainbow.

"Our loving Father in heaven," she began, voice a hesitant whisper, silent compared to the gentle knocking of rain on her window.

The rainbow was ironic, really. Almost enough to make her laugh.

A promise. That was what a rainbow was; a promise that the end was over, that the flood waters were subsiding, and that God's faithful servants could finally step out into the embrace of warm, dry sunlight.

She was drowning.

Drowning, weighed down by the same book that was pulling her spiritual brothers and sisters up, watched on by a rainbow that meant so much more than it should.

"Loving Father, I thank you for..." She swallowed, taking as deep a breath as the water allowed. The usually effortless words refused to come.

The girl wanted to let go. Needed to, perhaps. She was suffocating with it, after all, gasping for air, choking and spluttering while the devout doctrine pulled her down into the familiar, murky depths of the flood.

But what was the alternative?

The world could end any day now, as the Elders predicted, as she'd had drilled into her since her own genesis. For 15 years she had understood that there was no 'tomorrow'. None. Just like there was no other choice.

She needed to hold on, to keep the book gripped in her calloused hands, even if the sharp edges were drawing blood on her palms, staining the waters red. She couldn't let go so close to the end.

The apocalypse was coming.

It was.

It had to be! As much as the thought gripped her with fear - that feral, primal kind of fear which twisted her stomach and had her waking up in a cold sweat - she couldn't accept anything else.

"Thanks for everything you have given me," she continued, but her voice was being drowned out by the downpour.

Armageddon was coming.

Otherwise, she'd squandered her whole childhood. Turned down invitations to birthdays, spent evenings forfeiting sleep in favour of listening to long sermons, wasted weekends preaching at stranger's doors fighting back anxious tears, prayed desperately for her mum to get better, rejected who she knew she truly was, refused to mourn because 'she'll be back in the paradise', all for nothing.

If it wasn't real, then what was any of it for?

(She'd spent so long holding on, so long struggling just to stay above the deluge... Did she even remember how to swim to safety?)

The world kept spinning. Rain pattered lightly against the window. The sun sank lower in the sky.

"For the - the promises you've made..." She could feel herself choking up, voice crackling and fighting against words she wasn't sure she believed anymore.

Because she was sinking, plunging down, down, down, and through it all, through the torrent in her mind, the silver book sat still on her desk. Oblivious. Remorseless. Waiting.

"Thank you for keeping me safe." She was crying. Her tears only

intensified the floodwaters.

Deep down, the girl knew the book was hurting her, but it was familiar. She knew every crumpled page, could recite the most important passages, could imagine the cold, leathery texture of its cover, easily recalled the small thump it made when she set it down. Once, in a less complicated time, she'd been excited to get it; an all-new translation, free from the devilish work of Satan. She'd studied it. Embodied it. It was the only true word of God, promising salvation, if only she could hold on long enough to watch the storm clouds dissipate. The book was an old friend.

"I'm sorry I haven't been the most faithful servant..."

Until then, she just had to hold on.

In the end, it wouldn't matter how much it hurt her, or how far it dragged her down. None of it would matter, because He would save her through His word. Together, they would be her salvation.

(But she didn't pick it up off the desk. Something was nagging at her, insistent waves of doubt lapping at her feet. A psalm of uncertainty, stuck in her head like an ungodly pop song.)

(What if it weren't her saviour? If the storm, her inherited sin, the unseen devil hanging over her shoulder, weren't the ones keeping her submersed? The silver sword, battered and sharpened with love, it couldn't be the same rock which was dragging her down into the sea, could it?)

Inside her heart, she knew. Piety had all but drained out of her, leaving behind the dregs of understanding.

The girl needed to let go.

The thought alone sent fear to bite at her fluttering heart, because Satan was waiting, and she couldn't let him be the one to pluck her from the floodwaters into the apocalypse without the silver sword to defend herself.

"But... I don't know if can do this

anymore." It hurt to say. Hurt more than the deepest cut, more than two lungs filled with saltwater.

So, the book sat on her desk. Untouched. Waiting. A self-fulfilling prophecy of salvation and Armageddon. A paradox of deliverance and detainment.

And she sat, staring at the rainbow on the wall and the one sticking out of the side of the book, trying to decide which one would help her to swim.

"Amen."

India Warren

Year 13

Neve Post has won \$1000 for a national writing competition in a publication on women's health. Neve's award was for the Liam and Frankie Davison Award, and it's offered by the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation (Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrician and Gynaecologists). It is open to students in NZ and Australia and there is one winner for each country.

Dear Mara

They think I lost my mind
But what I lost
Was a dream in me
My jubilant flame began to
dwindle long before you came
But when you persuaded the
masses
That you were a messiah
I lied
On the floor in a puddle of
pearlescent beads
The flame finally flickered with
hope for the last time.
And now they think I lost my
mind.
But all I ever lost
Was a silly dream in me
They call me crazy
I used to think it was a lazy
Insult but now the salt in my
wounds have settled
I hope when the honey doesn't
taste sweet that I'm living on the
wrong side of the mirror
I fantasise when the birds refuse
to fly, that I'm sitting in a state of
permanent psychosis.
Until one day I snap
And off to the real world I will
return,
Hand in hand, with everyone who
hurt me
And watch as they dissolve.
I'll realise they were a metaphor
I won't understand the meaning of
until I'm old.
You might think it's strange
I would rather be crazy than have
this place
Be my wretched reality.
But until you watch in speed of
light slow motion all the colours leave
your life,
I took a trip into the forest
Lost my way in a dizzying green
haze
Can't tell the difference between
reality and fantasy anymore
Might as well turn my life into lore
But before I whisper my words
Tell me if any of it was real at all
I promise I won't cry

If I was wrong all along
If my subconscious strung me
along
if my actions were commands
from siren song
I can be strong
Even though
They didn't call me powerful.
I have to wonder if I would have
earned that title
If the knife stuck the landing
If I stayed standing
I just have to know
Was any of it real at all?
People tell me
The road to my cage is paved
between patchwork fields
People tell me
Stop being so sad your tears won't
rewind the years
But they don't know what it's like
When everyone else is living in
their gold age
While you're trapped inside a bird
cage
The bars could have glittered and
gleamed
If you let my dreams stay with me
I only have six more months of
torture until I make a break for it to
paradise
And while I fight for my life
You'll just live
Get married
Maybe have kids someday
But your world will stop turning
When you see what became of
my golden trees.
I want you to know by then I'll be
enjoying the fruits of freedom
What you did to me will feel like a
half remembered dream
If you're capable of feeling any
remorse
You can put it to bed when you
tuck in your children at night
And when they ask if you knew
me
Tell them the truth
You didn't
You only ever knew a broken
piece of me.
But at the end of the day, it's all
just a dream

A revenge fantasy.
I spun my list of cages into poetry
They read my pages and told me
My life is too dreary
They wanted me to pencil in a
happy ending
I promise I tried but the words
sharpened themselves into eulogies
The future doesn't look too bright
for me.
The gold light that used to drip
down my window
Is making its escape
Daring me to follow
I sit and watch it fade
When did I stop being so brave?
From Phoebe

Sophie Bovett

Year 13

Staffing

We welcomed Imke Harder to the department this year as Sally James took a year of refreshment leave to travel to Europe. We also welcomed Rebecca Geevarghese who was delighted to become pregnant and returned to Australia. Anja Niechziol came to cover her position. Lauren Dennehy was promoted to the Kahui Ako lead role and Dougal Hannam came to cover her classes. We were fortunate to have Eujenie Petrove teaching junior drama and Sue Gunn taking over a Literacy class. It has certainly been a busy year with these changes.

Highlights

Visiting Poet: Apirana Taylor

We were very fortunate to have Apirana Taylor present a poetry reading to Year 12 students. Apirana Taylor, of Te Whānau-ā-Apanui, Ngāti Porou and Ngāti Ruanui descent, has published six collections of poetry, four short story collections, two novels, and three plays. He has also been included in multiple anthologies and has published prolifically in other mediums, including sound and video recordings. He writes for children and the theatre and is involved in acting and teaching drama. Taylor's first collection of poetry, *Eyes of the Ruru*, established his powerful voice among Māori writers. Published in May 2017 by Anahera Press, Taylor's latest publication is his novel *Five Strings*.

Race Unity Speech Awards:

Anandhi Saravanan from TOBWR came runner up in the race unity speech regional competition. She spoke with enthusiasm and passion about improving race relations in Aotearoa.

Writing Group:

A group of NPGHS students - who are part of our senior writing club - attended writing workshops as part of the Ronald Hugh Morrieson South Taranaki Writing Competition. It was an opportunity to write under the guidance of published writers who shared ideas and experiences. They were able to challenge themselves with activities and ideas from these professionals and start to think about the Taranaki specific writing that they would produce for the competition.

Speech Competitions

The Senior Speech Competition took place on the 20th of September. The winner was Faith Lokini -TAACO with her speech on the Dawn Raids

The Junior Speech Competition happened on the 18th September and the winners were:

Year 9: 1st Elizabeth Catty from 9KEA with her topic of fast fashion.

Year 10: 1st Sophie Dodunski from 10TAW with her speech on modern day slang.

Achievements

Olivia Eint submitted her writing for the Re-Draft 22 named "The Afterlife on an Ice Cream Wrapper". Her poem "Flightless Without a Pen" has been accepted for publication.

We were also proud of Lily Stoddart and Helen Lim who achieved a Scholarship for English in 2022. It was fantastic that Lily was able to improve on her result from last year and gain an Outstanding Scholarship!

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Languages

2023 saw the return of the exchange between Colegio San Nicolas de Myra, New Plymouth Boys' High School and New Plymouth Girls' High School. A group of 19 students and two teachers came over in the July holidays and stayed for four weeks. They went on some trips around town and spent most of their time in school.

It was fantastic to see our students get involved with the activities our Chilean host sisters and brothers led for us whilst they were here. There was dancing, games and plenty of opportunities to share cultures. A huge thank you to the families and teachers who hosted a

Chilean student or teacher. It is thanks to the generosity of those people that the exchange was so successful. We have already started the process of organizing our exchange visit to colegio San Nicolas de Myra in 2024.

In other news, we have a wonderful opportunity for our French students coming up next year. Our BOT has kindly agreed that for an informal exchange, in partnership with Spotswood College, to a school in New Caledonia next year. We hope to welcome an incoming group of students and staff to New Plymouth in 2024 and to visit them in 2025.

Yomi Williams

HoD Languages



Physical Education and Health

A big thank you to the PE & Sport Science Department staff for your continued support and time that you put into our students academically and extra-curricular. This year's school-based Waka Huia sporting events have been awesome and participation in our school sports days continue to be outstanding.

The department enjoys seeing all our PE and Sport Science students involved in school and community activities. We have plenty of talented athletes who participate in a wide range of activities at many levels from social right up to national and international level. Research indicates involvement in regular physical activity can help a student's school academic focus and achievement.

The department enjoys a high participation rate in its courses and our emphasis on 100% practical sessions allows our students to challenge themselves in up to 28 different activities throughout the year.

The philosophy of our junior program is to continue physical skill development, provide exercise and fitness opportunities and promote lifelong participation in physical activity. All juniors have undertaken some run assessments and our overall results show like many other teenagers around New Zealand, some of our students need to get a little more active in their own time.

Unfortunately, a very cold snap at the end of summer hindered the aquatics programme through most of Term One. However, Year 11 students continued to snorkel with the use of wetsuit vests alongside the Year 13 Paddleboard unit. Thank you to Mrs Cleaver for overseeing the Level One Sports Science programme.

Our Level Three Sports Science class continued to enjoy their paddle boarding at Ngamotu beach and a seal watch outside the break water. They started cautiously in the school pool but by the end of the course they were all keen to catch waves and paddle for fitness. A big thanks to Spencer at Windsurf Taranaki.

Our Level Two Sports Science students attended a two-day caving camp, run by Topec early in the year. The limestone caves around North Awakino provided a great challenge for the students and staff. Thanks to Ms Stewart and Ms Collins who continue to promote outdoor opportunities in a time when these experiences are dwindling across the country. Caving takes a lot of mental determination and all the girls performed exceptionally well with this aspect of the course. A big thanks to the staff out at Topec for their professional instructing.

Well done to Ms Collins who travelled quite extensively this year with the Netball team and thank you to Ms Watton for her work with junior outdoor education and taking junior PE. Mr Graham had a Year 9 PE class with a steep learning curve beyond his rugby knowledge to learn new drills and activities. Thank you for your enthusiasm, Jim!

Thank you to the ground staff who continue to do an exceptional job supporting our programmes and preparing areas for physical activity. They are always helpful and inventive with maintaining the sport areas and they seemingly are always on call and ready to attend any problems arising.

Over the course of the year, we utilised many talents and skills available from our community. A big thank you to following:

Ms Collins, all the best with your next adventure as you pack your bags and leave us for a big OE adventure.

We will miss your energy and humour but no doubt you'll be in regular contact letting us know about her latest injury and discovery!

Look out for her in the crowds on screen at the Paris Olympics!

Good luck to our Level Three Sports Science students as they enter exams and all the best for the future. It's great to see many of our former PE students remain in the PE, Health, and Sport industries.

On behalf of the PE Dept, stay active!

Brendan Dickson

HoD Physical Education

Health & Home Economics

2023 has been a wonderful but busy year in the Health and Food and Nutrition department. During the year we welcomed Jo MacCallum as Teacher in Charge of Food and Nutrition and Hospitality. She brings a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and passion for food to deliver tantalizing dishes and apply nutritional knowledge for all ages.

It was fantastic to commence the year having learned of some exceptional NCEA External results gained by 2022s Level 1, 2 and 3 students in both Health and Food and Nutrition. In Health with three classes at levels 1, 2 and 3, and 1 class for each Level in Food and Nutrition the department is flourishing in rich learning experiences and focusing on developing and designing programs to engage and inspire young minds.

Food and Nutrition

This year in Food and Nutrition we had a fantastic bunch of Kaiako delivering lessons for students to develop health enhancing attitudes with Kai. Our junior teachers were Mrs MacCallum, Mrs Whitehead, Ms Stewart and Miss Collins. In the junior programme, "Healthy eating habits last a lifetime" is the focus for all Year 9 students who have one spell each week. It is always wonderful to observe these students work as a team, gaining confidence and skills in the preparation of kai. Year 10 students gain skills in applying their nutritional knowledge to meet the needs of their whānau and themselves.

The senior Food and Nutrition students explore the nutritional issues facing various groups in society and developed health enhancing strategies to address them. Students gain insight into the personal, interpersonal, and societal influences on food choices and the impact on wellbeing. Food safety practices are challenged, and strategies are developed to address food handling issues in the community. Students in Hospitality classes have shown some great skills in their practical lessons, preparing, and presenting a variety of dishes show casing their skills learnt on how to improve flavours, and a wide range of cooking methods. With this practical-based programme, the students can feel prepared that they have developed essential skills to apply to any areas of hospitality.

Health

Mā te whakarongo, ka mōhio, through listening, comes knowledge

Mā te mōhio, ka mārama, through knowledge, comes understanding

Mā to Mārama, ka matau, though understanding, comes wisdom

Mā te matau, ka ora, through wisdom, comes wellbeing

In 2023 the Health teaching team started the year with Suzanne

Bradburn, Karen Eliason, Emma Doherty, Chelsea Watton, Maggie Verry and Shanelle Smart (myself). Term 2 saw Mrs Maggie Verry head off on Maternity leave and we welcomed Elizabeth Kinnel as a junior Health teacher. As a department we are very passionate teachers that always strive to deliver relevant, relatable content, ensuring students are equipped with the skills to deal with the many pressures they are faced with in today's world. Mental health, building resilience, pressures of online activity and social media, sexuality, peer pressure and bullying are just some of the integral topics at the forefront of teaching and learning programme. The one hour we get with our junior students each week tends to be jammed packed full of insightful and engaging activities to support their well-being.

To our Level 3 students who are leaving us, whether to go university or into the workforce – take care, and we wish you all the best.

Shanelle Smart

Acting HoD of Health & Food and Nutrition



Outdoor Education

2023 was a year of excitement and adventure for New Plymouth Girls' High Outdoor Education!

Year 9 Camp this year was held at Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits and Education Centre - TOPEC and was a roaring success, with almost all Year 9 students attending and participating in the large range of activities that were provided. One focus for this camp was for students to be able to make connections with peers and teachers to help nestle them into the NPGHS whanau, all while being in an environment that encourages students to step outside of their comfort zone and to challenge themselves. Through this, students were able to try out activities that they had not done before, gain new skills, and accept the challenges that were thrown at them as a group for form a great bond with each other.

Highlights that were reported throughout the camp were the likes of the Year 13s nightline through the dark bush, learning water safety and rafting, rigging their mates up and making them fly into the sky on the flying kiwi, rock climbing, going bush to light fires and hit some tracks, and of course the mouthwatering food prepared by Mrs Wootton and the Year 13 Leaders.

