



NPGHS NEWSLETTER

February 2026

Tēnā koutou katoa

To our new students and whānau, welcome to NPGHS. To those returning, a warm welcome back to a new school year!

We are thrilled to welcome all students and whānau, to the start of an exciting school year. There's nothing quite like the energy that fills our school as classrooms buzz back to life, friendships rekindle, and learning journeys begin again. We're looking forward to a year filled with curiosity, growth, and plenty of memorable moments as we work together to support every learner.

In this first newsletter you will find information that helps our school run smoothly. You can read updates on key topics such as attendance expectations, communication channels for staying connected, and important dates.

For celebrations of student and staff success, please check our facebook page where we share some of the many successes and exciting achievements that occur each week (<https://www.facebook.com/npghs>).

We also suggest you download the SchoolBridge app, or update it with the correct year levels, so that you receive timely information. Details about how to use the app are included in this newsletter, along with details of who to contact if you need assistance.

We want to ensure that newsletter communication is happening in the best possible way for our whānau, so if you are able to spare a few minutes to complete [this survey](#), we would be very grateful.

A special plea: **please do not drive onto the school grounds to pick up or drop off students.** For everyone's safety, we need to minimise the number of cars on site. If you are visiting for a scheduled meeting with staff, a small number of visitor parking spaces are available near the main office and the hall. Please do not park in a numbered parking space. There is no student parking available onsite.

Our staff have had a wonderful week of workshops and preparation sessions and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Friday (Year 9, Year 13 and all new students), and Monday (all students). We can't wait to share a fantastic year of learning, sports, arts, culture and achievement with you!

Ngā mihi mahana
Jacqui Brown
Principal



Year 9 & Year 13 & all new students – Friday 30 January

We looking forward to welcoming all students on Friday. Please meet outside the hall 8.45am for the Pōwhiri. Please remember to bring your waka coloured clothing (or PE gear), a water bottle & a hat for tabloid sports in the afternoon!



Year 10 -12 Students working from home - Friday 30 January

This day is designed to help students prepare well for the 2026 school year, so they can make a positive start. Students are encouraged to use the day to get organised by:

- checking that their uniform is ready.
- making sure laptops are charged and functioning.
- reviewing their timetables.
- setting some goals they hope to achieve this year.

To help ease back into learning routines, we also encourage students to re-engage their thinking skills.

SchoolBridge

SchoolBridge is used for all communications with students and whānau. It can be accessed on your computer or via an app on your phone and can be used for parents to report absences, request exit passes, view the school calendar and access the secure KAMAR portal. Download the app by searching for SchoolBridge in your app store or scanning the QR code. For the Web based Dashboard just click 'Sign In' on the top right of the NPGHS website home page.

Parents/Caregivers can login by selecting the login option (eg. Yahoo, Microsoft, Google, Apple or via facebook) which matches the email address you have gave us.

One simple way to do this is to reflect on a movie they watched or a book they read over the break. They might consider the types of questions an English teacher would ask about the characters, themes, or ideas and how they would answer them.

A little reading on Friday would also be a great way to adjust back to the printed word and reconnect with the habits needed for classroom learning.

Please note that students and parents/caregivers each have different levels of access in SchoolBridge. Students will be given their own school credentials to access their SchoolBridge Dashboard.



- Scan the QR Code to download. Or
- Search "schoolbridge" on your mobile AppStore or PlayStore.



Permission to – leave the school grounds

Students are not permitted to leave the school site at any time during the school day, including morning tea break and lunchtime, without a pass. This is for health and safety reasons, and we appreciate your support with this.

If you need to arrange an appointment for your daughter or young person during the day, please request a leave pass via SchoolBridge, email attendance@npghs.school.nz or ring the office before 9.00am on the day of the appointment. A leave pass will be printed which your daughter can collect from Student Services during break times. Students will need to show the pass to their teacher and/or duty staff when they need to leave school.

