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# Napier Boys' High School

## Newsletter



*Napier Boys' High  
Junior Cricket Team*



## PRIZE GIVING LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR BOYS

15 DECEMBER 2016

*Students need to be  
at school by 9am.  
Powhiri starts at 10 am*

## From The Headmaster's Office

As the school year winds down and senior exams continue, we can look back on a number of successful events and highlights this term.

Among the highlights were three formal events: our annual Sports and Cultural prizegiving where we recognised the achievements of our top performers in all facets of extra-curricular school life; the Leavers' Assembly which celebrated the contribution of our year 13's over their five years with us and concluded with an excellent address by Deputy Head Prefect, Tim Farrell; the End-of-Year Scinde House dinner which also couples as a farewell to the Year

13 boarders – this was a wonderful celebration of the culture of the boarding environment and there were not too many dry eyes at the end among the parents present.

One other formal but unexpected event was the last senior assembly of the year. Prior to it, two year 13 students, Haeata Watson and Tauhe Kaweroa, had completed the writing and choreography for a new school haka – one specific to Napier Boys' High School. At this assembly they presented this koha to the school and gave a stirring rendition for the boys. We look forward to this haka becoming part of the tradition of the school alongside

Tika Tonu in much the same way the All Blacks perform both Ka mate Ka mate and Kapa O Pango.

Two notable external celebrations occurred recently too: the EIT Trades Academy prizegiving and the Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools' Sports Awards. At the former, it was fantastic to see ten of our year 12 and 13 boys go across stage to recognise their completion of this qualification, while Truman Stuart gained a prize for Excellence in Health and Fitness and Jaleel Mareikura achieved the award for Top Cookery Student. At the Sports Awards, it was fantastic to see the school take out the top cricketer, footballer, basketball and rugby player (Todd Watson, Luke Maynard, Jaxson MacFarlane and Tim Farrell respectively), while Guy Harrison was top Disabled Athlete of the year and Tim Farrell also picked up top Male Athlete of the year.

The recent earthquake has been upsetting for many and, naturally, our thoughts are with those in the affected areas. It has given us a timely reminder to always review and, where necessary, update our procedures when natural disaster strikes. You will find an updated evacuation plan in this newsletter. Boarding will have a visit by Civil Defence to review the after-hours procedures there, particularly around tsunami threats.

One area we can always look to improve is our communication tools in these types of situation. To this end the school will have an app from the start of 2017 which will enable us to send out alerts to those who subscribe. A more general tool will be our school Facebook page: this has been refreshed and now has a pool of administrators who can keep it updated, especially in a time of crisis, but also with current school news. Please go to this link and friend us: <https://www.facebook.com/napierboys/> - this is our official site.

In other news, our Junior A Volleyball side won the Hawke's Bay/Poverty Bay seeding tournament which has given them entry to the North Island

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championships. We look forward to their progress at this event. Other summer sports are well underway and it is heartening to see we can field two softball and touch teams currently – thanks in a large part to support from parents. On that note, the school hosted a function in the Memorial Library to all our many volunteers and supporters this week. It is impressive to see the many and wide-ranging ways parents, old boys and the wider community are actively involved in the school for the boys' benefit.

A number of staff will finish at the end of year and we will recognise their contribution at prizegiving. We recently fare-welled long-standing hostel gardener and handyman, Mr Rob Campbell, who has retired after 11 years. He will be sorely missed, particularly by the boarders who he often helped out of the odd scrape or two. Mr Guy Whitchelo (Engineering and Technology) retires from teaching after 10 years here, while Mr Graham Beaumont (HoD Science) also retires after 18 months here following a lengthy career at Auckland Grammar. Mr Willy Mead, old boy and teacher of geography, PE and agriculture, leaves after two years here to travel overseas with his partner and expand his teaching experience. Ms Sarah Robertson (music and cultural coordinator for the past three years) will move home to a permanent, fulltime music position at Te Awamutu Intermediate, while Ms Anna Follett who was a long-term reliever in social studies this year has secured a fulltime position at Taikura Rudolph Steiner in Hastings. Finally, this week we learned that Ms Rachael Hammon, who has been on staff for 16 years as a biology and science teacher as well as Gifted and Talented Coordinator, is moving to Auckland's Carmel College to take up new challenge – teaching girls. I thank these staff for their contributions to the school both in and out of the classroom.



Currently appointed replacements are:

- Mr Ben Williams - Engineering/ Technology, previously taught at NBHS for three years returns with his wife, a doctor, to New Zealand.
- Mrs Sue Fox-Warren – HoD Science, comes to us from Flaxmere College where she was also HoD Science

The roll for the school 2017 will be slightly smaller than in the past few years – approximately 1200 students, but with a small increase at year 9 where about 275 will start with us on Tuesday 31 January. We look forward to welcoming them formally with other new students and staff at a powhiri on that day.

