



August 2017

Term 3, No. 1

# Napier Boys' High School

## Newsletter

### Polson Banner Winners 2017



*Joshua Bokser and Lolani Faleiva*

## Proposed Changes to School Uniform



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**See page 2 for proposal**

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**FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2017**

A final decision will be made at the Board's September meeting.

## From The Headmaster's Office

Dear parents, caregivers and friends of the school.

It was pleasing to see so many of you able to attend parent-teacher interviews in the first week back. This is an important step in checking your son's progress and next steps ahead as they enter the home stretch for the year. It is never too late to make changes to behaviours or habits which might be affecting good progress.

The reality is that only 10 weeks of school remains before most seniors will go on study leave for NCEA exams. With internal assessment continuing as the boys prepare for their exams, it is never more important that they have good routines and study habits in place to manage their

time effectively. August also heralds the time when seniors need to think about their plans for 2018. For our year 13's this means considering their study or training options next year, whether here in the Hawkes' Bay or further afield at university or polytech. Applications need to be completed for accommodation options and there are a huge number and variety of scholarships available for our boys to apply for. They are not all about being the best academic; many are tailored for good young men who have got on with their schooling and made the most of their opportunities - a quick chat with Mrs Laurs in Careers would never go amiss at this time.

As senior students begin to apply for courses, apprenticeships and

## From The Headmaster's Office

scholarships, some are found wanting when they are asked about their community service. Tertiary institutions and employers like to know that our young people are contributing positively to their community and our boys are encouraged to be involved initially because they want to help/assist others and secondly because their community will be better off for their contribution. I would encourage parents to engage in a conversation regarding this aspect of being a 'Good Man'. I commented at assembly the other day about the great work some of our seniors do in giving up a lunchtime a week to take sport at Te Awa Primary.

For the other year levels, it is time to think about their course of study next year. You will have received the Senior Course booklet to guide your son's thinking around his subjects. It is important that this is a topic of discussion at home as it links with the careers advice he will have received and can also be important in refining some academic goals as many subjects and

pathways have important pre-requisites that need to be met.

The production was a fantastic success and I hope many of you got the chance to see what was an excellent show by some extremely talented students. I thank the staff without whom this would not be possible. This came hard on the heels of the recent Barbershop success in the Hawkes Bay champs - culture is clearly cool at school which is great to see. We haven't been quiet on the sporting front though as the term began with a rush and the news that our large Orienteering team had won the National Schools' title for the 14th year running - this is definitely a record in school sport in New Zealand - while, despite losing the exchange overall, rugby brought back the coveted Polson Banner for the first time since 2013; Table Tennis cleaned up locally and, at the end of last term, our young farmers won two sections of the national Teen Ag competition. Finally, we were thrilled to follow the success of year 11, Guy Harrison, who last week broke the New



Zealand record for the para 800m in Brisbane and then followed that up in Switzerland with silver in the World Para Athletics Junior games. Outstanding!

*Matt Bertram - Headmaster*

## Proposed Changes to School Uniform



The Board of Trustees is considering the following changes to the school uniform:

1. School shoes and socks to be compulsory all year round, i.e.: sandals will no longer be a uniform item in the summer terms - this is in response to changing Health and Safety requirements requiring enclosed footwear in all laboratories, technical workshops and food preparation areas.

**This would take effect from the start of term four 2017.**

2. The introduction of a long-sleeved polo shirt for winter in place of the current black long-sleeved shirt. This is designed to be worn out/untucked.

**This would take effect from the**

**start of term two 2018 and be phased in for all new year 9's that year.**

3. The introduction of a short-sleeved polo shirt for summer for all year groups, replacing the current light blue "airtex" shirt. This is designed to be worn out/untucked.

**This would take effect from the start of term one 2019 and be phased in for all new Year 9's that year.**

Please note:

- The design of both polo shirts would be the same ensuring uniformity and a clear difference to other local schools which use light blue as their shirt colour.
- The cost of both new polo shirts is cheaper than the existing shirts.
- The polo is more durable than the existing shirts and hold its shape

better.