A huge thank you to all those that helped this camp run, from the home baking supplied to students/parents for much needed energy hits, to the Outdoor Education Leaders Kaylee Hunger and Sage Piebenga, including our Mānu Taiko (Head Girl) and Kaitiriwā (Deputy Head Girl's) for taking the time out of their schooling and evening schedules to be with us throughout the whole week to supply the encouragement needed during students' times of uncertainty, implementing strong leadership and bringing the hype in all the activities they help facilitate.

Level 2SPC class also attended TOPEC as part of their course, to be challenged by the outdoor activities

and to make use of each student's own risk management strategies, to overcome any risks or hazards they may encounter. The activities included caving, which for many students required them to overcome the challenges of being in the dark, being around insects like cave Weta's and claustrophobia, while also being challenged to walk through an environment that had variations in height, traversing ledges, scrambling over wet rocks and slippery terrain. TOPEC itself, provided challenges while preparing for caving and then by doing advanced Adventure Based Learning activities, which pitted groups against each other or against themselves. Always, when students return from TOPEC, they have created lifelong memories and mostly they feel exhilarated because they have overcome their own personal challenges, while keeping safe.

Ten students headed to the Hillary Outdoors for an annual Leadership Camp in the second week of Term 3. The week involved skiing, abseiling, caving, high ropes, snow tramps and staying overnight in Tongariro National Park with the students building great friendships throughout the week. The camp offers Year 12 and 13s the opportunity to face challenges and grow as individuals and leaders and is open to all seniors.

Shortly after this, both Year 9 and 10 groups attended the weeklong camps at TOPEC, having had a taste of adventure on the camp at the beginning of the year. These students were ready for anything, which was lucky for the year 10s who got just that. After River activities and High Ropes activities they spent a night at Konini Lodge and woke to find a thick blanket of snow outside, the pictures say it all! The Year 9 camp had nearly 40 students which made mealtimes busy and loud and the activities just as much fun and fulfilling.

Grant Robinson

TiC Outdoor Education



Year 10 TOPEC



Year 10 TOPEC



Year 10 TOPEC



Careers

Career Development Education is a priority at NPGHS and 2023 has been another very positive and busy year providing opportunities for students at all levels. Career education is provided in a variety of settings that include: STAR (Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource), Gateway, Trades Academy, Witt 3+2 and Red Shirts. We also have the Whyora programme for Maori students (Health Career focus) and Putaiao (Science Expo), which are both funded by the Taranaki District Health Board.

Furthermore the Mahi Tahi course that was implemented by Ms Jackie Crawford in 2022 continued to build on this initiative in 2023. This program which provides a great opportunity for the Careers Team to continue to create awareness around students' pathway once they leave NPGHS.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge Lisa Floyd's contribution towards students' career development at New Plymouth Girls' High School over her 16 months in the role. We wish her the best for the future.

We welcomed Maria Upton, who has taken on the role as Vocational Pathways Coordinator. Ms Upton brings a considerable amount of knowledge and skills to this position, and we look forward to the continued development of the programmes we have in place.

I would also like to acknowledge the significant contributions of our Vocational Pathway teachers – Dianne Young, Jim Graham and Josie Cleaver who provide a strong platform for students to explore and evaluate their career pathways. Whaea Kimiora also works tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure all our programmes run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Maria Upton, Vocational Pathways Coordinator

I am a Mum of 5 gorgeous kids ranging in age from nearly 25 to 9 so life has been very busy at times!



Originally from the UK, I came to NZ permanently in 1996 after graduating from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, with a First Class Honours Degree in Agriculture/ Business Studies.

Career-wise, I have quite a varied background – Quarantine Officer at Auckland International Airport (for what was then MAF), dry stock farmer, full time Mum, teacher aide, retail manager, Campus Programme Manager for Taratahi, full time Mum (round 2) then, latterly, Court Registry Office at New Plymouth District Court. I was very excited to be offered the role of Vocational Pathways Coordinator here at Girls' High and am relishing the opportunity to be part of making a positive difference in our students' lives. I am very passionate about young people having a focus and having the opportunity to finding something that they love doing. The Gateway Programme provides the perfect

opportunity for students to "try before they buy" and test the waters of a possible career path.

The Careers team wishes all leavers a successful and satisfying future. We acknowledge that the success we experience is very much due to the positive support for careers activities from Senior Management and teaching staff alike. We look forward to assisting all those who are returning in 2023 with their career development education and planning for the years ahead.

Brett Zimmerman

HoD Careers





Awhina Learning Centre

2023 has been a year of consolidation and growth for the staff and students at the Awhina Learning Centre.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming our relief learning assistant, Kylee Hubbard, to our permanent staff and to our Awhina team. Aptly now named the A Team, the Awhina team is comprised of seven learning assistants of exceptional dedication and diverse abilities (Jill Chamberlain, Sharon Church, Vicki Holder, Kylee Hubbard, Leanne Joe-West, Kerry Johanson, Kirsten Probyn) as well as two very experienced Learning Support teachers (Kim Cribb and Shirley McVicar). Throughout 2023 our team has continued to ably support a wide range of students at all levels within the classroom or at the Awhina Learning Centre.

At the end of 2022 we farewelled Jenny Saunders who was a foundation member of Awhina, having given dedicated service as a teacher aide at New Plymouth Girls' High School for twenty-six years. As a student she attended Girls' High School for three years so in total Jenny has spent twenty-nine years at New Plymouth Girls' High School. She also worked as a Library Assistant and effectively combined the two roles of library assistant and learning assistant for sixteen years. Before working at New Plymouth Girls' High School, Jenny worked as a teacher aide at the Activity Centre for eight years, so she had a wealth of experience as a teacher aide to offer our students. Jenny has been well loved and respected by both staff and students and she provided care, support and compassion for a wide range of students who were lucky enough to have her as their learning assistant. We miss her sense of humour, her laughter, her chattiness and friendliness at Awhina and we all wish her all the very best for her future, and for her retirement.

We were saddened to hear that Judy Jones passed away in June 2023. Judy was a learning assistant at Awhina until 2012 when she suffered a stroke. In June 2023 Judy suffered a second stroke, and she passed away peacefully in the hospital with her husband by her side. A gentle, kind lady, Judy was loved by all of the students she provided care for and respected by the staff she worked with.

This year there have been an increase in students who are lucky enough to work with the vivacious Kim Cribb, our Learning Support teacher who is based at Awhina. Depending on the needs, students are grouped together to work on literacy, numeracy, life skills and/or social skills and Kim devises effective, exciting programmes that allow for development in these areas. There has also been an increase in students at Awhina who are dual enrolled in Northern Health School and/ or Te Kura -Correspondence School so these students also work at Awhina on subjects set by Te Kura (usually English and Maths).

We have a small group of three students who are based fulltime at Awhina. Two of these students enjoyed attending a vocational life skills course at WITT for one day a week for Terms 2 and 3. This has given them another location to work in as well as opportunities to mix with a range of other students as they start moving towards learning beyond New Plymouth Girls' High School. As well they have enjoyed joining in 'Make n Bake' cooking, health classes, music and dance sessions at Waimarie. We have been fortunate to have had Conductive Education work with our students on a weekly basis which has continued to develop coordination and cross-brain thinking. Each week new goals and scores are reached with students competing against their previous scores and achievements. Lots of laughter and joy accompanied this

learning. We have also participated in sports events including TSSA Athletics and swimming. Our aim is to make the most of any opportunity.

A highlight this year for our Awhina based students was a visit from Helen Griffiths who has recently written a book "Ross the Cat" about Ross the Cat who is well known for frequenting Pukekura Park and befriending the people who visit the park. Eden Fairweather, Year 12, was lucky enough to be one of four people selected to be a character in this story, so she features in the story alongside the increasingly famous Ross.

In 2022, because of the restrictions of covid, the ESOL (English as a Second Language) department was disestablished at New Plymouth Girls' High School and the ESOL students were added to the Awhina Learning Support Register so that Awhina now has the added benefit of supporting a wider, diverse range of students with varying learning and cultural backgrounds. Currently we have fourteen ESOL students funded by the Ministry of Education who are receiving support from Awhina staff. We have been fortunate this year in that we do have one qualified ESOL teacher, Yomi Williams from the Languages Department, who is able to teach the funded students for one spell a week.

Our SPEC classes have also grown this year. This year's SPEC classes are to be commended for their diligence and perseverance in working through various unit standards of their choice. Their results speak for themselves with six 1SPEC students achieving over 20 Level 1 NCEA credits and five 2SPEC students achieving over 20 Level 2 NCEA credits.

The school's SAC roll has also increased, and we now have sixty-two senior students who have been approved Special Assessment Conditions by NZQA for their NCEA internal and external assessments.

At present we also have twenty-eight junior SAC (Special Assessment Conditions) students so at Awhina, we are currently providing Special Assessment Conditions for ninety students. Our learning assistants have worked tirelessly to support our SAC students for their internal and external assessments as it is still difficult this year to schedule volunteers due to the effects of covid and the flu on student absences.

In closing, thank you to the Awhina Learning Centre team for a very successful year. Your dedication to the education and well-being of our students make it a pleasure to be part of such a positive, dynamic team and it has been a privilege this year to collaborate with you all. To all of the staff we have worked with during 2023, to Brett McFarlane (our Line Manager), to the Senior Management Team, and to the Pastoral team (our deans and counsellors), thank you for your support of our students and our staff.

Thank you especially to all of the students we have been fortunate enough to work with this with this year.

On behalf of the Awhina team, I wish you all the best for 2024.

Kia Kaha

Shirley McVicar

HoD Awhina Learning Centre



Waimarie

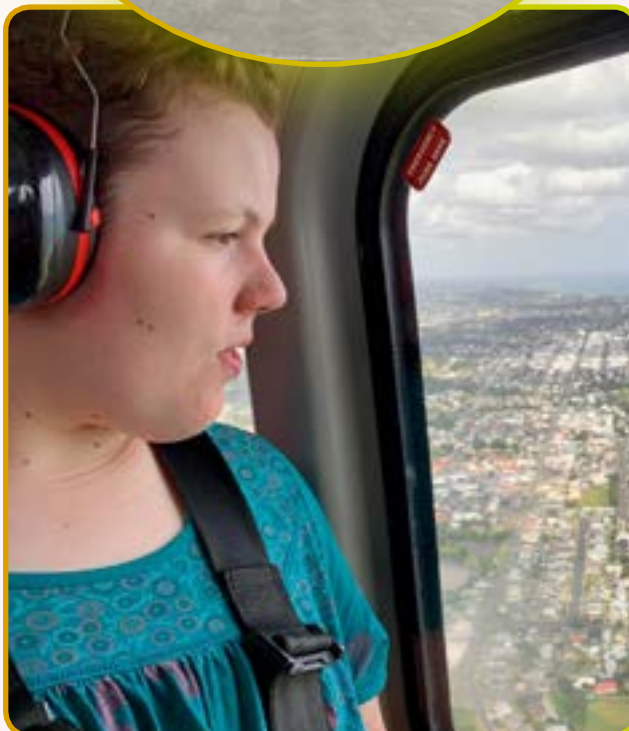
2023 started with a lot of the Waimarie student's heads in the clouds and flying high – quite literally in fact, because we began our year with a helicopter ride. Our students were treated to this helicopter flight courtesy of the kind-hearted pilots at PHI International and thanks to the amazing charity 'Uplift in Kind.' Their goal is to give those less fortunate 'Uplifting Experiences' and it truly was a once-in-a-lifetime event.

The reality for our Waimarie families is that they do not tend to go on many holidays, let alone experience adventures involving aviation. The high level of care that is required for these disabled young people makes it a challenge to even get their 'daily living' basics done. Trying new things beyond the safety of the home or school environment are challenges for our students due to the 'sensory overload' and high anxiety that often comes with being autistic. Therefore, this experience was an extraordinary privilege and thankfully, it also became a resounding success.

Along with some equally excited whānau, they flew together from the airport, out over Waitara, on to Mangamahoe, along the coast to Oakura and finished with a fascinatingly low ride over the city. It was moving to see our students totally mesmerised by the views and scrutinising everything below with serene smiles on their faces.

Back at the PHI base, we were treated to Knead donuts, milkshakes, and hotdogs thanks to Gabby's Starlight Hope Charity. It was comic to witness one of our students independently go and give one of the pilots a wee elbow nudge, as if to say, "hey come on, let's go up again." Meanwhile her mum shared "that helicopter has had an amazing effect on her... we can't normally hang around and socialise like this and get to enjoy the food because she normally wants to go straight home. But she's just so happy to be here. This is so special!"

Back down to earth, we have been able to enjoy our most settled year in Waimarie for a long time. Thanks to the final stage of our building renovations being completed over the summer, we re-gained our outdoor garden area. We like to live and learn seasonally, so we have relished reconnecting with our mini orchard of fruit trees. Our apple tree had a bumper crop, despite fierce competition with the blackbirds we got a bounty of blueberries, we have four bunches of banana's waiting to ripen, we boast we have the best lemon tree in town and new plantings will give us feijoa and mandarins next winter. The addition of accessible garden beds has provided multiple crop rotations. 'Garden to plate' learning, has resulted in our horticulture and cookery lessons interweaving successfully. Our monster swede



was quite a surprise! It is great to see our students harvest, cook and eat fresh greens and fruit every week.

Connecting with nature has emerged as an ongoing focus this year. Whether it be studying the science of weather, using flora and fauna in our art, an easter egg hunt and campfire together in our garden or getting offsite to parks and beaches... we regularly try to foster a connection with our environment. Connecting with nature fits perfectly with our Puanga Matariki celebrations. Matariki is our major festivity and keeps us occupied for weeks. We have learnt more about the Matariki cluster, we hosted whānau together with our Māori Performing Arts class for a special winter feast and we have picked up rubbish or found treasure at the beach. We created Matariki inspired wearable arts and simply took the time to enjoy yummy kai together. It is a special time of year that happily gets us through the darkest months.

There has also been plenty of hard work and professionalism interwoven with our daily school life. Communication is a challenge for our class who are predominantly 'non-speaking'. Therefore, developing alternative communication strategies is at the forefront of our teaching. Staff are continually upskilling via Speech/Language and Occupational Therapy informed professional development with the TalkLink Trust. We have supported several students through a range of assistive technology trials that augment and assist our non-speaking students to access curriculum, as well as to express themselves in meaningful ways. Dedicated teaching, equipment configuration and data gathering has resulted in four students receiving equipment that set them up for a lifetime of communication tech-support. Two more students are starting the process. One student is relishing her new ability to communicate – especially now that she can say exactly what she would like to order at McDonalds! It is 'life changing' stuff to find ways to give

these young adults a voice.

Schoolwide and community connections continue to be a vital source of inclusion and extension. With Ms McVicar's support, we have valued the addition of new 'cross-over' lessons with some lovely Awhina Learning Centre students and their staff. Ms Cribb has played a major part in this working cohesively – huge thanks! Ms McCrae's Dance class continues to be the best possible start to our week. We have benefited from a year-long program of weekly sessions with Conductive Education's TOI funded 'Rehabilitative Gaming Sessions' which enable students to develop cognitive and gross-motor skill function. Thanks to Mrs Woller's support, we have continued to 'fill our wellbeing bucket' each week with (at times raucous but mostly very calming) music sessions with Julian Raphael. RDA is a great service and the whole class have enjoyed Sport Taranaki gym sessions with 'Coach' Jodi from Gymnastica. The more inclusive focus TSSSA offered this year has been a new experience we appreciated. With the Careers department's help, the WITT Skills for Living Star course provides an essential pathway for our students transitioning towards further education. We appreciate our welcoming Visual Arts Department staff – their classes are a wonderful fit for us. Mr Robinson, along with his friendly Kawhai Huia also deserve a big shout-out for being the coolest vertical form we know. Whaea Unity and her talented Māori Performing Arts Class not only accommodate our weekly visits to the whareniui with warm manakitanga, but they are a super important part of our Matariki festivities – it is always a pleasure to have the girls in our whare too. We would like to acknowledge Mr McFarlane for his ongoing leadership support.

We farewell Helaina Taal as she turns twenty-one and graduates this year. We will miss her genuine enthusiasm for all things musical, especially her gutsy singing, free spirited dancing, and tenacity with

musical chairs! Helaina had an amazing experience at the school ball and her mother shared how 'blown away' they were with our inclusive Year 13 leaders who made sure that Helaina felt like the 'belle of the ball' and had a super special night.

Huge thanks are owed to our Waimarie staff. They are a supportive team and are very dedicated to our students. They go above and beyond. They believe in the abilities rather than the disabilities that these young people possess. They are problem solvers, hard workers, mentors, empaths, and generous souls. We owe them huge thanks because it is not always easy work – but they manage to make it a whole heap of fun.