I finished the Leavers' assembly with this old Irish blessing:

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind always be at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

For those of you in our community who are moving on with your sons at the end of the year, thank you for your support of the school. We hope you can remain connected in some way in the years to come.

*Matt Bertram - Headmaster*

## Trade Academy Special Prizes

Health and Fitness - Year 2  
Hospitality Year 1

Excellence in Health & Fitness Award  
Top Cookery Student Award

Truman Stuart  
Jaleel Mareikura



# Evacuation Procedures

## Earthquake

If there was a major earthquake (buildings damaged or destroyed) while the students are at school (without any tsunami concerns), after the shaking has stopped students will be brought out on to the school grounds and assembled in the middle of the school fields. Caregivers will be required to come and sign their son out of school. Students will not be sent home. If the need arises students may be accommodated here at school while we wait for caregivers to arrive.

## Tsunami

If after a major earthquake there is a tsunami warning for coastal Napier we will evacuate the school.

If the warning gives us only a short period of time (5-10 mins) we will evacuate to the stands at McLean Park. If we are given a longer warning we will evacuate the students to the Botanical Gardens via Georges Drive, Carlyle Street, Chaucer Road and Spencer Road.

Once again students will be kept at this point until caregivers come and sign



them out. If we are forced to move from this point, by Civil Defence, messages will be posted on the school facebook page.

Correspondence during any of these major events will be via the school facebook page and the app once launched 2017.

# ICT Master Class Programme

In 2013, Napier Boys' High School became a Microsoft Academy and began to prepare students for Microsoft Office Specialist examinations in Word, PowerPoint, Excel and other Microsoft Office applications. The highest qualification available is that of Microsoft Office Specialist Master. To become a Master, students have to pass five on-line Microsoft examinations, two of which are at the expert level.

There are less than 200 Microsoft Masters in the whole New Zealand at the present time because it represents such a very high level of MS Office expertise. It is the very highest Microsoft Office Qualification available in the world, being recognised Internationally and usually only achieved by adults already in employment.

In the first three years that Napier Boys' High School has been a Microsoft Academy, eight of our students have become Microsoft Masters. Already in 2016, four of our Year 9 students have achieved Master Status and the ICT Department have identified a further 28 students whose achievement in ICT is such that they are now close to becoming Microsoft Office Specialist Masters.

The ICT department has now set up a 'Master Class' for these students, to support them as they try to pass the final two examinations before the end of the 2016 school year. Once they pass their Microsoft Office qualification, the Master Class students will move on to

study programming which leads to NCEA Achievement Standards at levels 1, 2 & 3.

Four of the students in this Master Class have passed the Master qualification in the first week of its' operation and a fifth is sitting his final examination as this article goes to press!

We wish the remaining 23 every success.



*Charles Williams*



*Oliver Wright*



*Zethan Bennett*



*Daniel McGregor*

# Junior Gig



Fergus Cardwell-Dray, Oliver Wright



Ben Cornes

Junior Music students stepped onto the stage on the 8th of November to showcase their talent. Over 30 performers performed as soloists and in groups. It was great to bring this even back to the school hall for the first time in some years and also give an opportunity to our junior sound technicians to showcase their talent. The night was a great success well attended by families and friends.

## Hawke's Bay Woodturning Collaboration

At Napier Boys' High School 5th to the 10th January 2017.

The Collaboration has been going for 12 years, and this will be our second year at Napier Boys' High School.

It is limited to about 30 participants, mostly woodturners and some decorators (painters, fabric, artist, carvers and woodworkers). The participants are there because they have been invited and come from all over New Zealand, bringing most of their workshop with them to create some amazing pieces of wood art both functional and decorative.

These pieces are up for Auction on the last afternoon of the Collaboration,

Tuesday the 10th January at the school at 3.30pm.

We also have a Gallery open on site 11am until 4pm from 6th to the 10th, which includes work from the participants and Quilts from Aotearoa Quilters National Association.

Tours around the work site will be available from the Gallery. Looking forward to seeing you.

Jill & Rober Mabey – our facebook page is [hawkes bay woodturners collaboration](#).



Epko Knol





Nick Wright, Jacob Eyles, Oliver Wright, Leeam Tang, Luke Ryan, Mihnea Vladd

## Critical Theory

Our Smokefree Rockquest winners, Critical Theory performed in central Napier at the re-opening of Hastings street on 20th of November. A number

of top local bands performed and our group fit in seamlessly with a lot more experienced musicians. It was one of the last opportunities for Critical Theory

to perform before three of the boys in the band leave to pursue their tertiary study next year.



## Memorial Library

ALL students should have returned their library books back to school by now. However, that does not mean they have to stop borrowing books.

There are a number of ways that your son can continue to use library books over the summer break.

1. Summer reading programme. Borrow Memorial Library books by simply returning a signed permission form. See Miss Ellis for this.
2. Memorial Library eBooks. Download

the Wheelers ePlatform app for Apple or Android to enjoy access to over 1200 eBook titles. Once the app is installed, students need to select Napier Boys' High School as their library; then simply enter school login and password details.