- Other students above year 9 would be able to purchase the new polo if they wished, however, it is the Board's intention that the changes be phased over four years so that no undue hardship is caused.
- There would be an impact on families who wish to sell current items to our second hand uniform store.

The Board invites parents and whanau to make submissions on these proposed changes. They can be sent in two ways:

- Mail or hand-delivered to the school office c/- Board Secretary, Napier Boys' High School.
- Email to: nbhs@nbhs.school.nz

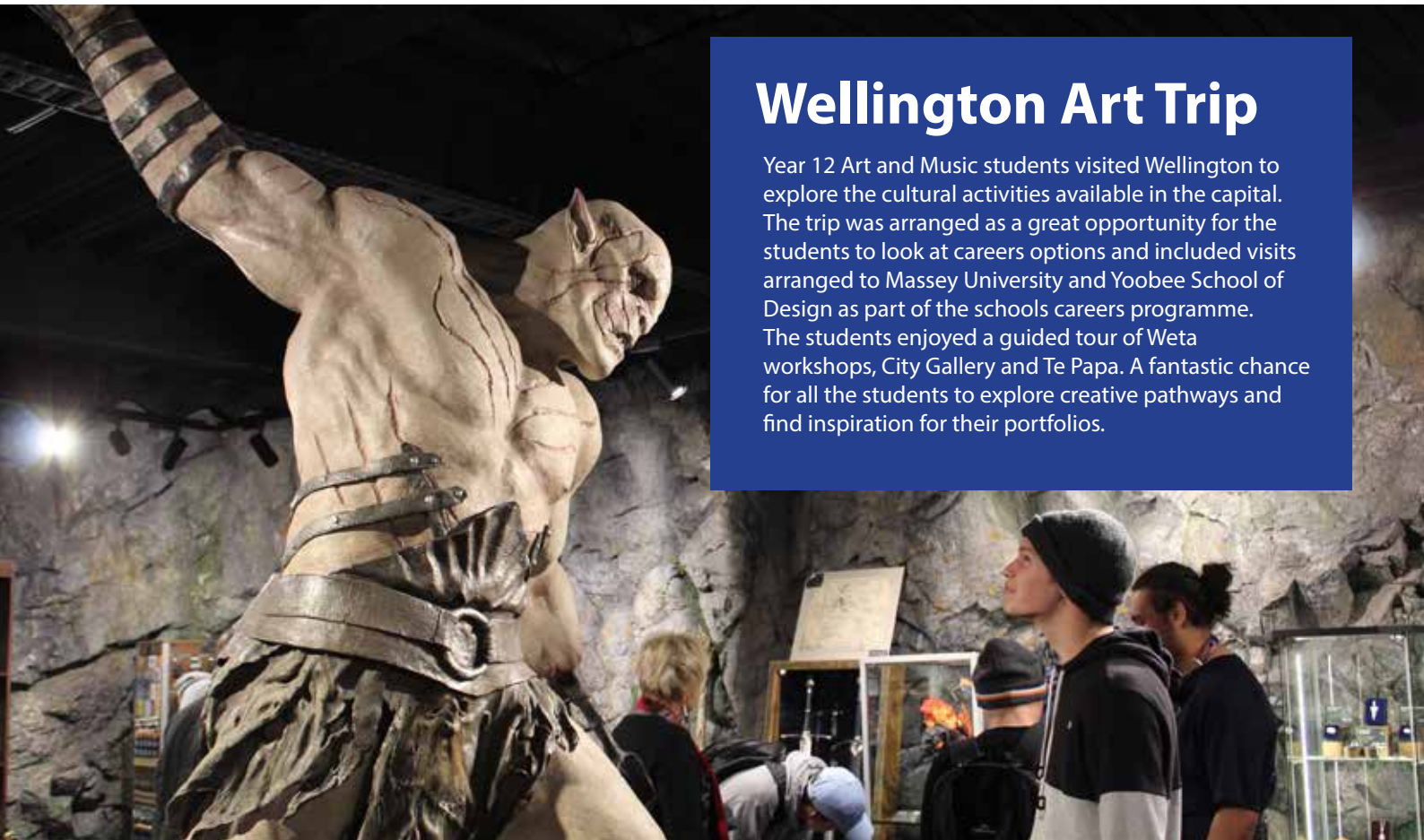
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## Wellington Art Trip