Sarah Sampson

HoD Waimarie







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PROUDLY NPGHS SPARKIES

Track and Field

Championships 2023

TRACK & FIELD RESULTS 2023

SENIOR CHAMPION:

Hayley Tewhata (16 points)

RUNNER-UP:

Lottie Moffat (14 points)

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION:

Lexi Elmam (20 points)

RUNNER-UP:

Kaitlin Antill (12 points)

JUNIOR CHAMPION:

Charlize Duncan (23 points)

RUNNER-UP:

Molly Rukuwai (16 points)

DAY GIRLS vs BOARDERS:

1st: Day Girls

DAY GIRLS vs BOARDER CHANT:

1st: Staff

WAKA HUIA RESULTS

HOUSE BANNER

1st Aotea

2nd Kurahaupo

3rd Tokomaru

4th Tainui

WAKA HUIA RELAYS JUNIOR:

1st Kurahaupo

2nd Aotea

3rd Tainui

4th Tokomaru

WAKA HUIA RELAYS SENIOR:

1st Kurahaupo

2nd Aotea

3rd Tainui

4th Tokomaru

KAWAI HUIA RELAYS

1st KUSSM

2nd KUACH

3rd AOGRO

FINAL HOUSE POINTS

1st Aotea 952 points

2nd Kurahaupo 945 points

3rd Tokomaru 705 points

4th Tainui 612 points



Records

Intermediate Girls

Molly Rukuwai Aotea Junior High Jump
1.57m

Old record Conal Grant 1999 1.50m

Jaide Webby Kurahaupo Senior High Jump
1.54m

Old record Moira Senior 1993 1.53m





Swimming Sports

Championships 2023

NPGHS SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS – 2023

SENIOR CHAMPION:

Bella Wansbrough

RUNNER-UP:

Ruby Hales

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION:

McKenzie Rowlands

RUNNER-UP:

Madeline Hobo

JUNIOR CHAMPION:

Emma Icton

RUNNER-UP:

Trelise Riddel

DAY GIRLS vs BOARDERS:

1st: Day Girls

DAY GIRLS vs BOARDER CHANT:

1st: Boarders

WAKA HUIA RESULTS

WAKA HUIA ENTRY TO THE POOL:

1st Aotea

2nd Kurahaupo

3rd Tokomaru

4th Tainui

WAKA HUIA TUBE RELAY:

1st Tainui

2nd Kurahaupo

3rd Tokomaru

4th Aotea

WAKA HUIA SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING:

1st Kurahaupo

2nd= Aotea

2rd= Tokomaru

4th Tainui

CHANT

1st Tainui

2nd Aotea

3rd Kurahaupo

4th Tokomaru

WAKA HUIA RELAYS JUNIOR:

1st Tainui

2nd Aotea

3rd Kurahaupo

4th Tokomaru

WAKA HUIA RELAYS SENIOR:

1st Aotea

2nd Tainui

3rd Tokomaru

4th Kurahaupo

KAWAI HUIA RELAY

1st KUWST

2nd AOEMC

3rd AOLHA

4th AOSBE

5th AOJGR

6th AOJFA

7th TOKCR

FINAL WAKA HUIA RESULTS:

1st Aotea 631 pts

2nd Kurahaupo 501 pts

3rd Tainui 404 pts

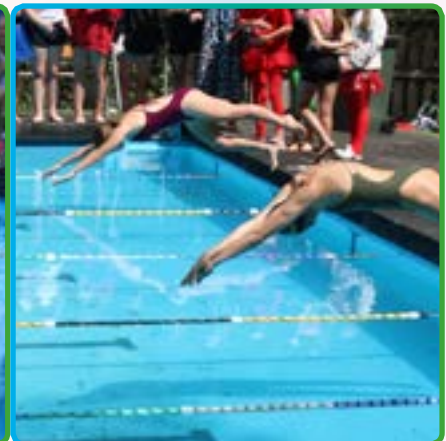
4th Tokomaru 386 pts

Records

Senior Girls

100yds Freestyle

Bella Wansbrough 55.38





Sporting Achievements

Cricket

The New Plymouth Girls' High School 1st XI Cricket team had a very successful season. The NPGHS team played in the Taranaki Cricket Junior Secondary School Division 2 competition in Term 4 2022 and Term 1 2023. We had some great wins and some very close fixtures. Unfortunately, the bad weather abandoned quite a few games in both terms, however, it wasn't without success.

Our players made some great run totals throughout the season and took numerous wickets. We would especially like to congratulate Charlotte Butler on her 100 runs not out against Te Paepae O Aotea (Hawera) Year 9/10 boys and Caitlin Marshall on taking 5 wickets for just 2 runs against New Plymouth Boys High Jordans.

After winning the Aimee Watkins Trophy against Sacred Heart in 2022, we earned the opportunity to travel to Palmerston North to play in the Central District qualifiers for a place at Nationals. Up first we played Palmerston North Girls' High School where we won after chasing down their score of 97 runs with 5 overs to spare. After winning this game it gave us the opportunity to play against a tough St Mathews Collegiate team. Going into this we knew we needed to get some of their key players out quickly. After batting first, we put up an intimidating total of 129 runs for 9 wickets, this was a great team effort with Caitlin Marshall top scoring (19) and Anika Scott (17). Going out to field we knew we had to take all chances offered, our high score put pressure on both their opening

batters allowing us to dismiss them early. We managed to restrict them to 119 runs with our bowlers all contributing and taking wickets at key times. The team was fizzing to come away with 2 wins knowing we were heading to the Nationals in Lincoln, Christchurch at the end of 2022.

The Gillette Venus Cup Nationals comprised the top 6 Secondary Schools Girls teams from across the six districts in New Zealand. This was the first time since 2017 that NPGHS took part, so it was a new experience for the whole team. After a washout of two games on the first day, the team was keen to get underway. Day 2 resulted in two losses against Christchurch Girls High School and Otago Girls High School. The final day saw us grab two strong wins against Waikato Diocesan and Wellington Girls High School. This meant we placed a well-deserved 4th in New Zealand. Over the tournament, everyone stood up and contributed to the team's performance. At the prizegiving, we were awarded the Spirit of Cricket Award which was voted by the umpires and officials to the team who best upheld the spirit of cricket during the tournament. This was an unforgettable experience for everyone and one we hope the NPGHS 1st XI teams get the opportunity to attend in the future.

We also played our annual inter-school games against Wanganui Collegiate and Palmerston North Girls' High School in Term 1 2023. We were able to take a convincing win over Wanganui Collegiate after scoring 173 runs for 3 wickets in the first innings with Cara Hollard top scoring (49). We were able to bowl Wanganui Collegiate out in the



Charlotte Butler 100 runs

second innings for 25 runs with Pippa Birdsall being the pick of the bowlers finishing with 3 wickets for just 2 runs. Unfortunately, we couldn't get the win over PNGHS, but Cara Hollard was the standout bowler picking up 4 wickets for only 5 runs.

Congratulations to former student Grace Foreman for making the Central District's U19 Women's team. Caitlin Marshall, Cara Hollard, Charlotte Butler, and Anika Scott were selected for the Central Districts U17 Girls team. Caitlin was later named as the Central District's U17 Girls Player of the Year.

New Plymouth Girls' High School had a good representation throughout Taranaki age groups teams with Grace Foreman and Caitlin Marshall being selected in the Taranaki Women's team with Charlotte Butler and Anika Scott called up to play towards the end of the season. Grace Foreman, Maddie Kinnell, Caitlin Marshall, Cara Hollard, Charlotte Butler, Anika Scott, Pippa Birdsall and Jorja Death all represented Taranaki in the Year 11-13 Girls' team, who went unbeaten and won their tournament. Charlotte Joy Blackmore, Maddie Mackenzie, Zoe Miller, and Greer Parkes all represent

the Taranaki Year 9/10 Girls' team.

We had great numbers creating two teams this season to allow the Year 9/10 girls to play in a development cricket team. We would like to thank the development players for stepping up to play for the 1st XI team when needed. They had some good performances with Greer Parkes scoring 56 not out and some good bowling from Alexi O'Byrne who picked up 2 wickets in the win against Sacred Heart on the Festival Day Competition.

We would like to thank Chris Coombe for coaching the 1st XI and managers Helen Foreman, Sharon Marshall, and Diana Hollard. Special mention to Helen for her commitment and organisation over the years her girls have attended NPGHS. Also, thanks to Bryce Gordon for coaching and Wendy Parkes for managing the development team. Thank you for putting your time into attending trainings, Saturday games and interschool games. Also, to the parents that have scored, umpired, provided transport and been supportive and helpful on the sideline. The continuous positivity and encouragement helped us to achieve so much this season.

Caitlin Marshall & Cara Hollard

Co-captains



Cricket 1st XI

Back Row: Zoe Miller, Anika Scott, Charlotte (CJ) Blackmore, Maddie MacKenzie

2nd Row: Sharon Marshall (Manager), Pippa Birdsall, Jorja Death, Charlotte Butler, Christopher Coombe (Coach)

Front Row: Diya Menon, Cara Hollard, Caitlin Marshall, Adelaide Petrie

Absent: Catherine Frew, Alexa Hale



Cricket Venus Cup Team



Swimming

Our first Secondary School competition was the NZSS Open Water Swimming Champs in Rotorua. Madeline Hobo came away with a respectable 5th in the 14-15yr old division for the 1km event.

Our zonal Secondary Schools Swimming Championships was up next held at Mount Maunganui. This is a competition where the country is divided up into 4 zones. We lie in the Aquaknights zone which consists of the Waikato, Taranaki, Bay of Plenty and Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay Regions. Madeline Hobo came 2nd in the 14-15yrs 2.8km.

Unfortunately, they cancelled the North Island Secondary Schools swimming championships this year, so we never got to take a team away.

Two swimmers attended the New Zealand Secondary Schools Swimming Champs in Wellington in July. Madeline Hobo and Emma Icteton both swam extremely well, with Emma gaining 5th place in the



Madeline Hobo
NZSS Open Water Champs 2023

100 Breaststroke, 6th Place in the 200 Breaststroke and 8th place in the 50 Breaststroke for the 13-year-old Girls.

A big thank you to the parents who took time to support their students swimming at these competitions.



Swimming - NZSS

Present: Emma Icteton
Absent: Madeline Hobo

Angela Whitehead

TIC Swimming



Madeline Hobo
NZSS Open Water Champs 2023



Swimming NZSS

NZSS Swimming Champs 2023 Madeline Hobo and Emma Icteton

Senior A Volleyball

The Volleyball season began with high hopes and determination. Our team, fueled by passion and skill, triumphed in the regionals, emerging as the top contenders. Beating formidable opponents like Spotswood and Waitara showcased the team's talent and tenacity.

With our team's success in regionals, there was the opportunity to compete at the nationals, an experience that tested our abilities and brought out the true essence of teamwork. The nationals weren't just about the games; they were a platform where friendships were forged, and bonds were strengthened. The team's unity, both on and off the court, became a source of inspiration for everyone involved.

At the nationals, our team faced tough challenges, but each game was a testament to our hard work and dedication. Winning several matches in such a competitive environment highlighted our skills and determination. Although the journey concluded sooner than desired, the experience was invaluable. Every player displayed resilience, demonstrating that success was not merely measured by the trophies won, but by the character and sportsmanship shown in the face of adversity.

Beyond the victories and defeats, what truly made that season special was the camaraderie among teammates. Late-night strategy sessions, shared laughter, and the unwavering support during intense matches created a sense of family within the team. These moments not only defined the season but also created lifelong memories that were cherished by each team member.

As the season came to a close, our team could reflect on a year filled with growth, both as individual



Volleyball – Premier

*Back Row: Erica Thompson, Sophia Louis, Lila Corral, Ava Topping, Alexa Hale, Kayla McGlashan
Front Row: Meisha Hopkinson, Indya Molloy, Addi Schwirtlich, Melanie Avery, Madeleine Leeks*

players and as a cohesive unit. The lessons learned, the friendships formed, and the challenges overcome served as steppingstones for future successes. The experience at nationals was not just a chapter in the team's story; it was a milestone, reminding everyone of the heights they could reach when they worked together with passion and determination. These qualities would undoubtedly pave the way for even greater achievements in the seasons to come.



Lila Corral, Maddie Rose, Melanie Avery, Kayla McGlashan, Addi Schwirtlich, Sophia Louis, Indya Molloy, Meisha Hopkinson, Erica Thompson, Ava Topping, and Alexa Hale.

TSSSA Junior Volleyball

The TSSSA Junior Volleyball Tournament was an emotional and physical roller coaster. With every serve, spike, and receive on the court, you could feel the excitement rushing.

The competition was hard, but the friendship among our team was even stronger. Each game seemed like a mini-adventure, and there was a melting pot of skill and teamwork. Our willpower was strengthened by the encouragement of our teammates and the applause of the spectators. Win or lose, it was a valuable day filled with development, insight, and special memories. As a player, it was more than simply a competition; it was a chance to show off our abilities, establish long-lasting relationships, and establish a love for Volleyball.

Giselle Du Preez & Cahill Siebert-White



Tennis

On the 15th of February there was the TSSSA which was a day with Years 9-13 Tennis players from a range of different high schools in the region versing one another. It was hosted at Pukekura and Huatoki Tennis courts with Pukekura being the competitive grade and Huatoki being the social grade. It was a fun day for all.

This year our New Plymouth Girls' High School Tennis team worked together and versed many other students from other schools in exchanges and competitions. Ten of us versed Whanganui Collegiate at the beginning of the year in doubles and singles. This exchange was hosted at our own tennis courts at NPGHS. We had many games that were won by

our team, and we all had a great time. Our second inter-school was with Palmerston North Girls' High School which was hosted at their school. It was competitive and challenging competition.

It was a great season and I'm looking forward to next year.

Sophie Thomas

Year 12



Tennis - TSSSA & Exchanges

Back Row: Sophie Thomas, Thea Betts

Front Row: Liané De Bruyn, Nicole Kowalewski, Tazanna Reddy

Absent: Viv Benton, Disha Khanolkar, Elliott O'Keefe, Greer Upson, Lily Wilson-Page



TSSSA Track & Field

This year, TSSSA track & field was held on a cloudy day in early March. NPGHS had a great turn out with some incredible results. 21 individuals gained one or more top 3 placings, while the school collectively earned 18 first placings over the various disciplines and categories. The day started with the 100m relays. The Intermediate Girls earned 2nd place while both the Senior's and Junior's won their categories, with the juniors setting a new TSSSA record of 53.69 seconds.

The Junior Girls did exceptionally well throughout the day. During the 300m sprint they claimed all

top three placings, Charlize Duncan 1st, Vivi Hale 2nd, Emma Icteton 3rd. Additionally, Charlize Duncan earned 1st in 100m and 2nd in long jump, Vivi Hale 2nd in the 800m, and Emma Icteton 3rd in the 800m and 1500m. Lara Antill 3rd in the 200m, Marley Sampson 1st for the 800m, 1500m, and the 3000m while Kaley Stockwell won both the Long jump and the High jump. Moley Rukuwai gained 1st 70m hurdles, 3rd Long Jump, 1st Triple Jump, and 2nd High Jump.

In the Intermediate category during the track events, Darcy O'Sullivan placed 2nd in the 400m, 800m, and the 1500m, and Jacquelyn Kowalewski claimed 1st in both 1500m and 3000m. In the Field events Milla Rasmussen placed 2nd in both Javelin and discuss, Greer Parkes 3rd Javelin, Paipa Robinson 1st Discuss, Hannah Armstrong 2nd Long Jump, Alexis Elemam 3rd Triple Jump and 2nd high Jump, Sejal Patel 3rd High Jump. During the Senior

Girls track events Lottie Moffat won the 400m, Renee Donovan won both the 800m and the 1500m, Mahalia Costa-Rangi came 2nd in the 200m and Emily Orr came 3rd in the 400m. Throughout the field events Jaide Webby won the high jump, and Sophie Wilkinson achieved 3rd in shot put.

It was a wonderful day and very successful for NPGHS.

Hannah Armstrong

Year 11



TSSSA Track & Field

Back Row: Emily Orr, Darcy O'Sullivan, Mahalia Costa-Rangi, Anneleen Lingenfelder, Charlize Duncan, Milla Lash

2nd Row: Kaley Stockwell, Trelise Riddell, Jaide Webby, Lottie Moffat, Hazel McLeod, Renee Donovan, Molly Rukuwai

Front Row: Hannah Armstrong, Emma Icteton, Emma Jamieson, Portia Mason, Jacquelyn Kowalewski, Vivienne (Vivi) Sherwood-Hale (Hale)

Absent: Lara Antill, Chadelle Bascara, Alexis Elemam, Scarlet Helms, Maia Hori, Elise Jamieson, Isla Mutch, Greer Parkes, Sejal Patel, Yelena Poching, Milla Rasmussen, Paipa Robinson, Marley Sampson, Emily Werder, Sophie Wilkinson

NZSS Track and Field 2022

The New Zealand Secondary Schools (NZSS) Track and Field competition for 2022 was held in our very own Inglewood TET stadium, and as a school New Plymouth Girls' High came away with some awesome results.