3. Use your public library. It is free to join; all that is required is identification and proof of address. Membership allows access to the Napier and Taradale branches, and also to the Hastings District Libraries, with branches in Hastings, Havelock North and Flaxmere.

By reading for as little as 30 minutes a day over summer, students will maintain or improve their current reading ability. Regular reading also provides other benefits, such as: improved focus and concentration, stress reduction, improved memory, and better writing skills. It can also add up to two years to your life! So please encourage your son to read over the summer break – you may even be tempted to join him!

# SUMMER UNIFORM

Thank you to the parents who ensure their boys are in the correct school uniform.  
Both new and secondhand shops are open:

TUESDAY 3 - 4.30PM  
THURSDAY 1.10 - 2.10PM

If your son has hired No.1's - to avoid further money being charged on his account these need to be returned to school as soon as possible.

Please contact Norma Bellamy on 833 5900 ext 204 or email [uniforms@nbhs.school.nz](mailto:uniforms@nbhs.school.nz)  
If you have any

ITEM	SIZE	PRICE
Summer Shirts	All sizes	\$43
Senior Polo Shirts (Optional Yrs 12 & 13 only) Must have Deans' slip	All sizes	\$45
Summer Shorts	All sizes	\$50
Socks		\$14
Jerseys)	2XS - 2XL	\$95
	3XL - 4XL	\$95
School Jacket		\$90
PE Shorts		\$33
PE Shirts		\$38
Caps		\$25
Years 12 & 13 (Optional) - Grey Trousers		\$58
White Shirts		\$45
Ties		\$25
Blazers - Prefects & Snr Sports Players		\$200



PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM

If your son loses any uniform that is not named there is no way we can identify it.



# Peak Trail Blazer 2016

NBHS has a proud history at the Peak Trail Blazer which took place on the 20th December on the slopes of Te Mata Peak.

Bradley Christison, did extremely well managing to retain the title of Up & Coming (quickest 5-17 year old on the peak) winning himself \$150 cash and a training chat with Steve Willis from Athletics NZ. He also came 5th overall and returns to the Hall of Flames sub-60 minute club in a time of 55:05 for the 12.8km course.

The race itself is fast and hard for those at the front of the pack. To run it in under an hour is a great achievement and I can't stress how well these runners do, especially under the windy hot conditions. His name will once again hang on the leaderboard which can be found at Hawthorne Coffee in Havelock North.

On another note, Archie Elliott took out the team run event (along with his brother Sam and mother Suzanna), and also shot an amazing go pro movie whilst doing it! It is loaded up on the Peak Trail Blazer Facebook page.

*Jo Throp (Race Director)*



## Softball

Congratulations to the following players who have been named in the HB Softball U17 Boys Representative Squad.

Leo Thompson  
 Manaaki Aranui  
 Kupa Isherwood  
 Harris Gannaway  
 Tyrone Thompson

## Colts cricket

Colts cricket team (see photo on cover) are currently playing in our Junior Cricket tournament here at school. The tournament features teams from around the Central region including Tauranga and Palmerston North Boys' High Schools. Our team had a convincing win against Palmerston North Boys' on Day One. They then suffered a big loss at the hands of Wanganui Collegiate. The boys bounced straight back and had a very good win over Tauranga Boys' College.

NBHS 285 for 8  
 Liam Hall 64  
 Mitchell Williams-North 31  
 Liam Percy Fysh 29 not out  
 Jordan Hooper 26

Tauranga 127 all out  
 Jordan Hooper 3 wickets  
 Aidan Jones 2 wickets  
 Liam Hall 2 wickets

NBHS won by 158 runs

## Support the Rowers!!

The rowing crews are now fund-raising towards their trip to next year's national championships and are selling split pine 'firewood'.



\$200 – trailer of wood delivered within Napier and surrounding area.  
 \$220 – trailer of wood delivered and stacked within Napier and surrounding area.

If you would like some please contact: [mlawson@lawsonrobinson.co.nz](mailto:mlawson@lawsonrobinson.co.nz) or leave a message at the school office mentioning the 'rowing fundraiser' at 833-5900.



# NAPIER BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

## Term Four 2016

### Week Seven

M-F	21-25	North Island Junior Volleyball championships
M-Th	21-24	Junior Cricket tournament
Th/F	24/25	Junior Tennis quad

### Week Eight

M-F	28-2 Nov/Dec	Year 10 camps – 10BI, 10Ve
F-Su	2-5	National Athletics - Auckland
F	2	Last day of NCEA exams
Sa	3	Condor 7's Rugby tournament



### Week Nine

M	5	Dec	
M-F	5-9		Year 10 camps – 10Lo, 10Sh



### Week Ten

M	12	
Th	15	PRIZE GIVING and Last day of school for boys

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