Year 12 Art and Music students visited Wellington to explore the cultural activities available in the capital. The trip was arranged as a great opportunity for the students to look at careers options and included visits arranged to Massey University and Yoobee School of Design as part of the schools careers programme. The students enjoyed a guided tour of Weta workshops, City Gallery and Te Papa. A fantastic chance for all the students to explore creative pathways and find inspiration for their portfolios.



## Victoria- Massey Open Day

31st Aug- 1st Sept

Year 13 students going with their parents to the Open Day need to bring a letter in to Mr Smith confirming this. At the same time parents need to ring Mrs Laurs to confirm this as well. At the moment the bus is not full and students are under no circumstances to travel in car loads together to the event.

# Hawke's Bay Regional Manu Kōrero Competition

At the end of Term 2, Tomairangi Henare and Kharmen Merwood represented Napier Boys' High School at the Hawkes Bay Regional Manu Kōrero Competition, held at Te Aho a Māui, EIT Taradale. Tomairangi entered in the Senior English - Korimako section, and delivered both an outstanding prepared speech, and a very funny and calculated impromptu speech. His prepared speech topic was My Essential Guide to Achievement. His impromptu speech topic was Please and Thank you are words to live by. Kharmen entered in the Junior Te reo Māori - Te Rāwhiti Ihaka section and delivered a powerful kōrero: Whānau, hapū, iwi – ko tēwhea te mea nui? Both speakers spoke with pride, mana and tenacity. We look forward to seeing more of their oratory skills around Napier Boys High School. Ka rawe hoki kōrua!



*Kharmen Merwood*



*Tomairangi Henare*

## Matariki Celebrations



Poukawa School visited Napier Boys' High School toward the end of term 2 to do some workshopping around Matariki with some of our Te reo Māori students. This was a great opportunity for students to develop their tuakana-taina skills, and also develop their knowledge about Matariki. We taught some traditional Māori games, showcased some colourful images of the nine Matariki Stars, and shared stories and song. Ka mau te wehi!



# Noumea Language Tour 2017



Hi, we are Sam and Alex and we took part in the NBHS French trip to the South Pacific Island of New Caledonia. New Caledonia is a small island colonized by the French Republic and is just 2388 kilometres from New Zealand. We left for New Caledonia on the 8th of July and returned to NZ on the 16th and during that time we had some of the most amazing experiences with the very friendly French/Polynesian culture that they offer.

We went to CREIPAC International Language School for four mornings and took on board a load of new vocabulary. We stayed in pairs with our host family and learnt a lot about the culture and language just from doing day to day things with our families such as dinner and breakfast.

We made daily visits to town for lunch and enjoyed the atmosphere in the 'Place De Cocotier' (Coconut Square). A highlight of the trip was travelling out by boat to Amedée Island, where we were able to climb the biggest metal lighthouse in the world and snorkel the 3rd largest coral reef in the world. Swimming with turtles was an incredible experience.

Visiting the local patisserie and fish markets, and being able to talk to the locals was an amazing experience. Being able to order food and have chats with shop keepers and people we met was a real test for our French but made us understand how privileged we are to be able to speak another language. We knew a lot of vocabulary before we went but being there really helped us to build conversations and confidence.

On our last day on the island our host families took us out for the day and we ended up going to a small beach house and spent a day paddle boarding, kayaking and swimming.

Our trip to New Caledonia was extremely fun and enjoyable. All of



us students that took part in the trip are very grateful for the work that Mrs Collins, Mrs Linley and the rest of the staff and parents involved put into the fundraising and organizing to make it all possible.

