



# NPGHS NEWSLETTER

27 March 2026

## Tēnā koutou katoa

Celebrating learning, recognising effort, and affirming achievement remain central to who we are as a school. In recent weeks we have had so much to celebrate as we reflect on the 2025 student academic success, and the staff whose expertise and commitment support these outcomes. These results not only reflect academic success, but also the wider opportunities they create for our students beyond school.

With recounts and reconsiderations for NCEA now complete, we have formally recognised NCEA success across all senior year levels. Our 2025 NCEA results reflect consistently high performance, with strong proportions of students gaining endorsements at Merit and Excellence across Levels 1, 2 and 3. You might also have seen the [facebook post](#) where we shared the fabulous Scholarship results, which demonstrate the depth of learning within our school.

Year 11 students typically complete NCEA Level 1, Year 12 complete Level 2, and Year 13 complete Level 3. Students are included in a school's data if they have been enrolled there for more than 70 calendar days during the year.

### NCEA Achievement Summary (2025)

Qualification	NPGHS	National	EQI Band
Level 1	88.8%	72.1%	75.4%
Level 2	91.5%	72.7%	78.7%
Level 3	87.3%	70.4%	73.4%
University Entrance	75.4%	49.9%	49.1%

In a large, inclusive school that welcomes all learners, these results are exceptional. Across all three NCEA levels, NPGHS achievement sits well above national averages and significantly above our Equity Index (EQI) band. The EQI replaces the former decile system and allows us to compare outcomes with schools facing similar socio economic challenges, providing a fairer and more meaningful benchmark.

The University Entrance (UE) result deserves special mention as 75.4% of the Year 13s gained UE.

UE can be thought of as a 'Level 3 Plus' qualification that opens future study and training opportunities for students. While not every student who achieves this award will go on to university, it provides options and shows the quality of the Level 3 certificate students have earned. If our students had achieved UE at the same rate as our EQI Band, 116 students from the cohort would have achieved UE and yet 181 students from NPGHS gained the qualification. This is exceptional, and it really matters for those additional 65 students! This places us right at the top of achievement for schools in this region, and was realised alongside great student leadership, participation in sports and the arts, and commitment to the wider community.

Congratulations to all the students who have worked so hard to achieve their personal best in NCEA, UE and Scholarship. We'd also like to add a special thank you and acknowledgement to those who supported them as parents, whānau and staff.

While these headline results deserve celebration, the greatest achievements are not always captured in data alone. Often, the moments that give us most pleasure as teachers are when students who have faced significant challenges persevere to the finish line and achieve the qualification through sheer determination and hard work. These successes remind us of the power of encouragement, resilience, and belief. As we work through 2026, we continue with our ongoing commitment to ensuring every learner has the opportunity to achieve more than they thought possible. We can't wait to see what our students will achieve next.

Ngā mihi mahana  
Jacqui Brown  
Principal





# Summer Tournament Week

We are delighted to congratulate our teams who represented the school during Summer Tournament Week - cricket, futsal, volleyball, rowing, surfing, tennis and waka ama. Our girls travelled, competed and supported one another with courage, determination and school pride. Some returned with gold medals, while others gained invaluable experience, confidence and connection, which we know is just as important. Across every code, students represented our school wonderfully, and showed resilience, teamwork, and respect for each other and the opposition. We are immensely proud of their efforts and achievements.



We want to say a very heartfelt thank you to the parents, whānau and volunteers who so generously gave their time to support these teams through the week. Your commitment made these opportunities possible. Your support allows our girls to step confidently into challenge, competition and growth, and we are deeply appreciative of the care and encouragement you provided throughout the week. Not many Taranaki schools participated in Summer Tournament Week, and we thank you for making this opportunity possible.

