



# NPGHS NEWSLETTER

22 May 2026

## Tēnā koutou katoa

At NPGHS, we are incredibly proud of the way our students continue to achieve in sport. Even more than that, we are proud of the way they show commitment, teamwork, sportsmanship and resilience both on and off the field. We also recognise that participation in sport can come with financial costs, and we are committed to helping make opportunities accessible for all students.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to [Centuria New Zealand](#) for their generous ongoing support. Centuria is a commercial property investment and funds management company, managing a significant portfolio of assets across New Zealand and Australia. Their support is helping more of our students stay involved in sport and make the most of the opportunities available. This is the third year that our students have benefitted from the support of Centuria, and we would like to thank [Waddell.nz](#) for making this partnership possible.

In 2026, we are pleased to offer two types of sports grants which can be used for direct sport-related costs such as registration, travel, or tournament week expenses.

- Centuria Small Grants - up to 10 grants of up to \$250 each. Applications open today and close on 5 June.
- Centuria Support Grants - maximum grant of up to \$100. Applications open on 6 June and will be considered as received, until all funds have been distributed.

In addition to the Centuria funding, families can also apply to the Jain Gaudin Aroha Fund. Jain Gaudin was Principal of NPGHS from 1988 to 2002 and left a bequest to support students in accessing opportunities. This fund is broader than sport and can support students across many areas, including academic, sporting, cultural and arts opportunities, as well as helping to overcome financial hardship.

These funding opportunities are an important way we can ensure that every student has the chance to participate, achieve, and feel part of our sporting community. We are grateful to Centuria and acknowledge the ongoing impact of the Jain Gaudin Aroha Fund in helping make this possible.

Please see [this page](#) on our school website for more information or to apply for one of these grants.

Ngā mihi mahana  
Jacqui



## Cross Country Success

Our annual school Cross Country was held on Wednesday 13 May, and what a fantastic day it was. With gorgeous weather and around 70 students taking part, it was a great celebration of participation and effort.

This year saw a change of venue, moving from Vogeltown Park to a new course along the Te Henui. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and students really enjoyed the new setting. Several Year 13s who assisted as marshalls along the course commented that they wished they had taken part.

The course was approximately 3.5km, with an impressive fastest time of 14.26m.

Results: 1st – Lennox Dyer, 2nd – Eve Cross, 3rd – Emme Sigurdsson, 4th – Bethan Mullis

A team of 15 students has now been selected to represent NPGHS at the TSSSA Cross Country on Thursday 28 May. We wish them all the very best as they compete against other schools.



## CAA Assessments

Big achievements are built from small, steady steps and this week, students across all year groups have taken an important step. By participating in their Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities (CAAs), they are working towards a key milestone in their NCEA journey.

These assessments are the NCEA co-requisite, which ensures students have the foundational literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy skills needed to succeed across all subjects. The CAAs are digital assessments completed during national assessment windows of two weeks.

It has been fantastic to see the positive attitude students have brought to these assessments. Students have shown excellent behaviour and have been calm, focused, and ready to give their best. The level of engagement and maturity in the Hall during the assessments has been a real credit to them.

As with any large-scale assessment, there have been a few challenges for some students. This included situations such as not having set up login details in advance, or missing the assessment due to absence. These things do happen, and it is important to remember that they are not the end of the road. Students have another opportunity, with an assessment window later in the year. Students can re-attempt the assessments if needed, ensuring everyone has the chance to meet the literacy and numeracy co-requisite over time.

Overall, this week has highlighted the commitment of our students. We are proud of the way they have approached this important step and look forward to supporting them as they continue working towards success in NCEA.

## Library Week 2026

Library Week was packed with fun and engaging activities for students to enjoy. Highlights of the week included book stacking, book bowling, charades, the dictionary challenge, Kahoots, Fairy Tale Blooket, a drawing and colouring competition, Riddle Master, a scavenger hunt, and a bookmark design competition. There was something for everyone, and it was wonderful to see so many students getting involved.

A special feature of the week was the waka competition, where students designed a book cover that reflected their waka theme and colours. Our Waimarie students embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and creativity.

Results will be announced at an upcoming assembly. The waka competition is incredibly close this year—every point counts!





## Year 9 Textile Classes

Year 9 Textiles Technology students spent Term 1 practicing sewing skills and techniques, including how to construct a patchwork block.

They applied their newly acquired skills and knowledge to construct a useful Tote Bag featuring a patchwork pocket made from recycled materials.



## Takitahi Day Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Show your support of Food Bank on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June by choosing to wear non-uniform and making a gold coin donation.

All money raised will go to Food Bank to allow them to purchase the items they need to support the New Plymouth community.

The day will start with Kawai Huia time.

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## Whānau Hui

On Thursday 21 May, we held a Whānau Hui to celebrate the success of our ākonga Māori. Families joined together to share wonderful kai - thank you to everyone who contributed to such a delicious meal - before we took time to reflect on student achievement.

We acknowledged the strong academic success of our Māori learners. While this is just one part of a wider picture of success, it is something to be proud of, particularly as our results sit well above national and regional pass rates, as well as those of similar schools. These achievements reflect the strength of the partnerships between students, whānau, and the school.

We also explored how we recognise more holistic success, shared the kaupapa of the annual Poroporoake, and finished the evening with student led waiata and karakia. A highlight for many was an enthusiastic game of 'spoons' which was thoroughly enjoyed by students, and very entertaining for staff watching on!



## Upcoming Events

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

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| Every Monday in Term 2  | Meet at the Stadium for a <b>lunchtime sports activity</b> every Monday. Meet on Wednesday for lunchtime badminton.   |
| Mon 25 May              | <b>TSSSA Senior Touch &amp; Senior Volleyball</b> Tournaments<br><br><b>YES Business Pitches</b> - Our Year 12 & 13 Business students experience the start-up world first-hand. This is part of a regional and national competition, as well as subject content.                            |
| Tues 26 and Wed 27 May  | 26 Year 13 students are taking part in the <b>Mātaki Micro-Shadowing Programme</b> at Taranaki Hospital   |
| Wed 27 and Thurs 28 May | <b>Whānau/Subject Teacher meetings</b> – book your appointment by selecting the Whānau/Subject Teacher Conferences button on SchoolBridge.  |
| Thurs 28 May            | <b>TSSSA Cross Country</b>  |
| Mon 1 June              | <b>King's Birthday</b> – School closed  |
| Tues 2 June             | <b>Pasifika group</b> performing at Merrilands Primary School assembly  |
| Tues 2 June             | <b>Great Barrier Reef trip information meetings.</b> 6pm for those travelling in 2026, and 7pm for those travelling in 2027. If you or your daughter are interested, please contact HoD Social Sciences, Eddie Brown, on <a href="mailto:ebrown@npghs.school.nz">ebrown@npghs.school.nz</a> |
| Wed 3 June              | <b>Takitahi Day</b> - raising money for FoodBank  |
| Thurs 4 June            | <b>TSSSA Badminton</b> competition  |
| Thurs 4 June            | <b>Level 2 Drama</b> , class production in the hall - Wheeler's Luck by Da'Mon Andrews, Nigel Collins and Toby Leach. It is produced in association with Playmarket   |
| Fri 5 June              | <b>Next newsletter available.</b> You can click <a href="#">here</a> to see the current and previous newsletters.   |

## 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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