We had 11 students participating in the competition across various events and age groups. Jacquelyn Kowalewski placed a very respectable fourth in both the 1500m and 3000m for the Intermediate Girls' races. Charlize Duncan also placed a respectable fourth in her 100m heat with a personal best of 13.59 seconds. Lottie Moffat placed an awesome 14th in the senior girls' 4km road race. Sasha Al Dahzani placed 2nd in the 200m and 1st in the 400m senior girls' Para race, also setting an incredible T38 New Zealand Secondary Schools record in the 200m. There were plenty of personal bests achieved throughout the three days as well as some very close results such as the senior girls 4x100m relay team that just missed out on qualifying for the final by .38 seconds. Marley Sampson ran her personal best in her Year 9 Girls 1500m heat and Alexis Elleman also equalled her personal best in



Track & Field - NZSS

Back Row: Nicole Kowalewski, Lottie Moffat, Jaide Webby, Eddie Brown (TIC)

Front Row: Jacquelyn Kowalewski, Mahalia Costar-Rangi, Charlize Duncan

Absent: Chadelle Bascara, Alexis Elemam, Marley Sampson, Emily Werder

the Year 9 Girls' High Jump with a very competitive field of athletes. Overall, the competition was a very successful and enjoyable few days, with heaps of awesome results and performances.

Nicole Kowalewski

Year 13



Chadelle Bascara (left) and Marley Sampson (right) in the Yr9 girls 4x100m heat.



Jacquelyn Kowalewski (left) during her sprint finish in the 1500m.

NPGHS Cross Country

Slow and steady wins.... maybe a participation certificate but not at the Girls' High School Cross Country!

The students that were involved did amazingly well as our school's course is not the easiest to run. The girls zipped around Vogelstown Park, bolting up the unforgiving hills, and finished strong with some sprint offs in the last 50m of the course!

There were quite a few outstanding placings we would like to mention.

Senior Girls

1st Jacquelyn Kowalewski, 2nd Emma Jamieson, 3rd Lottie Moffat

Junior Girls

1st Marley Sampson, 2nd Madeline Hobo, 3rd Bethan Mulliss



Year 9 Girls

1st Vivi Hale, 2nd Frankie Walker, 3rd Emma Icteton

Lastly, we would like to thank the volunteers as well as the school's Sports Department for preparing and setting up the grueling course.

Eddie Brown

TiC Cross Country



TSSSA Cross Country

The challenge of running off road and a muddy track was accepted by a team of 26 runners that completed in the Year 9, Junior and Senior races. As we left New Plymouth the weather looked like it would be another rainy day. However, arriving in Hawera the weather cleared. It was time to warm up, do some stride outs and stretches and get ready for each race.

The Year 9 field was small, however, still needed a runner to take charge. Vivi Hales came in first with a respectful time of 13.29 for the 3km race. Frankie Walker was 3rd, and Kiana Brewer 4th.

The Junior field was the biggest of the day. NPGHS again dominated the race – Marley Sampson won in the race in 12.47, Bethan Mullis was 3rd and Madeline Hobo 4th.

The senior race saw the NPGHS



Cross-Country – TSSSA

Back Row: Emma Jamieson, Sara Jury, Yusong (Rayna) Kim, Maia Dinnison, Bethan Mulliss, Annie Fisher

2nd Row: Estelle Monk, Kiana Brewer, Renee Donovan, Lottie Moffat, Molly Fletcher, Claire Feltoe, Eddie Brown (TiC)

Front Row: Anya Hunt, Samara (Sammy) Wolfe, Olivia Corin, Frankie Walker, Petra Hofmans, Jacquelyn Kowalewski, Vivienne (Vivi) Sherwood-Hale (Hale)

Absent: Hannah Armstrong, Kyla Baker, Chadelle Bascara, Brooklyn Burton, Stacey Colbourne (TiC), Lily Freeman, Madeline Hobo, Sarah Johnson, Labhaoise Kennedy, Portia Mason, Laura McNeil, Darcy O'Sullivan, Caydence Roberts, Marley Sampson, Hayley Tippett, Paige Wilson

trifecta, Jacquelyn Kowalewski wins in a commanding 17.17 (4km), Sara Jury (returning to NPGHS) 2nd and Emma Jamieson 3rd.

The runners stayed to watch the senior boy's race then left earlier to ensure we beat the other teams for the post-race treat at Stratford

Northern Dairy on the way home.

Thanks to Mr E Brown and Mr P Parker who accompanied the team.

A team was selected from this event to compete at the NZSS Cross Country event in June.



Whanganui Around the Lakes Relay

This year, the Whanganui Around the Lakes Relay was a great day out for our NPGHS Running Squad. On the 4th of September, 20 of our students went down to compete in teams of four around a 2km course. We had 5 teams competing, filled with high amounts of talent.

In the Year 9 category, our A team came 3rd in the time of 36:22, which was an amazing effort. Our B Team followed closely too, coming 9th only around 3 minutes behind! Our U16 Girls raced against a very strong field, picking up a solid 6th place in a time of 34:35 and our Senior Girls finished in 4th place in their category with a time of 32:26.

It was awesome to see all the mahi that had been put in over the year pay off and to have such a strong representation from NPGHS was amazing to see. A big thank

you to Mrs Colbourne and Mr Parker for taking and supporting us at the event!

Lottie Moffat

Year 13

Netball

Once again trials started way back in February for the 2023 season. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out – it is a massive job with 31 teams being selected this year!

The new system of paying umpires didn't seem to pan out this year, as there were a lot of games that were unallocated due to lack of students willing to umpire week in and week out. It was a tough job for our student Umpire Co-ordinators who took over the task part way through the season and a huge thank you to them for doing their very best with what they had.

Premier Netball Team

Premier 3 grade winners.
Taranaki Schools Senior Competition winners.
LNISS 3rd place.
SS Nationals 14th

After strong performances in Taranaki Reps, Lower Norths and Nationals, congratulations to Amy Vickers (injured), Sophia Louis, Hayley Tewhata, Harper Leatuafi and Amy Smith who were selected to compete in the Central Zone trials. Congratulations to Amy Smith and Harper Leatuafi who were then selected to attend the Central Zone Advanced Netball Camp at the end of October.

A huge thank you to Miss Collins,

Tanya Anaha and Vanessa Mason for your time, care and commitment to this team

Congratulations to the following teams who won their Satellite Grades this season:

NPGHS 10A Senior

Section 4 Winners

NPGHS 9A Senior

Section 5 Winners

NPGHS 10B Senior

Section 7 Winners

NPGHS Cookie Monsters

Youth Section 3 Winners

NPGHS Firebirds

Youth section 3 Winners

NPGHS Girl Bosses

Satellite Closing Day Youth 2
Winners

All of this would not be possible without the commitment from our volunteer Coaches and Managers, and those who helped out with umpiring when needed and those who volunteered to collect in uniforms and the end of the season and return them to school.

Thank you so much, your work is appreciated.

Congratulations to our NPGHS Players who made Representative Teams this year:

U18

Ebonee Good, Sophia Louis, Caro Olliver, Hayley Tewhata, Amy Vickers, Ava Topping

U16

Amy Smith, Harper Leatuafi, Kaitlyn Antill, Enya Burger

Mixed

Mena Raven, Cian Flannagan

U14

Celestial Roberts, Libby Tito, Taya Bailey, Molly Rukuwai, Danielle Tewhata, Lara Antill

U14 Development

Carly Bielski, Ester Poching, Kaley Stockwell

Melanie Leatuafi

Netball Coordinator

Premier A1 Netball

This year for the Premier Netball team was out of this world! At the beginning of the season, we set our goals as a team to take out the Premier 3 Netball Competition, Taranaki Secondary Schools competition, and the ultimate goal of qualifying for nationals held in Auckland for the first time in seven years. In the first half of the season,



Premier A1 Netball

Back Row: Stella Henwood, Ebonee Good, Danielle du Buisson, Mena Raven

2nd Row: Melanie Leatuafi (Primary Care), Madison (Madi) Hann, Sophia Louis, Harper Leatuafi, Ashleigh Collins (Manager)

Front Row: Amy Smith, Caro Olliver, Amy Vickers, Sara Jury

Absent: Tanya Anana (Coach), Vanessa Mason (Ass Coach), Samsara Falaniko, Hayley Tewhata, Ava Topping

Senior A1 Netball

Back Row: Mia Taitoko, Leilani Rova

Front Row: Amy Smith, Lila Corral, Mena Raven

Absent: Kaitlyn Antill, Jada Barnes, Jorja Castles, Adelaide Petrie, Jarhlia Salisbury



we met our goal of claiming the Premier 3 title in which we took part in a tough fought battle against Stratford-Eltham. This win was a huge mark on the season we were to have. Finals Netball enabled us to really unite as a team and have each other's back throughout the entire 60 minutes. During the Lower North Island Netball Secondary Schools held in Wellington during Winter tournament week, this is where the hard work was really going to show and matter. The countless trainings on Tuesday nights, early Wednesday morning fitness trainings, Yo-yo tests, anything awful you could imagine was all paying off for this moment. The campaign the team had during this tournament is something I have never been a part of in my life. The fight, hunger, drive, and passion to never give up is what got us through the gruelling five days of intense Netball. It was during the tournament that we achieved the unthinkable and beat Manukura (the hot favourites) by one goal to knock them out of reaching nationals for

the first time in 18 years. This was a significant moment throughout the week when we finally started to believe we can do this. After playing Queen Margaret Girls' College it was this moment when we found out that we had made nationals. This was the highlight of my netball career. The fight continued onto the next day when we ended up placing third overall after overcoming Tawa College in an intense game.

What it meant to have achieved all our goals and placing 14th in New Zealand for secondary school netball is something not the team or I can put into words. This was more than a team to the girls, Amy, and I, it became like a family! The countless hours we spent together, the laughs and tears we all shared is what made

us so close. I cannot thank Tanya Anaha, Vanessa Mason, Ashleigh Collins, Mel Leatuafi, and Pip Olliver for giving up their time throughout the 30-week campaign. Without all of you the team wouldn't have been what it was.

I hope the strong form that the Premier Netball team is in can carry on for many years to come. As Samsara Falaniko, Sara Jury, and I depart NPGHS for the final time, we wish you all the best for everyone's Netball careers.

Caro Olliver

**Premier A1 Netball
Co-captain, Year 13**

Junior 10A Netball

This year started well for us with the majority of players returning from last year's successful team and a couple of new and dynamic players joining us. We were also incredibly lucky to have the same awesome coaches and manager from last season. This meant that we could continue to build on our skills and game play.

This season began with a challenge for us coming up against women that have played netball for years. We soon realised that our strength was our youth and fitness levels while we had to work hard on positional play and using the space and pockets to our advantage. All that hard work started to pay off as we moved up sections and eventually winning Section 4. Our success continued in the closing day tournament where we won the top grade.

Playing in exchanges was another challenge for our team as we got used to playing against women and had to quickly adapt to playing against our own age, speed, height, and agility. We came away with two wins against Whanganui and



Junior 10A Netball

Back Row: Aaliyah Anaha, Santina Snooks, Matilda Bublitz, Holly Johnson, Enya Burger, Josie Cleaver (Coach)
Front Row: Milla Lash, Emma Hale, Libby Tito, Kahsia Bailey-Nowell, Alexis Elemam

Palmerston North Girls'. A game that we fought hard for was against Manukura at the junior netball tournament. We were down by 5 goals and managed to bring it back and end the game with a draw.

A great opportunity as players this year was that we all were able to play our preferred and experience different positions on court. This meant we were confident with our combinations and to go out and perform to the best of our ability.

On behalf of the players, I would like to thank the supporters who

turned up even in torrential rain to score, sometimes umpire or just cheer from the sidelines we really appreciated it. Sophie, Mrs Cleaver and Liss – how lucky we were to have such passionate and knowledgeable people guiding us through this season. It is sad to think that we will not play together anymore, but I am proud to say that I was part of this team.

Libby Tito

Year 10



Junior 9A Netball

Back Row: Peyton Hancock, Kaley Stockwell, Jada Martin, Molly Rukuwai, Julie Tewhata (Coach)
Front Row: Harper Sutherland, Danielle Tewhata, Taya Bailey, Esther Poching

Hockey

“Ups, Downs and turn arounds”

With the learnings made from the 2022 campaign, there was a renewed excitement for the 2023 hockey season. The news that Federation Cup was to be held in Christchurch in 2023 meant that the preparations started early. Accommodation, transport, and travel were just a few things that needed to be organized well before the team, and season, was even established. Kylie Albon got little reprieve from the 2022 season and went into Super Manager mode to mobilize the beginnings of a historical season for NPGHS Hockey and the 1st XI.

In late Jan, the Management team, with the newly included Co-coach Nicole Wong, started the planning stage and a schedule of events was loosely confirmed. Fundraising ideas, hockey trials, school exchanges and everything else in between were briefly run over. With Kylie's impeccable organizational skills, a calendar of events was produced.

February came and the Junior & Senior trials were upon us. Every year there is a new contingent of players to observe, and this year was a particularly good one. Returning 1st XI seniors from 2022 helped with the Junior trials and helped identify those Yr 9 & 10 players for the future. Their input also helped shape the Junior teams for 2023 which is why we had such strong leaders in the 1st XI team for 2023.

The senior team trialists this year, although a little light in numbers, were still of a good calibre of hockey player which appears to be down to the culture that is being established at NPGHS. The Wider 1st XI training squad was identified from these trials (+ Juniors), and the hard work began.

March saw the start of the Hockey campaign with Fundraising for Federation Cup, Taranaki Club Hockey season begin and hockey trainings



Our leavers, Tatianna Crofskey, Kiera Johnstone, Milla Albon, Heidi Albon, Brooklyn Burton, Nicole Kowalewski

on a Sunday. Deb Gibbs oversaw the fundraising programme and rallied the troops early getting Firewood cut and Silage covering done with lots more scheduled for later in the year. We were also fortunate to have injured Blackstick player Holly Pearson return to the province and catch up with the team for a training session in the school gym. I know the girls were all very excited to see her again.

The annual preseason ANZAC trip to St Paul's Collegiate in Hamilton was attended in the April school holidays and the Team that travelled played St Pauls, Bethlehem, Iona, Waikato Dio, and Kings College for some very good results. 5 wins and no losses with a notable win over Iona being my highlight. We would go on to face Waikato Diocesan School for Girls in pool play at Federation Cup.

The Secondary School season was a little different this year with the Premier Girls having the inclusion of two U15 New Plymouth Boys' High teams and Sacred Heart Girls' College. This proved to be instrumental to the development of the team with the boys playing at speed and for prolonged periods of time. It certainly forced everyone to improve at a rate of knots otherwise you got left behind. With only two losses for the year the NPGHS team came out on top and were left holding the Shield

once again. Well done team.

We had another big contingent of NPGHS girls plus an Assistant Coach, Nicole Wong, in the Taranaki U18's where they travelled to Auckland for this year's tournament. The team finished a respectable 8th in the country and a huge congratulations to Nicole Kowalewski who was identified from this tournament to attend the Future Blacksticks programme held in Hamilton in October.

We had a splattering of school exchanges with local (NZ) and international (ADE Argentina) teams to help the campaign along as well as travelling outside of the district on the weekends for a couple games. The Napier Girls exchange is one I would like to see continued as this was a great chance to improve sporting development across multiple sports. Food for thought.

Federation Cup was upon us in no time at all and we were finally on the steel bird to Christchurch along with the other Top 31 School teams in the country for a week of amazing hockey. We had packed our thermals expecting snow on the first day to be greeted with blue skies and warm temperatures. Go figure.

Our pool consisted of Whangarei Girls', St Andrews College, and



Milla Albon, Heidi Albon, Brooklyn Burton, Nicole Kowalewski & Georgia Luscombe

Waikato Diocesan with the top two moving up into Federation Cup and the bottom into Marie Fry. It would be a tough task for the team, but we set our targets and got about our work. With a win over Whangarei, a loss to STAC and a draw to Waikato Diocesan, a NPGHS team finally progressed into the Top 16 Federation Cup for the first time. We had made history.

There were tears, there were shouts of pure joy and there were a lot of high fives. It was and is a moment that we will all cherish for a long time to come.

The team would eventually go on to place 12th out of the Top 32 teams in the country which is a very respectable finish and one to remember always.

