



NPGHS NEWSLETTER

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Jacqui Brown
Principal

Kia ora koutou

Walking through our school on any given day, I am almost always met with smiles, cheerful greetings, and students in fantastic school uniform who are prepared for learning. We regularly have the chance to celebrate fantastic achievements including learning progress, sports success, Honours Awards, the earning of stamps towards RRR-Wards, and the list goes on. Most of our students experience this environment too, and their positive behaviour is noted and appreciated. We know that this is student, home and school working together in a way that gives great results.

Occasionally it doesn't go according to plan and a student makes a choice that has an impact on others. It could be leaving the house in the morning without correct uniform, it could be behaviour that intimidates another student, it could be a thoughtless or deliberately harmful online post, it could be dropping litter, or any action that has a negative impact. We are confident this is not what our parents, whānau and community want.

It is not acceptable at NPGHS and is not in line with the values of Whakamana-Respect, Haepapa – Responsibility, Whanaungatanga- Relationships, that we hold as a school. We have high expectations at NPGHS, and know that our parents and whānau have those same expectations. Our Board, staff, and students want school to be a place they feel comfortable and can focus on achieving at their best. Knowing we all want the same thing in the broadest sense means we can work together on what the details look like. The connection between students, parents and whānau, and school is incredibly important, and we value the insights you bring to the conversations we have about learning, behaviour and expectations. It means that when things go well, we can celebrate together and when needed, consequences are implemented with steps taken together for better future choices.

In this newsletter you will find information we shared with students regarding positive digital citizenship, a reminder of the uniform expectations, and the opportunity to share your thoughts on the current jewellery rules. The opportunity to share information and build on the connections you already have with NPGHS continues at the '3D Conversations' to be held on Friday 17 June.

Ngā mihi nui
Jacqui Brown

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Lunchtime active sessions

Beginning on Thursday 9 June, Jack Kirifi, from TRFU will be at school each Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime offering students the opportunity to engage in a wide range of sports and games, not just rugby. The idea is for students to have the opportunity to do something fun and active in the lunchbreak, and have the chance to try a new sport. Students who want to participate just need to turn up on the grass between Tuhonohono and the courts, ready to have some fun.



Winter Sports

As the winter sports season is now well underway, I've been enjoying the chance to watch our teams competing and testing themselves against others. I would like to add a heartfelt thank you to all whānau, parents, and staff who are driving students to and from practices and games, coaching, managing and umpiring or refereeing, and being the number one side-line supporter.

Students only spend about 25% of their yearly waking hours at school, so the other 75% is spent with you, their friends, and at the activities or part-time jobs they are involved with. The combination of these influences in sport, cultural activities, home and community groups makes each individual who they are.

If you are a coach, manager or umpire, thank you for the time you give to all the students in the team and the guidance and advice you provide. You make a bigger difference to the individuals in the team than you probably realise, and the team would not be where it is without you.



Digital Citizenship

Technology will always provide opportunities and challenges. We want our students to confidentially access digital opportunities in a way that creates a positive online presence, keeps them and others safe online, and allows them to access and enjoy opportunities. Students, school and home all have a part to play here and we ensure this is kept high in our thinking through the Digital Citizenship role that Eddie Brown, our Head of Social Sciences, holds. Eddie shared [these slides](#) with students regarding digital citizenship. We want to share this presentation with you too, as we know you are having similar conversations at home and want to work together on shared expectations. The aim in this presentation was to encourage NPGHS student to be responsible online. Students aren't always aware that they should not use people's names or images without their permission or that they should be aware of their own digital footprint. This includes what they follow, like and comment on online.

Technology and social media are there 24/7 and we need to work together, and with students, to help them build a positive digital footprint that their future self will enjoy looking back at. Technology, and the connectedness it can bring, is positive, but there are challenges to navigate. Netsafe.org.nz is an excellent source of information and has a section for parents as well as ways to report online incidents. We have also invited Netsafe in to school and they will be presenting to staff and whānau later this term. We will be extending this invitation to other schools and more details will be available soon regarding this and how to secure your place. There will also be workshop opportunities for students who would like to be part of Netsafe's Youth Action Squad.

Honours Assembly May 2022



**Olivia Russell
receiving her Top
Scholar Award at
Parliament**



Uniform Expectations

A reminder that students are not to wear additional jackets, jerseys, hoodies, or other items with their uniform. Only school uniform items should be worn from the time they leave for school in the morning to the time they arrive back home. If thermals/polyprops are worn for extra warmth, they must not be visible under shirtsleeves. Jerseys and blazers should be worn, rather than shirts with thermal/polyprop underneath. Please help us by making sure your child leaves the house in correct school uniform in the morning.

Full information about the uniform and the Uniform Shop hours, are available [here](https://www.npghs.school.nz/uniform) (https://www.npghs.school.nz/uniform).

If you need financial or other assistance with uniform, please contact the school or the Waka Kaitiaki directly, as we have systems in place to help.

Jewellery – Give us your view

We would like to hear your views regarding the jewellery students should be allowed to wear with their uniform. We know this is something that people can hold firm views about, and we are keen to hear the thoughts of students, whānau and staff in this conversation. The Student Council have been researching the reasons for and against jewellery rules in schools. They will soon survey students to determine if there is a desire for change, and what the greatest priorities are from a student perspective.

Our School Council recognise the importance of parent and whānau feedback and, as a school, we are keen to know your views too.

This survey is intended for parents, whānau, and staff. A separate survey will be distributed to students and staff by the School Council.

Please take the time to complete [this short questionnaire](#), to provide us with a wider whānau perspective. Please complete this by Monday 13 June 2022.

The questions do ask for some demographic details as we would like to ensure a range of perspectives are recorded. Your responses will be anonymous and we will provide a summary of responses in a future newsletter.

1st XV NPGHS vs Hamilton Girls' High School game



2022 DATES

TERM 1
8 February – 14 April

TERM 2
2 May to 8 July

TERM 3
25 July – 30 September

TERM 4
17 October – 16 December

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