Sport	Adults away with the team	Final placing
Cricket	Jessie Hollard, Duncan Scott & Charlotte Blackmore	Still playing
Futsal	Craig McGregor, Denise McGregor, John Egan-Gray & Dale Goldfinch	Seniors 6 <sup>th</sup> Juniors 8 <sup>th</sup>
Rowing	Victoria Brown & Gus Berghan	Into the A finals finishing Saturday
Tennis	Nick Creery NPBHS	8th
Volleyball	Tania Lindsay and Scott Mooney	Playing off for 15 <sup>th</sup> or 16 <sup>th</sup>
Waka Ama	Kirsten Lawrence, Tangiwai Lawrence, Briar Rauputu & Jae Fraser	Gold - in the U19 W12 250m Silver - in the U19 W6 250m

We would also like to acknowledge the fantastic sponsors and funders who helped make these opportunities possible for our students: NZCT, Avenue Roding, Glass Group Ltd, Fraser Concrete, Lawrence Builders, Drapes and Blindz Direct, AP Plastering, Tupaka Farms Ltd, along with all the students and staff who supported raffles, bake sales, and sausage sizzles to help get our teams to their tournaments.

## Takitahi Day Success

Thank you for supporting Takitahi Day, held on 18 March 2026.

Funds raised will be donated to the Cancer Society through the Relay for Life team. The Student Council are thrilled that **\$1,662.80** was raised by NPGHS, and the Relay for Life team are feeling energised and grateful for this generous show of support. This marks our highest Takitahi Day fundraising total in a very long time, and we are proud of the way our students contributed to others in need.





## Upcoming Events

Please check <https://npghs.bridge.school.nz/notices>, or the 'Coming Events' post on facebook, for even more information.

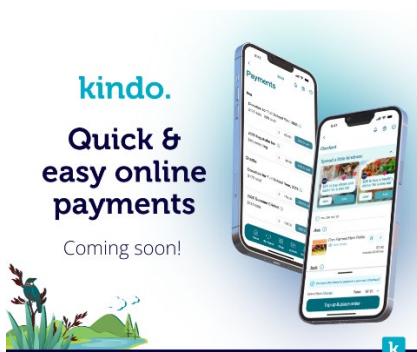
- Sat 28 March The **NPGHS Relay for Life** team will be in action at TET Stadium in Inglewood from 10am - 10pm on Saturday. Drop in to show your support to our students and staff who are giving their weekend and energy to raise money for the Cancer Society.
- Tues 31 March 46 NPGHS students are taking part in the **2026 Taranaki Regional Shakespeare Festival** in Stratford. This is a much anticipated annual event!
- Tues 31 March **TSSSA Student Coach Day and Student Leaders Day.** Sessions are run by TSSSA staff for those students who have signed up for these events in advance.
- Wed 1 April **StudyLink** presentation in Year 13 study at lunchtime. Further study beyond NPGHS can sometimes feel a little daunting. This is an opportunity for students to hear from an expert on student allowances and student loans.
- Mon 20 April **Term 2 begins**
- Fri 24 April **Next newsletter available.** You can click [here](#) to see the current and previous newsletters.

## School Alerts Programme

Our school is participating in the School Alerts Programme, a partnership between schools, the Ministry of Education and Police that helps us better support student wellbeing.

The programme provides schools with timely notifications when a child may have been affected by a serious family harm incident, allowing us to respond with additional care, understanding, and appropriate support at school. Information is shared securely and confidentially and is used solely to support the safety and wellbeing of our students.

If you have any questions, please contact Jacqui Brown on [jbrown@npghs.school.nz](mailto:jbrown@npghs.school.nz)



### Kindo is Coming Soon!

Quick, easy online payments - 24/7.

We're excited to introduce Kindo. A user-friendly platform that allows you to purchase school items, register for sports and support fundraisers at anytime, with one convenient account for the whole family.

Enjoy flexible payment options anytime, anywhere!

More details coming soon.

## 2026 DATES

### TERM 1

30 January - 2 April

### TERM 2

20 April - 3 July

*Mon 27 April Anzac Day (observed)*

*Mon 1 June King's Birthday*

### TERM 3

20 July - 25 September

*Fri 21 Aug Curriculum Staff Only Day*

### TERM 4

12 October - 11 December

*Mon 26 Oct Labour Day*

*Fri 20 Nov Curriculum Staff Only Day*

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