





Cultural Week and Cultural Night

Cultural Week was a fantastic celebration of diversity at NPGHS. Students enjoyed a Waka Scavenger Hunt, lantern making in the library, a cultural-themed Kahoot!, cultural dress day, and henna art, which drew huge interest from students throughout the week.

The highlight was our first-ever Cultural Night, featuring over 50 performers, including special guests from NPBHS and SHGC. Eleven cultures were represented through music, dance, and performance, creating a vibrant and memorable evening. Hosted by Cheryl Mudawarima, co-founder of the Sisonke Taranaki African Community, the event was supported by funding from the Taranaki Multi Ethnic Council and raised \$450 in donations.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this inaugural event such a wonderful success, particularly our student leader Tazanna Reddy and the Cultural Committee.





Tournament Week Results

We are so proud of our tournament teams who competed fiercely, and with such good sportsmanship at each of their tournaments. I was so proud visiting football, netball, badminton and basketball and I was disappointed that hockey was just too far away to visit this year. Results didn't always go the way the teams had hoped for, but great things were still achieved by every group. Special congratulations go to Hockey, winning the Marie Fry Trophy, and Football for finishing in the top 8 in New Zealand.

National tournaments:

- Football: 1st XI (Girls Premier Tournament) – finished 8th in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Hockey: 1st XI (Federation Cup/Marie Fry Trophy) – **FIRST PLACE** in Tier 2, winning the Marie Fry trophy.
- Hockey: 2nd XI (Eveline Hankers Memorial trophy, Tier 4) – finished 17th out of 24 teams.
- Badminton – finished 5th in Division 2.

Regional tournaments:

- Basketball – finished 4th, qualified for Nationals
- Netball – finished 19th out of 32 after finding themselves in one of the hardest pools.
- Equestrian – a single rider represented NPGHS and finished 8th overall.





School Exams

Students have school examinations from Monday 14 September to Monday 21 September and this is an important opportunity for them to prepare for success in the external examinations later in the year.

At NPGHS, we deliberately schedule these examinations at the end of Term 3 so students can receive valuable feedback from their teachers and use the holidays to focus their revision where it is needed most. This extended period of preparation has been a key factor in the outstanding results our students continue to achieve year after year.

Did you know that in 2025, NPGHS achieved the highest University Entrance success rate in Taranaki? Alongside one other New Plymouth school, 67% of our students gained University Entrance. What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that NPGHS achieved this with almost twice as many students and with a significantly higher Equity Index (EQI), reflecting greater socio-economic challenges within our community.

The story is similar across NCEA Levels 1, 2, and 3, where our students consistently achieve excellent results. These outcomes are a testament to the hard work, determination, and resilience of our students, supported by dedicated teachers and whānau who believe in their potential. Nothing is going to hold our students back!

While university is not every student's destination, education matters because it opens doors. Whether our students choose university, apprenticeships, employment, training, or other pathways, the knowledge, skills, and qualifications they gain create opportunities for their future.

We encourage families to help support their daughters during this examination period and as they prepare for the official NCEA examinations at the end of the year. Together, we can help them achieve their very best.

Here is the [examination timetable](#), along with some practical ways you can support your daughter as she prepares for her exams:

- Encourage regular study sessions and help create a revision schedule.
- Provide a quiet, well-organised space for study.
- Ensure your daughter gets plenty of sleep and maintains healthy routines.
- Help minimise distractions during study times.
- Encourage breaks, exercise, and time to recharge.
- Talk positively about effort, progress, and learning rather than focusing only on results.
- Check in regularly and offer encouragement and support.
- And most importantly of all, ask her what support works for her and what she wants as she works to succeed.

Our students have already shown what they can achieve. With continued hard work and the support of their families, they will continue to succeed both now and in the future.

Second-Hand Uniform Shop - *Coming Soon*

We are excited to be getting closer to launching an NPGHS Second-Hand Uniform Shop, an initiative designed to support our school community while making uniform purchases easier and more affordable for families.

The shop will provide two options for families. Uniform items can either be donated to the shop or sold on commission, allowing families to receive a small return on quality uniform items they no longer need. In the longer term, we hope the shop will generate a modest surplus that can be reinvested back into the school for the benefit of our students.

We also hope this service will make selling or purchasing second-hand uniforms much simpler. Instead of navigating online marketplaces, arranging viewings, and coordinating collections, families will be able to access quality second-hand uniform items in one convenient location.

There is still more to share about how the shop will operate, and further details will be provided next term. However, before we can open our doors, we need to build up some stock.

Right now, we are **seeking donations of clean, good-quality uniform items**. If you have items that are no longer needed, we would greatly appreciate your support. Donations can be dropped off at either the Main Office or Student Services at any time.

If you are interested in selling items on commission and receiving some money back, please hold onto your uniform pieces for now. We will share details of the commission process once the shop is ready to launch.

Thank you in advance for helping us create a service that will support both current and future NPGHS families.



Upcoming Events

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

Sun 13 Sept	4.30-6.30pm Taranaki Secondary Schools Jazz Day , at the Plymouth. Click here for more details.
Mon 14 to Mon 21 Sept	NCEA /Senior School Examinations
Mon 14 to Friday 18 Sept	Y9 & 10 TOPEC camp for registered students.
	Year 10 Social Sciences trips to Pukerangiora continue, with all remaining classes visiting over the next two weeks.
Thurs 17 Sept	2027 Student Board Rep takes office – results to be announced 17 Sept.
	Degree planning session with Victoria University of Wellington
Fri 18 Sept	TSSSA Tough Guy Tough Girl
Mon 21 Sept to Fri 25 Sept	Student led Happy Week
Mon 21 Sept	Y10 Business Studies Market Day
Tues 22 to Fri 25 Sept	Extra-curricular Music students at Music Ensemble Festival Aotearoa (MEFA) in Wellington.
Fri 25 Sept	Final day of Term 3 – this is a full day and attendance for the whole day is, as usual, expected. The Waka Fun Run/Walk takes place in Spell 5. Term 4 begins Mon 12 October.
	Next newsletter available. You can click here 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

2027 DATES

<https://www.npghs.school.nz/term-dates>

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