I'd like to recognize our Captain, Milla Albon, for leading this team over the past two years. She has set an impeccable standard with her playing ethics, commitment, and

outright determination to do her best always. She has been a role model throughout and her leadership will definitely be missed. Being supported this year by Senior players Nicole Kowalewski, Sarah Gibbs, Brooklyn Burton, and Kiera Johnstone has certainly helped lead this team to achieve what they have.

I wish you all the best for what is ahead for 2024 and beyond.

The support network has been amazing again and this team is especially lucky to have such a wonderful community of friends, family, and businesses behind them the whole way.

Special mention must go to the backbone of the team for their tireless effort, hours of dedication and sticking it at.

Co-Coach Nicole Wong,
 Manager Kylie Albon,
 Assistant Manager Deb Gibbs,

The families that are always in the background helping (you know who you are),

Our major sponsors CMK Accountants & Albon Building Taranaki (ABT),

I thank you, the team thanks you and we are all very grateful for everything you do.

The year that was 2023.

Simon Johnstone

Coach 1st X1 Hockey

1st X1 Hockey

We started off the year with our pre-season training very early in February followed by trials a couple of weeks later in preparation for our Club Season starting in March, putting our Girls' High team into the Taranaki Premier Club hockey grade gives us the opportunity to get a longer season and gel early together as a team giving us better opportunities to prepare well for our National Secondary School Premier Tournament in August.

As Club had started, we went to our Annual Anzac Tournament in April ahead of many other school teams, this is an opportunity to take our training squad which is full of mixed ages from Year 10-13s. We had a very successful tournament winning all our games this gave us an indication of where we were sitting at the start of the hockey season and from then on what we needed to do from then on, we continued to work hard throughout the season in preparation for our National Tournament which is Federation Cup and Marie Fry Trophy in Secondary Schools Tournament week.

We had many exchanges which we came away with great results throughout the year. This year our Thursday Night School Grade looked a little different than normal as Scared Heart Girls College 1st XI and NPGHS Blue merged our grade with two strong U15 New Plymouth Boys' High School teams. We played Sacred Heart in our final and we placed 1st in our Thursday Night Grade.

Our Club team continued to improve each week this is due to how well we were working together as a team. After placing 4th at the end of 15 rounds, we played the team placed 1st in one of the semifinals we versed a very strong and experienced NPOB team who was unbeaten so far. We were drawn up at full time where



Hockey – 1st XI (Federation Cup)

Back Row: Milla Lash, Casey Drake, Estelle Monk, Natalie Withers, Charlyze Duncan

2nd Row: Jayda Struthers, Mila Nieuwoudt, Brooklyn Burton, Sarah Gibbs, Nicole Kowalewski, Georgia Luscombe

Front Row: Georgia Theodore, Heidi Albon, Milla Albon, Kiera Johnstone, Tatianna Crofskey

Absent: Keira Hide, Mia Padrutt

we went into seven minutes of extra time with both teams remaining goalless, so we went into shootouts which we won, this meant that we were into the Premier Club Grand Final the following week for the first time in eight years. We unfortunately lost a very hard fought final but placing a respectful 2nd place.

With our full focus now on Federation Cup our goal was to make top 16 from the top 32 teams in New Zealand qualifying for Nationals in 2022 but for that to happen we had to place top 2 in our pool which we did. By making top 16 we made history as no NPGHS XI team has placed in top 16 ever. On the cross over pools in the octofinals we played the gold medalists from 2022, Christchurch Girls' High School which was a thrilling game ending up 2-2 at the end of the game going into shootouts where we lost, making us into the bottom 8 of top 16 which we still were very happy with. The next games were against Wellington Girls', Napier Girls' and finally St Matthews' finishing off the tournament with 12th placing.

We have an amazing group of girls that worked extremely hard throughout the season with our early

morning training, indoor hockey, Sunday sessions and travelling away to play other secondary school teams paying off.

This year we have five Year 13s and one Year 12 leaving to new adventures, but we are feeling lucky to leave on a year where we made history.

Thank you to our coaches Simon Johnstone and Nicole Wong and our Managers Kylie Albon and Debbie Gibbs. We thank you for all your work throughout the season as we were so lucky to have you all.

Farewell to our Year 13s, Kiera Johnstone, Sarah Gibbs, Nicole Kowalewski, Brooklyn Burton, and Year 12 Tatianna Crofskey. We leave knowing that NPGHS Hockey is in a very good place and look forward to supporting the 2024 team from afar.

Milla Albon

Captain, Year 13

Junior A Hockey

It was a great year for the Junior A Hockey team. This immensely talented group of Year 9 and 10 girls, led by captain Ella James and vice-captain Natalie Withers, performed admirably on and off the field. The team spirit, dedication to perform to their potential and commitment to improve were outstanding and the driving force behind their success.

The team came together in March

just in time to begin competing in the Senior Women's Club Championship competition playing under the New Plymouth Old Boys' Club banner as NPOB Yellow. After a tough first outing against Te Kiri, the team very quickly clicked and started to form strong combinations which translated to good results on the field. The team finished the regular season in first place and locked away the Challenge Trophy, but unfortunately lost a pulsating final to Te Kiri to finish runners-up.

This year the team competed in the Championship A Grade in the High School competition where they finished off a stellar season

unbeaten. They are the Taranaki Championship A Grade Girls High School Champions!

Thank you to all the parents and Mr Byrne for your support this year, especially Tania Monk for your manager help in the dugout on game days. The girls can be extremely proud of their achievements and their professionalism. It was an honour to be able to coach the team this year.

Jason Lyes

Coach

Basketball

Basketball has been very lucky this year to have outstanding coaches taking charge of our teams and passing on their skills and knowledge of the game. Those girls that turned up every night for practices and every night for gTames benefited by honing their basketball skills, gaining valuable leadership experience, and learning to be good sportswomen.

Some people want it to happen,
Some wish it would happen,
Others make it happen.

Michael Jordan

To all the coaches, managers, and referees – THANK YOU once again for your support of our Basketball programme. Your contribution is valued. We hope you enjoyed your season with your team, and we would love to have you back again in 2024.

Aaron Bailey-Nowell – Premier Coach

Raquel Sampson – Premier Assistant Coach

Macey Brookes – Senior A Coach

Liahna Smith – 9A Basketball Coach

Bri Latavo – 10A Basketball Coach

Dan MacLachlan - Junior Development Coach

Your contribution has been huge, and the school is very grateful to you. Your support and input have contributed to the successes of your respective teams.

A big thank you to the Sports Department for their work behind the scenes getting teams kitted out in their uniforms and on the court ready to play; booking trips and generally just making sure basketball runs smoothly in the school.

Further thanks must go to:

- Sophie Wilkinson – NP Premier League Referee
- Jorja Eldershaw – NP Premier League Referee
- Aimee Oakey – NP Premier League Referee

Unfortunately like many women's sports there has been a decline in numbers of girls wanting to play competitive basketball but to those players who filled out the registration and made that commitment – well done. We hope you had an awesome season this year. Competitive sport does require full commitment to practices and games, but the rewards are huge.

Premier Team: with only three teams competing in Women's Premier this year, and both those teams with several ex NPGHS players, it was always going to be a battle to beat that experience and talent, but our team did exceptionally well and picked up a couple of wins throughout the season. These tough games prepared them well for Regionals (3rd placing) and Nationals (2nd placing out of a pool of 24). The team also came runner-up in the Taranaki Secondary School League.

Special thanks to Aaron Bailey-Nowell for his commitment to coaching the Premier Basketball team this year. This is definitely a big ask with games on both Monday and Wednesday nights and add into that the travel on a Monday night to venues around Taranaki. Aaron's basketball knowledge, gained from his days playing for the Mountain Airs, is extensive and meant he could pass on this knowledge to the team. This allowed our players to improve over the season both in their skill development and their tactical play. Huge thanks must also go to Tony Eldershaw who had the coaching reigns last year and who put in huge hours to help develop these players ready to take on the challenges that go with playing in a Premier team.

To all other teams: Senior A; Y10A; Y9A; Junior Development – congratulations for a very good season. You battled it out on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights in your respective NP Women's grades coming up against some tough opposition. On Monday nights all teams again fronted up and travelled for home and away games against local secondary schools.

Congratulations to:

- Premier team second place Taranaki Secondary School Premier Grade
- 10A second place in Taranaki Secondary School A Grade
- 9A team that made it through to the semi-finals in the Women's B Grade.
- Sophie Wilkinson, Jorja Eldershaw, Hayley Tewhata for their selection into the Taranaki U17 team and their National title at U17 Championships.
- Aimee Oakey for her award for Most Improved Senior Referee

Congratulations to the following for their outstanding successes:

Sophie Wilkinson
NZ U17 Reserve Player

Taranaki Thunder Team
Sophie Wilkinson

Taranaki Thunder Squad
Kahsia Bailey-Nowell

Taranaki U17 Tournament Team
Jorja Eldershaw
Hayley Tewhata
Sophie Wilkinson

Taranaki Secondary Schools All-Star 5 team
Sophie Wilkinson – Senior
Matilda Bublitz - Junior
Kahsia Bailey-Nowell - Junior

Taranaki U15 Team

Kahsia Bailey-Nowell (Tournament team)

Matilda Bublitz

Ruby Reesby

Lani Rova

Santina Snooks

Danielle Tewhata

Libby Tito

NP U15 Green Team

Lainey Hancock

Lilly Naughton

In 2024 we will be looking at ways to further increase player numbers as we know there is a lot more interest for basketball within the school. However, to increase our player numbers we need more coaches and managers. If you are keen to be involved, then we ask that you contact us as soon as possible so that we can include you in our planning for 2024.

Nothing is given

Everything is earned

Le Bron James

Josie Cleaver

Basketball Administrator



Premier A Basketball

This year our season was an amazing experience for the girls. We had a lot of ups and downs but in the end, we achieved our goal of a top 12 placing at Nationals. Throughout the year we grew as a team and individually as players.

The team was lucky this year to have Aaron Bailey-Nowell and Raquel Sampson as our coach and assistant coach. The knowledge and commitment that both these two brought into our team made a huge impact on our year. All the effort that they put into us over the course of the season reaped its rewards when we got to nationals. We are all very grateful for the time, hard work and support that was given to us, we couldn't have had two better coaches.

Secondary School Nationals was a massive event for us. The week had its own ups and downs. We had four injured ankles by the end of the tournament, including two in one game around 20 seconds apart. Gaining 12th place this year was a huge achievement both for the girls and for the school. It is the best placing we have had at nationals in the last seven years, and it will help to set up the team for next year.

In the Taranaki Secondary School League, we just fell short of claiming the title for the second year in a row. Battling against Opunake throughout the year we knew that it would be another close final, losing by only 10 points or so. Even though we didn't come away with a win it gave us a great opportunity to learn how to play as a team and stick together, especially leading into national qualifying the following weekend.

Overall, this season has been one to remember, full of laughs, lessons and growth amongst all. A massive thanks goes to not only the coaches



Basketball – Premier

Back Row: Jordi Sands, Ruby Helms, Sophia Louis, Leah Dallingier-Moss, Leilani Rova

Front Row: Lauren Abrams, Macy Death, Jorja Eldershaw, Charlotte Butler, Kahsia Bailey-Nowell

Absent: Hayley Tewhata, Sophie Wilkinson

but also all our managers we had over the season, the girls and I are incredibly thankful for everything.

Jorja Eldershaw

Year 13, Captain



Senior A Basketball

This year the Senior A Basketball team was a mix of experienced and first-time basketballers. Our team played in the Taranaki Secondary School League, where we grew as a team and all the players developed new skills that benefitted us each week.

We ended up in the semifinal for this league against the NPGHS 10A, but unfortunately, we couldn't pull through with the win. Overall, we finished third in the secondary school league and are proud of our accomplishment. The women's league we played in was a great opportunity to test how we played as a team not just physically but mentally. We had a few up and down games in this women's league however the girls enjoyed the hustle and we finished fifth. Our positive environment in our team made the season fun and encouraged friendships throughout the team on court and off court. A big thank you to Macy Brookes for her leadership and taking the time to coach our team and her kindness to always put smiles on our faces.

Jorja Death

Year 13, Captain



Basketball - Senior A

Back Row: Sophie Thomas, Keisha Houppapa, Kasey Gooch

Front Row: Lilly'Jo Robinson, Jorja Death, Pippa Birdsall

Absent: Macey Austin, Jada Barnes, Savannah Clement, Madison Katene



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10A Basketball

The 2023 NPGHS 10A Basketball season was very successful and fun. The girls in our team have worked hard to achieve some awesome results this year, with an awesome, encouraging coach, Bri Latavao.

Our 10A team came second in the Taranaki Secondary School League, playing a tough final against Te Paepae O Aotea, taking the silver from a 4-point loss. An all-star 5 was made from this league for juniors, Matilda Bublitz from 10A and Kahsia Bailey-Nowell from Prem's got awarded into this 5. We also played our Tuesday night Women League, which was tough but a good experience. Unfortunately, we didn't get a placing for this. A couple of the girls have been playing age group Basketball for New Plymouth Basketball Association and Taranaki Basketball from a young age and it's been such a great experience to go through all these tournaments together and to now represent NPGHS. They are also very happy they could make it a good experience for the new players. From the beginning of the year, I feel we all improved as players and a team.

We began the season just as peers but finished as a family, Bri was a big part of this. She was a great coach who taught us more than just Basketball skills. Bri taught us to be confident, kind, encouraging young women and to always be ourselves and do what we love. I personally gained so much knowledge from her and all of the girls will forever be grateful for the time and effort she put into us. We wish to thank all players, supporters, parents, management and coaches that have helped us have such a successful year representing our whanau, school and region.

Ngā Mihi,

Matilda Bublitz

Year 10



Basketball – 10A

Back Row: Marley Sutherland, Libby Tito, Kaylani Anaha

Front Row: Ruby Reesby, Enya Burger, Matilda Bublitz, Scarlet Helms, Santina Snooks

Absent: Keira Adams, Tatyana Ibarra-Antioquia



Bri Latavao, Libby Tito, Matilda Bublitz, Enya Burger, Santina Snooks

Scarlet Helms, Ruby Reesby, Tatyana Ibarra-Antioquia, Marley Sutherland

Absent: Kaylani Anaha



Basketball – 9A

Back Row: Danielle Tewhata, Zoey Kemp, Lilly Naughton

Front Row: Frankie Walker, Coco Tihema-Walsh, Harper Sutherland, Scarlet Aitken, Lainey Hancock

Absent: Sadie Earl

1st XI Football

A talented squad of 21 players was selected to represent the school in college fixtures, exchanges and tournaments. The team was coached by Leighton Dearden, his 10th year in charge, and was supported by Kelly Read as assistant coach, and Mr Andrew Chubb as manager. With players representing various clubs, new combinations were being formed, with the players adapting to the new environment.

The first challenge for the team was Whanganui Collegiate who always battle hard when the schools have the yearly exchange. Our 1st XI had a strong performance, winning the game 6-1. The next college fixture was against St Peters School (Cambridge), who are ranked 11th in NZ. The team travelled to Cambridge and were up for the challenge. Another strong performance from the team led to an impressive 5-1 win, with Sasha Rasmussen scoring a hattrick. Palmerston North Girls' was the last exchange before nationals, and the team had another strong performance in front of a home crowd. Lilly dowsing scored a hattrick, with the final score 4-0. NPBHS and FDMC provided some final preparation games before nationals, and the high-quality junior boys kept the 1st XI on their toes and the games helped the team adapt to a faster paced style of play.

The NPGHS 1st XI Football Team had an incredible time at the 2023 National Premier Tournament in Taupo, finishing 10th in New Zealand. The week started well with a 1-1 draw against Onehunga High, a huge 2-1 win vs St Kents College (eventual finalist) and a 2-2 draw vs Mt Maunganui High. Those results put the team in the top 16 and they had St Andrews College next up in the crossovers. The game was a tight battle, with the score locked



Football – 1st XI

Back Row: Ella Staples, Ella Third, Harriet Muller

2nd Row: Sasha Rasmussen, Frieda Wilson, Sophie Magon, Catherine Frew, Jessica Whalley, Charlotte (CJ) Blackmore, Leighton Dearden (Coach)

Front Row: Rosanna (Rosie) Hawkins, Chloe Baldwin, Lilly Dowsing, Saskia Pelham, Katie Clough, Zoe Miller, Talia Hinz

Absent: Gemma Feek, Cara Hollard, Sarah Johnson, Aria Pack, Riley Packman

up 0-0 at full time. An unfortunate 4-2 loss on penalties prevented the team on making the top 8. On Wednesday the team played some attractive attacking Football and with most of the school tuned in to the live stream cheering them on, the strong performance led to a 6-0 win vs Cashmere High. Sophie Magon scoring a nationals hat-trick. A 1-0 win vs Takapuna, and a 5-0 loss vs Epsom Girls' Grammer meant the

team finished 10th in New Zealand which was a wonderful achievement. Ka mau te wehi!