Signing up: For Sports or Music

All information on Sports Registrations can be found on School Bridge in the School Notices or on the NPGHS Sports Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61575748184582>

To sign up for Itinerant Music lesson please sign up on [this form](#)

NPGHS Attendance: Supporting Every Student to Achieve

We know that regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of student wellbeing, learning progress, and long-term success. Our 2026 Attendance Management Plan is designed to ensure every student is supported to attend regularly, feel connected, and engage positively in school life.

How We Monitor Attendance

We use KAMAR (our student management system) to track attendance daily. Teachers mark rolls each lesson, we notify whānau of any absences. KAMAR also helps us identify patterns early so we can respond with the right level of support.



Four-Stage Support Framework

To ensure students get timely help, we use the nationally set stages throughout each term:

- Green (Good Attendance – under 4.5 days absent):**
 We celebrate positive attendance through regular communication, recognition, and encouragement.
- Yellow (Worrying – 5–9.5 days absent):**
 We check in with whānau, look for any early barriers, and work with students to bring attendance back above 90%.
- Orange (Concerning – 10–14.5 days absent):**
 Waka Kaitiaki and senior leaders meet with whānau to understand what’s going on and create a tailored plan to support improvement. Students who have attendance below 80% may not be eligible to participate in school sports exchanges, tournament week, orchestra days, the Year 13 Ball, or other similar activities.
- Red (Serious Concern – 15+ days absent):**
 Our In-School Attendance Support team works closely with whānau, sometimes with home visits, and may involve external support services such as the regional Attendance Service to overcome more complex challenges.

Working Together With Whānau

We believe attendance is a partnership and we want to see every student at school and attending. Throughout the year, we will:

- Provide clear information about attendance expectations and processes.
- Keep whānau updated through newsletters, KAMAR, SchoolBridge, and direct communication.
- Celebrate improvements and strong attendance.
- Offer practical support where needed—uniform, stationery, wellbeing support, transport assistance, and more.
- Provide a weekly KAMAR report on attendance similar to the following tables:

Attendance This Year

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Year
Attendance Rate	98%	98%	100%	96%	98%
Late Occurrences	1	1	0	1	3
	Regular Attendance (attending more than 90%)	Regular Attendance (attending more than 90%)	Regular Attendance (attending more than 90%)	Regular Attendance (attending more than 90%)	Regular Attendance (attending more than 90%)

Attendance this week

	Mon, 21 Oct	Tues, 22 Oct	Wed, 23 Oct	Thur, 24 Oct	Fri, 25 Oct
Period 1	3FIL P	3DVC L	3ENG U	3CAL	3MUS
Period 2	3CAL P	3MUS P	3CHE U	3FIL	3DVC
Tutor	Tutor P	Tutor P	Tutor U	Tutor	Tutor
Period 3	3ENG P	3CAL P	3MUS J	3CHE	3FIL
Period 4	3CHE P	3FIL P	3DVC J	3ENG	3CAL
Period 5	3MUS P	3CHE P	3FIL ?	3DVC	3ENG
Period 6	3DVC P	3ENG P	3CAL ?	3MUS	3CHE
	? Unexplained Absence U Unjustified Absence e.g. Explained but unjustified / Holiday during term time / Truant (unable to explain absence) P Present J Justified Absence e.g. Illness / Suspended / Exam Leave / Justified within school policy L Late (Present)				
	https://kiwicollege.school.kiwi/ics/19002-4AVMCTXBM9T8HKQZ007KE0S7.ics				

2026 DATES

TERM 1

30 January - 2 April

Fri 6 Feb Waitangi Day
 Thurs 19 Feb Athletic Sports
 Fri 6 March Swimming Sports
 Mon 9 March Taranaki Anniversary

TERM 2

20 April – 3 July

TERM 3

20 July - 25 September

TERM 4

12 October - 11 December

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'SchoolBridge' on app store

Our Goal

Every student feels supported to attend school regularly, stay engaged, and experience success - academically, socially, and personally. Our expectation is that every student is at school unless they are unwell or for some other justified reason. This means attending all five lessons each day as well as Kāwai Huia time and all assemblies.