Many thanks to the coaches, Leighton Dearden and Kelly Read, and to De-Ann Third and Mrs Sandra Hawkins who ensured the team was well looked after while away for the week. A big thank you must also go to Mr Andrew Chubb for putting the trip together and co-ordinating the fundraising for the team.



Premier Team

The NPGHS Premier Team had an amazing season this year. A new look team with lots of young talent, they made it into the top 6 of the Taranaki Women's Premiership and finished the season in 5th place. The team was voted the Most Deserving Team and received an award for this achievement.

We had an amazing group of players lead by Riley Packman, Gemma Feek, Catherine Frew and Cara Hollard. The players showed strong character, and a never give up attitude, with a great positive culture within the team. The coaches are very proud and honoured to be able to coach the team this year, and enjoyed helping the players develop together, having a fun and enjoyable season. Thanks to all the parents and supporters for the encouragement from the sideline.



Football – Premiers

Back Row: Yusong (Rayna) Kim, Ella Staples, Annie Fisher

2nd Row: Brianna (Bebe) Anderson, Briar Jensen-Voullaire, Margot Harrison, Aria Packman, Leighton Dearden (Coach)

Front Row: Cara Hollard, Sam Hearn-Powers, Catherine Frew, Gemma Wicksteed, Talia Hinz

Absent: Gemma Feek, Lily Freeman, Aria Pack, Riley Packman

Junior A Girls' Football

It was a fantastic season for the Junior A girls' football team. Made up with predominantly year 9 players, they took on some tough opposition including Inglewood High 1st XI, Opunake High 1st XI, Sacred Heart 1st XI and Taranaki Diocesan, as well as the NPGHS social teams who are always tough to play against. Over the season, the team had a narrow 2-1 away loss to Inglewood in their second game but won their other games in the first round. After Inglewood also lost a game early in the season, the team matched them, winning week after week. They played some exciting football, scoring impressive goals and they were strong and determined on defence.

The team knew the season would come down to the return match against Inglewood, but this time we had home field advantage. It was a close game with Inglewood scoring first, but Junior A replied within a couple of minutes and then went



Football – Junior A

Back Row: Lucy Honeyfield, Naavah Jordan, Madison (Maddie) Sewell-Monod de Froideville (Sewell-Monod), Lucy Swan, Rosanna (Rosie) Hawkins

2nd Row: Jamie Hinz (Coach), Emilee Venables-Zhou, Gemma (Gem) McNulty, Chloe McGregor, Sierra Lee, Ken Swan (Coach)

Front Row: Vivienne (Vivi) Sherwood-Hale (Hale), Jayla Stone, Harriet MacRae, Gemma Wicksteed, Adele Keighley, Seremari (Sere) Pulford, Sachi Foard

ahead just before half time. A tight second half saw both teams with chances, but it was Inglewood who managed to get the ball into the net and the game ended in a 2-2 draw. The season finished with Junior A team winning 10 games, losing one and one draw, taking the Taranaki Girls High School League title with a

+10 goal difference over Inglewood.

Thanks to the players for an amazing season and to the parents for all their support. A big thanks must also go to Ken Swan and Jamie Hinz for coaching the team, and Melanie Keighley who did an amazing job as manager.

C.M.S.G and Magic Social teams

The C.M.S.G and Magic teams both had an enjoyable season once again. The C.M.S.G team consisted of some experienced players who had been in the team from many years, along with some new younger players who joined. The team had some great fun all year and had an enjoyable season. The team was coached and managed by Jessica Whalley and Mr Sam Moon, who both did a great job supporting the team, encouraging them and help organise them each week. A big thank you must go to them both!

The Magic team, coached once again by Angela Buckland, also had a great season. There was lots of laughs and the team had some great battles this season, including some wonderful victories. Most games were close and the team always remained positive throughout. A special mention must go to Angela who has volunteered her time for many years at NPGHS, and this year she was awarded the NPGHS Football Supporter of the Year trophy in recognition of the service she has given to the school this year, as well as many other years.

The school says farewell to a number of Year 13 students who have been involved over the years and we want to thank them for being involved. Best wishes to Lily Bridger, Emilia Brown, Lucy Brown, Jodi Carver, Mandrie Du Preez, Hazel Hart, Tia Hawkins, Brooke Jorgensen, Alana Juffermans, Tea Kemp, Casey Mathias, Emma Slingsby, Isla Strachan, Cailin Ward, and Jill Zwart.

Andrew Chubb

TiC Football



Football – C.M.S.G.

Back Row: Sophie Sewell-Monod, Jill Zwart, Emilia Brown

2nd Row: Jessica Whalley (Coach), Jodi Carver, Naomi Landreth, Madison (Madi) Strachan, Zoe Miller, Sam Moon (Manager)

Front Row: Brooke Jorgensen, Georgia MacRae, Isla Smale, Cailin Ward, Kaelynn Ross

Absent: Hazel Hart, Tia Hawkins, Jaimee Smith, Tessa Stone, Paige Woodhead



Football – Magic

Back Row: Lily Bridger, Bianca Drinkwater, Lily Freeman

2nd Row: Lauren Keighley, Casey Mathias, Mandrie Du Preez, Jorja Ainsworth

Front Row: Kimberly (Kim) Stewart, Vada Shirtcliffe, Lucy Brown, Ashley Wilson, Tea (Téa) Kemp

Absent: Alana Juffermans, Jessica (Jess) Muter, Emma Slingsby, Angela Buckland (Coach)

Futsal

Futsal in Term One saw three teams compete in the Monday Night Boys' High School League. The Goalbusters were a social team, well organised and played with a positive attitude and enthusiasm. The Junior A team continued to work on their game, were mostly punctual and respectful. The Premier team played in two leagues as well as Wednesday night YMCA Senior Men's League to prepare for Nationals. Both the Premier and Junior A team were coached by Mr Eddie Brown.

The Premier team played PNGHS in an exchange – two wins 8-4 then 8-0. This helped form a relationship with another team that learned from us as they were preparing for the National Championships too.

2023, saw no Covid restrictions and we could finally return to participating in the NZ Secondary School Championships. However, for success to occur, planning, hard work and commitment was required and is not achieved in a short time frame. Therefore, Futsal started in 2022 Term Three where the Premier team was selected for the 2023 Nationals.

At the NZSS the team earned a commendable 6th place, their goal was top 8 and could have been different if we had drawn our last pool game rather



Futsal – Premier

*Back Row: Georgia MacRae, Ella Staples, Jessica Whalley, Ella Third, Harriet Muller, Eddie Brown (Coach)
Front Row: Lilly Dowsing, Katie Clough, Saskia Pelham, Emilia Brown, Chloe Baldwin
Absent: Ruby Hales*

than concede in the last few minutes. The team was able to support the All Whites play China the day before the tournament. The team impressed many other schools and was unlucky not to make the national semi-finals.

The team set high goals, worked hard, and focused on both player and team development, if all players improve, the team does too! The team had an amazing positive and supportive culture.

Farewell – Saskia Pelham (fantastic captiano), Ruby Hales and Emilia Brown who head off to University and Ella Bence who returned to USA in

June. We look forward to seeing how the Junior A and Premier teams develop in the future.

Eddie Brown

Coach

Premier Captain Report

After the 2022 NZSS Futsal Nationals didn't go ahead due to Covid, the team put in the hard work training early mornings with the help of the competitive leagues at Boys' High and YMCA. These two leagues we played in were full of energetic, skillful young boys as well as strong, skilled older adults. This team played their hardest in each of these games, Monday, and Wednesday nights to achieve and go beyond their goal of being top 8 in New Zealand.

At the beginning of this tournament the team headed in the right direction when they won their first game 3-0 against Rangi Ruru Girls' School. This then continued, winning our next three tough games against Otumoetai College, Heretaunga College and Hillcrest High School. We then had the



challenging last group game playing against Wellington East Girls', where we were three points above them on the table and we either had to win or draw against them because the result went down to a rough decision of the highest goal scoring team. This game was very important as it determined which team advanced to the top 4 in NZ. Unfortunately, the team went down in a rough battle losing 2-1 and Wellington East Girls' (conceding late in the games) moved forward placing 1st at NZSS Futsal. Although a tough loss the team secured their goal of placing top 8 in NZ where they then played a tough game against Hamilton Girls', winning 2-0, allowing us in the play off in the next game for 5th and 6th. The team then had a hard match against Hutt Valley, going down with a strong fight losing 3-0 securing our result of 6th place in New Zealand.

The journey to 6th place was something that the NPGHS Premier team worked hard for, and the tournament was full of unforgettable memories which will be cherished forever. With the dedication from our coach and the motivation from leaders within the team we were very happy with the outcome of Nationals, and we admire the ups and downs leading up to this tournament that made our team stronger and come together which felt like family.

*Saskia Pelham and
Katie Clough*

Captain and Co-Captain

NZSS Futsal

The school had a Premier and Junior team compete at the NZSS Futsal Competition in Wellington. The Juniors improved as the tournament went on and were placed 6th after losing the playoff v Wellington East Girls' 2-0, after losing 6-2 to them previously. Sam Hearn-Power and Rosie Hawkins bagged hattricks and Jayla Stone, Sierra Lee and Adele Keighley had strong performances. The future looks bright as most will return next year, stronger and wiser.

The Premiers started the tournament strong in a commanding pool play but had to settle for second on goal difference to Wellington East Girls' who went on to win the final.

A great talented team with a positive team spirit and individually saw everyone step up in the games. Saskia Pelham was captain and fantastic with a commanding performance in all the games. Lilly Dowsing scored two hattricks and Harriet Muller was very strong in goal. Everyone played their part in gaining this success.

The Junior team with limited time for preparation due to the



tournament being played in March and the team had 9 out of the 10 Year 9 students, experience was put down as a development opportunity for future years. There was wonderful progression over the 3 days. The highlights were the victory over Scots College. However, the progression was evident when they narrowly lost 2-0 in the playoff against Wellington East Girls'; a team that had beaten us earlier 6-2. Jayla Stone captain and Sierra Lee (vice) lead the team both on and off the court and Sam Hearn-Power, Chloe McGregor and Rosie Hawkins had strong performances. Finishing a 6th place was commendable.

Both teams were coached by Mr Eddie Brown. A huge thank you to the three parents John, Denise and Roxcie who were a wonderful support for the teams.

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Rugby

This year our XV Rugby Team was once again delighted to be a part of the Chiefs Manawa Competition while 1 out of 2 Taranaki teams being involved. NPGHS Rugby was glad to be a part of the Chiefs Curtain Raiser on May 12th against Sacred Heart New Plymouth.

After Placing 3rd last year, we wanted to try and keep our hard effort and work up but knew we were going to be put to the test. On May 25th, 2023, we travelled to Hamilton Girls High and kicked off at 2:30 p.m. We knew they were going to be the hardest team due to them finishing first last year. Our next game was against Taupo Nui a Tia College, and we travelled to Taupo while playing at 2:00 p.m. On the 27th of June we had our game against Sacred Heart New Plymouth at 2:30 pm At Yarrows Stadium, New Plymouth we knew that this game was going to be a close one as it was always good to face our Rivals or Taranaki. After having some time off we had a game against Tauranga Girls High which we played at Yarrows Stadium and 8 days later finished our last game with Rotorua Girls High School at Yarrows again.

This year was unfortunately not our best year, but we were super glad of the rugby we played, the friends we got to see and make and were happy to play. We are looking forward to next year as we are going to come back with our 'A' Game.

We were also lucky enough to have a separate exchange game with Palmerston North Girls High which we were successful in winning against.

Michaela Blyde who is a Black Ferns Player also came back to New Plymouth Girls High School and had training with our team, we learned skills and played games that boosted our reaction times which helped us keep moving.



Rugby 1st XV

Back Row: Grace Clough, Mollie Tipene, Keziah Fakavamoeanga, Jasmin Kemsley

2nd Row: Coco Tihema-Walsh, Jordi Sands, Kaylani Anaha, Mia Taitoko, Elle Gardiner, Harper Sutherland, Patrick Parker (Assistant Coach)

Front Row: Charley Lahmert, Hayley Storer, Phoenix Fraser, Aarnya Simpson, Amber Storer, Ryleigh Marshall-Larkin

Absent: Shiloh Eastlake, Madison Katene, Ngahua Salmond, Lautaimi Sifa, Veniana Vakadula, Tielah-Jade Wipitis

We as a team could not be more thankful of our coaches, managers, teachers involved and our supporters.

Amber Storer

Year 12



Indoor Bowls

A new group of students played Indoor Bowls this year along with our familiar faces, Portia and Eden, some with experience and others for the first time. Although they did not place, all three pairs played very good bowls in the tournament and enjoyed the opportunity to compete. We were lucky to have Des Phillips as our coach again. Under his tuition, gentle guidance, and innovative challenges the new students were quick learners and made considerable progress. For the third year Eden Fairweather and Portia Plumtree played in the social competition. The competitive pairs were Anahera Stirling and Kainana Antera, and Holly Gulliver and Deborah Graham. Once again, the opportunity to meet players from most secondary schools in the province and play some pretty good bowls was a highlight.



Indoor Bowls - TSSSA

Present: Des Phillips (Coach), Holly Gulliver

Absent: Kainana Anterea, Eden Fairweather, Deborah Graham, Annabelle Moore, Bethan Mulliss, Portia Plumtree, Anahera Stirling

Eugenie Petrove

TiC Indoor Bowls

Hillary Challenge

The Hillary challenge is a tough five daylong event, which pushes both the minds and bodies of secondary school students from all around New Zealand. Twelve of the top Adventure Racing teams come to the Hillary Outdoors Pursuit Centre at the Tongariro National Park to take on the Hillary Challenge every year.

A lot of training was put in leading up to the event, with the NPGHS/ NPBHS team training together four times a week and then by ourselves for the other days. These trainings consisted of sprint work, gym sessions, paddle training, problem solving and biking. Every Saturday, we would head up onto Taranaki Maunga, ready to run and hike for over 4 hours while following the map in our hands.

Memories were formed through all our trainings. We grew individually and as a team. Whether it was being yelled at by a personal trainer in Morning spin classes, waking up early for hard trainings at Pukekura Park



or making a pizza in the rain, every training was filled with laughter and learning.

With a term of hard training under our belts, we headed over to the Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre on the 1st of October, ready to face the Hillary Challenge.

Days 1 and 2 consisted of 12 different 1-hour long challenges that we had to complete as a team. Every team completed each one at a different time, so we had no idea how other teams had done. The main goal was to get as many points as we could from all the challenges combined. These challenges included paddling skills, navigation, golf putting, survival skills, balance,

memory, biking, and rope skills. This year, there were many cognitive challenges, testing our brains. After Days 1 and 2, we sat in 4th position, 250 points behind the leading team from Motueka High School.

Going into Expedition for Days 3 and 4, there were nerves and excitement floating around all the teams. We were pumped to find out where we would be going for the next two days. We had no idea at this stage where we were placed but knew that we would have to go hard. It was announced that we would be starting near Turoa Skifield, on the Blythe Hut track. We were then given our maps at a small tarn where our navigators, Marco and James spent



a few minutes planning out our course for the day. Throughout the day we hiked over rocky, tussocky terrain and through a short section of bush collecting checkpoints. We reached our campsite in time for the 5:00pm deadline, which we had scored a primo spot near a river. Our navigators then planned for the day ahead, while we tucked into our dinners and hopped in our sleeping bags. On this day we covered around 20km. The second day was a day that both our navigators were excited about, it was 3 hours longer than the first and was in an area that both were fairly confident in. The day started early with a 5:30 wakeup so that we had enough time to leave at 7:00 on the dot. We had breakfast, packed down the tent refilled our bladders efficiently and managed to comfortably leave on time. We went straight into a large amount of climbing to reach checkpoints.

The next few hours of the day were spent moving swiftly down the hill along the side of a river, grabbing checkpoints along the way. The temperature was soaring, with quite a few sunburnt faces as we headed towards the finish. In the last couple of hours, we smashed through the last checkpoints, with both high spirits and motivation. We were stoked to finish as a team, having had an experience of a lifetime. We got to experience the beauty of Ruapehu and be able to explore and cover some awesome terrain while racing against the best teams in New Zealand. On this day, we covered around 27km, giving us a good finish. From Expedition, we had the top score, finishing 220 points ahead of the next team.

Waking up on Friday, we knew scores were extremely close between Wakatipu, Whakatāne and us. It was time to give it that last push in the 50km Multisport Race. The first leg was a paddle in Mavericks, where teams had to split into 4 pairs to complete a 2km loop each. After this we were sitting in 6th Position. Going on to a 10km trail run, we moved up to 5th while keeping a solid pace. In the 30km Mountain Bike that followed, we moved up to 4th where we held this placing for the final 6km run. By keeping this solid placing on the last day, the results were in, we were the Hillary Challenge Champions for 2023! Our team, Makayla Wells, Lottie Moffat, Jacquelyn Kowalewski, Petra Hofmans, Marco Kraayenhof, James Rielly-Leadbetter, Owen Ellington and Mathias Stromeier had a very fulfilling and tiring week and have all come away with great stories to last a lifetime.

Massive thank you to all the other teams, who we created great memories with throughout the week! To our coaches, Mr Callum Harris, Nev Wells, Mr Phil Hewlett, Nick Collins, Erik Kraayenhof and Leah Barnfield, we appreciate all the mahi and time you put into helping us grow! Thank you to all our sponsors, supporters and family who helped us in completing the Hillary Challenge for 2023!

Lottie Moffat

Year 13



Hillary Outdoors Leadership Camp

On the 23rd of July, nine girls departed to the Hillary Development Centre in Tongariro. During the five-hour car ride, we were brimming with excitement and anticipation for the adventures the upcoming week held.

The Hillary Outdoors Leadership Camp High is a 5-day program that aims to build resilience and leadership skills while fostering new connections. It is about stepping out of your comfort zone and letting go of the perceived risk.

The next morning, we met our instructor, Katrina, who we were thrilled to have. Our day was dedicated to a series of activities at the base, getting to know each other's strengths, and weaknesses. Katrina constantly challenged us. From walking blindfolded on a thin wooden plank to soaring through the treetops on a zip line. By the end of the day, we bonded over shared feats.

Our second day consisted of Skiing/ Snowboarding, numb feet and cold hands. This was the first time most of us had skied. A lot of our time was spent with our faces in the snow rather than our feet. Safe to say we were cruising down to dangerous terrain of happy valley. We left the ski fields elated, wishing for another day of skiing. That evening we found ourselves recharging at the local hot pools, from Tuesday's adventures.

We set on our overnight expedition, taking on a tramp to the Mangatepopo hut with 30 Kg tramping packs on our back. The untouched snow beneath our boots formed a surreal scene. After arriving at the hut, we set onto a further journey, scaling the nearby range. This was an adrenaline filled endeavour, pushing us to dig deep. The biting wind and falling snow forced us to keep going, adding an extra element of thrill. Returning to Mangatepopo hut, the shelter provided us with solace, gathering around the warmth of the fire. We



gathered to melt s'mores, sharing stories and laughter that cut through the biting cold.

The following morning, our limbs were aching from the previous day's endeavour. Day four was the biggest day for us. From the hut, we went straight into the thrill of abseiling down a thirty metre cliff face. After our exhilarating abseil, we regrouped for a journey into underground caves. Caving challenged our senses as we navigated through the underground passages. The best part was looking up to see the darkness above, lit up by glow-worms.

Our final day. On day five, we were met with a new set of challenges as we set on our concluding final activity: a canoe journey across the beautiful lake. On the other end was

a local island. Faced with a headwind, the journey presented its own set of challenges, underlining the growth and resilience gained throughout the camp.

Hillary Outdoors. Named after Sir Edmund Hillary, whose spirit of adventure and determination conquered the world's tallest peak. This camp carries forward his legacy by inspiring people to challenge themselves and forge unbreakable bonds with nature and each other.

Rujula Chitnis

Year 12

Get-2-Go National Challenge Adventure Racing

The Get-2-Go National Challenge is a five-day event filled with initiatives, problem solving and an expedition. The 12 winners from each of the regional Get-2-Go challenges competed in this challenge which was held on Great Barrier Island.

The first three days were filled with plenty of initiatives and all in challenges. These required lots of resilience and teamwork. We did well in most of these challenges, however there was one all in challenge which was a memory challenge, and we came dead last. It was hard watching all the other teams complete the task and knowing we were not even close to completing it. But because we had finished relatively highly in all the other activities, we were in fourth place after the first three days only 40 points behind Wakatipu High who were in first.

The next two days was an expedition. On the first day we had to navigate to checkpoints which contained words that we had to use in a skit the following day. We covered around 20km on the first day and finished third. We then set up camp and competed in four different challenges to see what order we would leave for the Rogaine tomorrow. The second day of expedition was a Rogaine containing lots of rain, mud, and bush bashing. We covered over 30km, most on land but we had to collect 3 compulsory checkpoints on the kayak. We finished first with 1340 points, 200 more than the team in second place. To end our day, we had to create and perform a skit containing the words we collected from the first day of expedition.

The final day was a multisport race. This required each team member to complete an activity. From pulling a trye, to dressing up and singing the national anthem. We



finished fourth in this final challenge and overall, we won! Because of our massive Rogaine total we had over 100 points between us and Wakatipu High who came second. It was an incredible experience filled with blood sweat and tears.

Estelle Monk

Year 10

Get-2-Go Regional Challenge Adventure Racing

The annual Taranaki/Whanganui regional Get-2-Go challenge this year took place on the 27th of July. This was a part of the 11 one day Get-2-Go regional events that happen for year 9 and 10 students nationwide from Northland to Queenstown.

The Taranaki Regional Challenge occurred at Lake Rotomanu and involved teams of eight, from schools across Taranaki and Whanganui coming together to take part in Rogaine, kayaking and mountain biking-based initiatives with a time pressure, team competition and problem solving.

In the weeks leading up to the Get-2-Go event, the six competitive teams made up of NPGHS and

NPBHS students trained to build the skills required to ensure the best experience at the regional event. This meant that on the day everybody was able to push their limits and take teamwork and problem solving to the next level while they had fun doing the activities outdoors. Our top competitive team came first in the regional event meaning they go through to the national final in december. Some of the activities this year included lighting a fire with materials collected by riding a skills course on mountain bikes, paddling to points across lake Rotomanu in kayaks and paddle boards for another problem-solving challenge, and an 80-minute Rogaine with points located around Lake Rotomanu, Fitzroy beach and Te Rewa Rewa bridge.

The Get-2-Go Regional Challenge does not require any level of fitness or experience, just expect to give anything a go and take on a new challenge! Get-2-Go can also be a great entry to adventure racing and other outdoor adventure opportunities. Whether you did it for fun with some mates or took the competition to the next level with hopes to make it to the national Get-2-Go final, Get-2-Go was an amazing action-packed day.

Olivia Corin

Year 10



Adventure Racing - Get-To-Go

Back Row: Portia Mason, Bethan Mulliss, Olivia Corin, Petra Hofmans

3rd Row: Annie Fisher, Hannah Dunnet, Emma Muir, Ruby Tipene, Rhiannon Collins, Lauren Nicholas, Estelle Monk

2nd Row: Milla Lash, Pearl Shearer, Darcy O'Sullivan, Kiana Brewer, Chloe Hatch, Scarlet Helms, Jasmin Kemsley, Simon Berndt (Coach)

Front Row: Samara (Sammy) Wolfe, Sarah Duncan, Mollie Tipene, Lottie Moffat, Makayla Wells, Jacquelyn Kowalewski, Kayje Lal

Absent: Miro Amooore, Briar Cooper, Elliott O'Keefe, Charlotte Turner



Rogaine

The 2023 TSSSA Rogaine championships took place at Lake Mangamahoe on the 1 March.

We had 23 students representing NPGHS and they were successful. Bethan Mulliss, Sammy Wolfe, Estelle Monk came 3rd among the Junior girls. Petra Hofmans and Sarah

Johnson won 2nd place among the Intermediate girls. Lottie Moffat, Nicole Kowalewski, Makayla Wells were the winners among the Senior girls.

Tanya Harris

TiC Rogaine

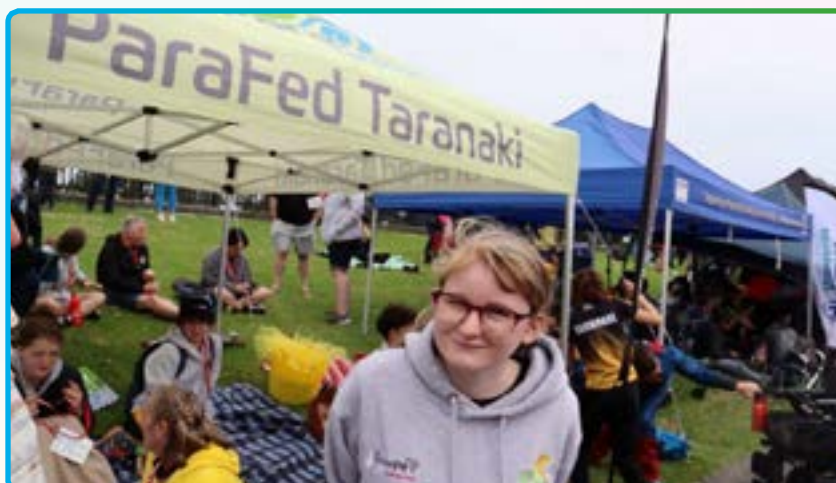
Special Olympics and Halberg Games

Last year during the December holidays, Portia Plumtree went to the Special Olympics. Unfortunately, Eden Fairweather didn't as she tested positive for COVID on the morning of the trip! This was such a shame. Portia enjoyed the experience.

This year the Halberg Games were held in Auckland. We had four students attend, Molly Armstrong, Portia Plumtree, Eden Fairweather and Amy Ellis. Training during the year with ParaFed in Taranaki included athletics, archery, fencing, rock-climbing and cycling. The students loved the experience and being so active and amazing.

Kim Cribb

Teacher in Charge



Outward Bound

On the 28th of June, I traveled to Anakiwa, a small village in the South Island, to complete a 21 day Outward Bound course. I was joined by 13 other like-minded teenagers from all around Taranaki who I bonded and shared deep connections with.

I was definitely pushed to my limits on this course, physically and mentally. On this course, we got involved in so many opportunities that we wouldn't get anywhere else. Some of the opportunities include a three-day sailing trip where I saw all kinds of sea animals and we rowed for hours. We hiked for three days and submitted Dun Mountain as a team, we camped in the bush solo, climbed high ropes, swam in freezing cold waters, gave back to the community of Anakiwa and even completed a half marathon on the second to last day.

Honestly the most memorable moment for me was during the half marathon. I'm not a runner whatsoever and have never ran for a couple minutes let alone a couple hours. However, every single person I passed was either cheering for me, singing at the top of their lungs, or giving high fives as we ran past each other, even people I never talked to. It was so uplifting, I never felt embarrassed for how slow I was running, I just felt so included and it just showed how we all felt so close at Outward Bound. Of course,

I couldn't have done any of this without our amazing instructors, Claire and Ryan. I'm so grateful for this opportunity and recommend this course to anyone who gets the chance to go. It's truly a once in a lifetime experience that'll stick with you forever.

Bridget Corbett

Year 12



Fun Run

Results

(Staff members taken out of the placings – student's places adjusted accordingly)

1st – Tainui

Place	Name
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1	Jacquelyn Kowalewski
3	Kaitlyn Perkins
4	Lottie Moffat
12	Emma Jamieson
19	Katie Clough
23	Sammy Wolfe

2nd – Kurahaupo

Place	Name
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8	Mikayla Wells
9	Laura McNeil
10	Emma Iceton
14	Isla Mutch
21	Portia Mason
36	Taya Bence

3rd – Tokomaru

Place	Name
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2	Vivi Hale
13	Sophia Louis
18	Amy Smith
22	Estelle Monk
26	Emilee Venables-Zhou
27	Laura Sarten

4th – Aotea

Place	Name
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11	Varya Kern
16	Lili Herbert
17	Nataya Lumluksansphaiboon
20	Leah Luscombe
25	Rebecca Surgenor
28	Jayde Engert





Waka Huia Competition Results

Waka Huia Best Chant

Place	Name	Points
1st	Tainui	8
2nd	Tokomaru	6
3rd	Kurahaupo	4
4th	Aotea	2

Waka Huia Best Colour

Place	Name	Points
1st	Kurahaupo	8
2nd	Tokomaru	6
3rd	Tainui	4
4th	Aotea	2

Waka Huia Best Mascot

Place	Name	Points
1st	Tainui	8
2nd	Kurahaupo	6
3rd	Aotea	4
4th	Tokomaru	2

Waka Huia Teams Event (6 runners)

Place	Name	Points
1st	Tainui	8
2nd	Kurahaupo	6
3rd	Tokomaru	4
4th	Aotea	2

Final Points Overall

Place	Name	Points
1st	Tainui	28pts
2nd	Kurahaupo	24pts
3rd	Tokomaru	18pts
4th	Aotea	10pts





Jubilate Choir

Back Row: Neve Post, Helena Rollins, Celestial Roberts, Imogen Den-McKay
 3rd Row: Yusong (Rayna) Kim, Bridgett Corbett, Amy Ellis, Jenna Riddle, Diya Barthi
 2nd Row: Nikylah (Niky) Brackstone, Felicity Aish, Tonia Almano, Hannah Willemen, Sophie Dodunski, Juliet Woller (Teacher)
 Front Row: Sophie Thomas, Amélie Tippett, Amani Colgan, Zoë Magnussen, Drew Hoskin, Makayla Wells, Cara Hollard
 Absent: Ellie Atkins, Amarlia Morehu, Hannah West, Waimiria Willison



Jazz Band

Back Row: Esha Eustace, Neve Hudson, Alexandria (Alex) Juffermans, Tonia Almano, Nikylah (Niky) Brackstone, Lujain Alaswad
 Front Row: Zoey Verster, Melody Gordon, Ahuaiti (Pama) Tipene Tai Tin (Tipene), Kaylee Pollock, Grace Warren
 Absent: Sarah Anglesey, Varvara (Varya) Kern, Leah Smith



Chamber Music

Back Row: Zoey Verster, Alice Obreja-Damian, Neve Post, Kaylee Pollock, Imogen Den-McKay, Grace Warren
 3rd Row: Anandhi Saravanan, Claire Frew, Catherine Frew, Felicity Aish, Marie Wilkinson, Esha Eustace, Lihini Moratuwage
 2nd Row: Orenia Williams, Amélie Tippett, Briar Jensen-Voullaire, Hazel McLeod, Yanmeng (Nancy) Yu, Elsie Palmer, Leah Smith
 Front Row: Cara Hollard, Bethany McKibbin, Anna Flynn, Amy Ellis, Zoë Magnussen, Makayla Wells, Alisha Cheav
 Absent: Varvara (Varya) Kern, Hannah Theunissen



Ukelele Group

Back Row: Neve Post, Yusong (Rayna) Kim, Mahika Naidoo, Esha Eustace, Alice Obreja-Damian
 2nd Row: Zoë Magnussen, Sophie Thomas, Elsie Palmer, Amélie Tippett, Thea Betts, Laura Pickles
 Front Row: Cara Hollard, Rujula Chitnis, Gabrielle Keith, Matilde Silva, Nataya Lumlüksanaphaiboon



Concert Band

Back Row: Imogen Den-McKay, Kaylee Pollock, Melody Gordon, Emma Warren
 3rd Row: Esha Eustace, Ruby Kennedy, Orenia Williams, Leah Smith, Katie Martin
 2nd Row: Nikylah (Niky) Brackstone, Yanmeng (Nancy) Yu, Laura Pickles, Alexandria (Alex) Juffermans, Hazel McLeod, Juliet Woller (Teacher)
 Front Row: Zoey Verster, Natalie Bailey, Zoë Magnussen, Marie Wilkinson, Ahuaiti (Pama) Tipene Tai Tin (Tipene), Lucy Martin, Grace Warren
 Absent: Varvara (Varya) Kern



Orchestra

Back Row: Olivia Corin, Natalie Bailey, Lucy Martin, Claire Frew, Marie Wilkinson, Melody Gordon, Esha Eustace, Neve Post, Amy Watson
 4th Row: Claire Feltoe, Amelia Forest, Nikylah (Niky) Brackstone, Katie Martin, Chloe Halgryn, Sophie Dodunski, Sophie Irons, Yusong (Rayna) Kim
 3rd Row: Chloe Hatch, Orenia Williams, Yanmeng (Nancy) Yu, Alexandria (Alex) Juffermans, Laura Pickles, Hazel McLeod, Catherine Frew, Janell Halgryn
 2nd Row: Emma Warren, Imogen Den-McKay, Zoey Verster, Kaylee Pollock, Alice Obreja-Damian, Gabrielle Sira, Grace Warren
 Front Row: Cara Hollard, Ahuaiti (Pama) Tipene Tai Tin (Tipene), Ruby Kennedy, Elsie Palmer, Leah Smith, Amy Ellis, Zoë Magnussen, Rujula Chitnis
 Absent: Varvara (Varya) Kern, Mia Padrutt, Celestial Roberts



Kapa Haka

Back Row: Keira McGrath, Waimiria Willison, Ysabella (Bella) Lumsden (Kelly), Marley Sutherland, Isobel Bouterey

2nd Row: Nevaeh Robson-Martin, Dayna Adamson, , Tonia Almano, Taelyn Mclachlan, Hollie Webster, Unity Wara (Teacher)

Front Row: Chloe Hatch, Oracle Rangi, Hinerau Wilson-Kemp, Ahuaiti (Pama) Tipene Tai Tin (Tipene), Gabrielle Keith, Ngapena Patuwairua, Hannah Willemen

Absent: Scarlet Aitken, Macey Austin, Jada Barnes, Mya Bridger, Janelle Dhedadig, Giselle Du Preez, Teutusi (Tusi) Faoagali, Phoenix Fraser, Keisha Houppapa, Jaya Robinson, Isha Ross, Leilani Rova, Eizra Saunders, Cahill Siebert-White, Aarnya Simpson, Rebecca Surgenor, Mia Taitoko, Tamara Te Waaka, Rumatiki (Misty-Haze) Waihape, Isabella (Bella) Wall, Mia Waruhia



Librarians

Back Row: Crystal Ammundsen, Aamna Memon, Danisha Stoltz, Diya Barhi, Holly Gulliver

4th Row: Caitlin Crowe, Lily Watchorn, Helena Rollins, Issabella (Bella) Lorth, Samantha Bentall, Molly Fletcher, Zairha Jagmis

3rd Row: Jessica Field, Chloe Halgryn, Janell Halgryn, Ella Kitson, Sophie Dodunski, Skye Takarangi, Emily Orr

2nd Row: Alizae Takerei, Rica Jagmis, Azra Khan, Aisha Gemala, Gabrielle Sira, Harshal Nand, Risha Nath, Leesha Shaw

Front Row: Sierra Robinson, Natasha (Tasha) Forest, Kailey Hastie, Matilde Silva, Yahvini Naidoo, Treyann Williams, Stuti Tiwari, Amber Storer, Sue Gunn (Librarian)

Absent: Sophie Bovett, Lucy Christian, Lily Dahm, Deda Eltayyeb, Cerys Lewis, Thea Betts, Laura Pickles, Sophie Thomas, Imogen Webber, Marie Wilkinson



Regional Shakespeare Festival

Back Row: Lucy Hatchard, Alyssa (Ally) Lowry, Sydney Becker, Chloe Muir, Ashlee Ellis, Imogen Den-McKay

2nd Row: Olivia Byrne (Symon-Byrne), Queen Gertrude, Sophie Bovett, Briar Jensen-Voullaire, Ruby Kennedy, Bethany McKibbin, Claire Feltoe, Lisa Simpson (Teacher)

Front Row: Dana Baker, Natalie Bailey, Sophie Hunt, Eva-Marie (Eva) Dunlop, Daina Thorpe, Amy Watson, Grace Warren

Absent: Sarah Anglesey, Alice (Tai) Bond, Taryn Jackson, Laya Rajaneesh



Production – Winnie The Pooh Cast & Crew

Back Row: Bethan Mulliss, Mahinarangi (Mahina) Fore, Claire Frew, Olivia Byrne (Symon-Byrne), Kyra-Cathleen (Kyra) Mackay, Annie Fisher, Kaylee Rutherford, Yusong (Rayna) Kim, Amy Henry, Helena Rollins

4th Row: Jenna Riddle, Laya Rajaneesh, Grace Clough, Bridgett Corbett, Valorien Motilal, Grace King, Nikylah (Niky) Brackstone, Jessa Wells, Molly Fletcher, Pearl Shearer, Maia Dinnison

3rd Row: Abigail McCrae (Teacher), Colleen Horne (Teacher), Sophie Dodunski, Grace Hooper, Hazel McLeod, Laura Pickles, Molly Rukuwai, Margot Harrison, Chloe Hatch, Mazzlin Corrigan, Chloe Halgryn, Simon Berndt (Teacher)

2nd Row: Lujain Alaswad, Dana Baker, Monique Camden, Natalie Bailey, Molly Berndt, Esha Eustace, Daina Thorpe, Lucy Hatchard, Imogen Den-McKay, Kayje Lal, Hannah Oke

Front Row: Juliet Woller (Teacher), Daniella (Dani) Joyce, Zoe Rawles, Meg Newland, Bethany McKibbin, Makayla Wells, Lottie Moffat, Hana Barton, Matilde Silva, Amy Ellis, Briar Cooper, Lisa Simpson (Teacher)

Absent: Felicity Aish, Sarah Anglesey, Maya Becker, Alice (Tai) Bond, Charlise Fisher, Indie Lucas (Ruka), Mathubamahle (Mathuba) Moyo, Shasmecka Nathan, Sienna Percy, Rebecca Surgenor



Smokefree Rockquest

Back Row: Neve Hudson, Alexandria (Alex) Juffermans, Nikylah (Niky) Brackstone

2nd Row: Lujain Alaswad, Jenna Riddle, Darcy O'Sullivan, Freya Kleinsorge

Front Row: Adrienne Zaros, Pearl Shearer, Bethany McKibbin, Milla Lash, Zoey Verster

Absent: Maddison Bovett, Izabella (Izzy) Bublitz, Lily Page, Hannah Theunissen



School Council

Back Row: Kaylee Pollock, Esha Eustace, Brooke Jorgensen, Pippa Birdsall, Felicity Cleaver, Ava Hashemi, Anya Hunt

2nd Row: Sophie Dodunski, Nicole Kowalewski, Ruby Helms, Jorja Death, Danielle du Buisson, Paige Catlin-Maybury

Front Row: Ahuaiti (Pama) Tipene Tai Tin (Tipene), Amber Storer, Makayla Wells, Lottie Moffat, Michaela Deegan, Supapit (Tonkow) Buranajaroenkit, Helen Lim



time to hit the poles

Abby Parker



Jorja Death is a bad influence

Adelaide Petrie



play hard, nap harder

Alaina Maltby



live five minutes from school but still managed to be a late everyday

Alana Juffermans



See you later alligator

Alex Innes



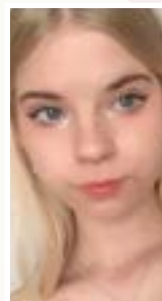
four eyes, full bra, can't lose

Amanda Haire



What the hell, being an adult?! - Prince Harry (Spare)

Amani Colgan



Whit's fur ye'll no go past ye.

Amelie Oag



5 years later and all I've learnt is how to use $y=mx+b$ to calculate the slope of how downhill my life is going...

Angela Lumanglas



Yo mama

Anna Flynn



Whoever stole my goddamn mouse, I will find you.

Arwen Hobson



one minute doesn't make you a man (insert thick Scottish accent here)

Ashlee Ellis



"Class clowns still pass"

Ava Taylor



I would die if i was named engelbert humperdinck

Axl Holden



Can't stop...

Ayla Benefield



wake me up before you go go

Bayer Newman



New Chains, Same Shackles

Bella Thornhill



"bingle bongle dingle dangle, yickedy do, yickedy da, ping-pong, lippy tappy too-ta" - ten

Bethany McKibbin



I would sell all of you for concert tickets.

Briar Jensen-Voullaire



The world will be saved and remade by the dreamers - Sarah J Maas

Briarna Adams-Cowan



The day the cafe stopped selling hash browns was the day a small part of me died

Brooke Jorgensen



POV: me and Kermi trying to find a park on Rimu

Brooklyn Burton



Don't blame me, gymnastics made me crazy

Cailin Ward



'life is short and so am I'

Caitlin Marshall



Bye.

Caja Hancock



Ride the wave'

Caro Olliver



Inmate 19191 released

Casey Mathias



As Serena Van Woodson always said, I have to go

Charli Moss



Where ever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine!

Claire Zhao



I participated

Dakota Limmer



I've never been so excited or so happy or so scared.

Deda Eitayyeb



"I don't know, I'm making this up as I go." - Indiana Jones

Drew Hoskin



There is no box! Thereby you have no restrictions, limitations or boundaries as to what you can achieve in the future.

Elisha Jimenez



life goal : be a milf

Ella Bolger



Welp.

Ella Collins



"Long story short, I survived high school"

Ella O'Sullivan



Yes dad, I procrastinated writing this as well.

Emilia Brown



Not much to say

Emily Orr



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Emma Brimelow



Felicity Cleaver



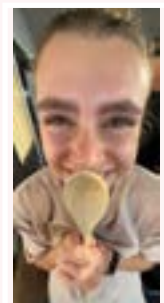
"Don't bother."

Eva Dunlop



The object of life is not to be on the side of the majority, but to escape finding oneself in the ranks of the insane. - Marcus Aurelius

Freya Coates



Be around people that are good for your soul.

Frieda Wilson



Live, Laugh, Love annoying the teachers <3

Grier Gibson



High school will be the best years of your life - said no teenager ever

Hannah Smith



ong.

Hannah Theunissen



Finessed the attendance system

Havana Verstraten-Parekura



i'm lovin' it

Helen Lim



Kia mahara tonu koe he maia koe i to whakapono, he kaha ake i te ahua me te maama atu i to whakaaro - Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think

Hinerau Wilson-Kemp



"Don't forget to appreciate the simple things in life."

Holly Dixon



(Thumbs up)

India Warren



I'm fine. I'm just being dramatic. It's what I do - Lorelai Gilmore

Isla Smale



Curiosity is the most powerful thing you own. Imagination is a force that can actually manifest a reality.

Izabella Hancz



I'm only smiling because it's over

Izabelle Keegan



Get your head out of the gutter

Jada Barnes



just finished my 13 year sentence!!

Jade Magee



hated every minute.

Jaide Webby



I honestly don't remember a thing.

Janaye Sullivan



POV: me when I see my attendance

Jarhlia Salisbury



"Goodbye everyone, I'll remember you in therapy."

Jazelle Peters



YOLO

Jazmyn Hoyte



Jilly willy out

Jill Zwart



if you think i hated you, you're probably right.

Jodi Carver



Now we've got ourselves a party!

Jorja Death



Ceebs

Jorja Eldershaw



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Kara Baker



Another day, another slay PERIODTT

Kate Hilliam



Don't give up on your dreams, keep sleeping :)

Kaylee Hunger



eat sleep fortnite repeat

Kaylin Klem



"don't be rude kiera!" "yeah ok mum"

Kiera Johnstone



If I can graduate with over 200 absences throughout high school, you can too!

Larni Horgan



:p

Laura Francis



Often it is the distance we have travelled that is more rewarding than the destination we seek - Laura Sarten

Laura Sarten



"My alarm didn't go off again"

Lauren Abrams



one eye wonder

Leah Fagan



The only thing ChatGPT couldn't do for me was write my yearbook quote...joking

Leah Smith



Graduated school on my learners

Leah Te Huia-Warren



Due tomorrow? Do tomorrow

Lee McEwen



5 years still no bf. Anyone know why?

Lexus Bishop



Some of us have to make mistakes... LB

Lily Bridger



thanks for making our school a school

Lottie Moffat



"I forgive you..."

Lucy Brown



Alright, let's do this one last time.

Lucy Leach



"Be the reason someone believes there are still good people out there"

Macey Titter



sorry to disappoint but my middle name is not "the"

Mackenzie Third



Long story short I survived

Madi Strachan



Satisfaction is not guaranteed

Madinina Nordin



That's a problem tomorrow's Makayla can deal with...

Makayla Wells



"What do you bring to the table?" I am the table.

Mandrie Du Preez



... addicted to the shindig.

Maya Petch



If there's no food, I'm going home.

Maya Shlosberg



I get butterflies when I think of myself

Megan Frank



"Are you the girl from the ATM?"

Michaela Deegan



What like? Nae bad.

Mila Oag



Gone...

Milla Albon



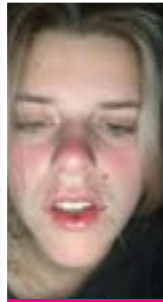
TO FREEDOM

Millie Denson



Bondi Sands sponsor me

Millie Wilson



if I had a credit for every time a guy played me, I would of passed the year twice

Mya Mitchell



"Frick! I'm not Lottie."

Nicole Kowalewski



And I thought Mathletics was hard

Paige Catlin-Maybury



E moe tonu ana te tohetaka x

Pama Tipene



party girl signing out

Pearl Lauderdale-Smith



pov: just my immune system deciding what sickness to give me each month

Pippa Birdsall



I'll pack the Panadol and diarrhea pills - Alice

Rebecca Jones



A Queen is never late. Everyone else is simply early! -LYLAFKLC

Renee Donovan



ong?

Robyn Thorpe



Perpetually running late.

Rowan Emans



@n0m.n0m. eats

Ruby Hales



#bring back hot lunch

Ruby Helms



My parents bet me to my own pre ball...

Ruby Henwood



warning: do not open

Ruby Kennedy



@n0m.n0m. eats

Sage Piebenga



stress less enjoy the best

Samsara Falaniko



Im crying because no one wanted to play with fire #RANGA 4LIFE

Sara Jury



For fitness people a Thursday is leg day but a Thursday for me is fake tan day.

Sarah Gibbs



Gotta go fast - Sonic X

Sarah Taing



apple a day keeps the doctors away

Saskia Pelham



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Savanah Hintz



Jesus made me do it

Savannah Clement



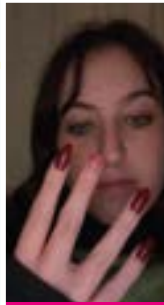
I ain't McLovin it

Shanae Cameron



It's all downhill from here.

Shas Nathan



*life lesson: don't ** ******

Sienna Priest



nicest person you will ever meet

Skye Takarangi



"that's what she said"

Skylar McFetridge



I'll be living in my gold age once I'm free of this bird cage

Sophie Bovett



Just because you're trash doesn't mean you can't do great things. It's called garbage can, not garbage cannot.

Sophie Wilkinson



my forehead will foretell ur future

Tania Peng



"apparently i'm short"

Téa Kemp



"Okay, I'll ACTUALLY try next year"

Tia Hawkins



check out this caboose!

Tom Hadlow



Went to more countries than voc classes

Tonkow Buranajarenkit



I slept through first spell (and second)

Trixie Thomas



2023 done and dusted....

Veniana Vakadula



peace out

Violette Johnson



4 years and I'm still waiting for a relief teacher to say my name right

Yahvini Naidoo



الحمد لله خلصت

Yara Daher



Zoe Marriner

Kawhia Huia

AOCBB



Absent:
Everleigh
Hindrup,
Ashlyn
Partridge

AOGMC



AOGRO



Absent:
Nina
Lawrence

AOJFA



Absent:
Arlie
Huzziff

AOJGR



Absent: Jade Baker,
Emma Slingsby

AOLHA



Absent: Kylie Sole

AOLMC



Absent: Chloe Russ, Leah McLean (Teacher)

AORGE



Absent: Jayde-Mariah (Jaydee) Robinson (Webber-Robinson)

AORMA



Absent: Renee Kieselbach, Peyton McDonald

AOSBE



Absent: Perseus Te Rupe

AOSHA



Absent: Halo Whana

ASOMN



AOYRA



Absent: Hinekorangi (Hine) Chase-Ropiha, Brandy Mitchell

KUACH



Absent: Libby Copeland

KUAF0



Absent: Sophie Sewell-Monod De Froidville (Sewell-Monod)

KUBDI



Absent: Natasha (Tasha) White

KUCWA



Absent: Keira Bloxom-Toi, Ruby Bond, Kimi Hughes

KUDYO



Absent: Dianne Young (Teacher)

KUJCR



Absent: Kaedence Pahau-Fenton, Kyra Robinson, Skylah Taylor-Hill

KUJSA



Absent: Jeffrey Sanders (Teacher)

KUKBE



KUKCN



Absent:
Jarla Ansley,
Karen
Conybeer
(Teacher)

KULDE



KUSSM



KUWBA



Absent: Warwick Barker (Teacher)

KUWST



Absent: Madeline Hobo

TAAAN



TAABN



Absent: Angelica Ditchen, Andrew Bone (Teacher)

TAACO



Absent: Te Amo Phillips

TAAFA



TAAWH



Absent: Danica Crerar

TACHD



Absent: Nizey-Charaine (Neice) Tuheke

TAHMU



TAHA



TAJMA



Absent: Jo MacCallum (Teacher)

TAKCO



TALFB



Absent: Torrie Harding

TALLA



Absent: Anah-Rose (Anah) Stephenson

TARFB



Absent:
Rylee
Watson

TOAMC



TOBMA



TOBWB



Absent: Te aho Amil Urwin, Taonibeiba (Donnie) Kiraren

TOEPE



TOHHO



Absent: Reagan Leigh

TOJST



TOKCH



Absent: Tahlia Thompson

TOKGB



TOKSM



TOMBE



Absent: Ella Southern

TONBO



Absent: Alyssa Dixon, Sophie Frost, Charlotte Stent, Nickolas Bouterey (Teacher)

TOTHA



Absent:
Tanya Harris
(Teacher)

TOYWI



Absent: Samara Lester, Yomi Williams (Teacher)

WAIKH



Absent: Paige Ansley

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