*Sam Whiteside and Alex Clift*



NBHS AND NGHS PRESENT

# ROCK OF AGES

"ROCK OF AGES 101"  
HIGH SCHOOL

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ON BEHALF OF

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12 AUG

NAPIER BOYS  
HIGH SCHOOL







# 2018 Course Selections

Course selection packs were posted out recently. If your son has not received his please make sure he comes to the school office to request a pack. This is an important decision and your son should be making an informed decision about what subjects he is selecting for 2018. The final day for these to be handed in is Tuesday 29th August.

The following are some guidelines to help:

1. Think about your abilities and interests at school
  - What subjects are you good at or not so good at? What do others say you are good at?
  - What does this tell you about yourself?
  - What are your strengths? Are you a good writer, good with numbers, a practical person?
  - Which subjects have you enjoyed studying?
  - Which do you dislike and why?

Thinking about these sorts of things will help you figure out what subjects you could do and what jobs you might want to pursue in the future.

2. How will your choices affect your future? Where do your subjects lead?

Information for job research:

- Consider your future career and or tertiary training options. (University, polytechnics and apprenticeships). See the tertiary study recommended subjects table below.
- Each job summary on the Career NZ website [www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz) and the <http://www.schoolconnect.co.nz> website include information about recommended secondary school subjects in the 'How to enter the job' section.
- industry training organisation websites Go to the websites for each of the ITOs here <http://www.tec.govt.nz/Resource-Centre/Directories/Industry-Training-Organisations>

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- services websites eg. [www.fire.org.nz](http://www.fire.org.nz)
- other websites eg. Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.
- newspaper and magazine articles eg. [www.tearaway.co.nz](http://www.tearaway.co.nz)
- TV or radio programmes eg. Just the Job
- People with experience of the job
- People who offer training in the area

3. Keep your career options open Most people change their minds about what they want to do in the future. Your interests and abilities will change over time, or you might find out about new careers that you had never heard of before.

If you're unsure about what job you want to do, try to study a wide range of subjects at school. This will give you more options later on.

4. Here is a checklist for deciding on subjects for Year 11, 12 and 13:
  - How well do you think you are going with your Level 1 or 2 subjects?
  - What are your expectations of achievement?
  - How hard have you been working at your subjects?
  - Do you know what you need for NCEA Level 1/2/3/UE (have you chosen University approved subjects?)
  - Have you spoken with your teachers about doing Level 2 (or 3) in the subject?
  - Are you aware of the pre-requisites for the subjects you have chosen?
  - Are there any other subjects that you have considered? Have you considered options through Trades Academy or Gateway?
  - Are you intending to return for Year 13?
  - What job and training ideas do you currently have for beyond school?
  - Do you know what the pre-requisites are for these

choices beyond school? Do you know what career directions they might offer?

- Have you checked your job and training ideas with someone in that area?
- Have you talked over your choices with your parents, teachers, tutor teacher, deans, careers department?

If you still need help on Wednesday 23rd August starting at 7.00pm we will be holding a subject selection evening. Members of the Senior Management Team, Deans and the careers department will be available to answer your questions.



**Please refrain from driving into the main visitors carpark to pick up/drop-off your son before or after school, due to traffic congestion. The main carpark is for visitors to the school only.**



# Our Community of Learning

Our Science teachers Nick Williams and Tony Brosnan sharing their Science expertise with students and staff at Port Ahuriri School. Our staff work closely with our feeder schools, within our Community of Learning, to improve the educational success for our students from Primary to Secondary. The Primary and Intermediate schools have appreciated the support we have been able to offer. Likewise, the communication and relationships developed across schools has been beneficial for our school. The Community of Learning concentrates on improving; literacy, mathematics, science and transition of students, across our community.



## US Space Camp

Where do I begin? The U.S Space camp was a phenomenal experience which I can say, without a doubt, was one of the best times of my life. From the various engineering challenges to the team building activities, there was not a single moment that I did not savour, and just as I thought things couldn't get more enjoyable, the Houston trip topped everything off beautifully! Throughout the camp, I got to train like an astronaut by participating in activities such as the Multi-Axis Trainer and experiencing neutral buoyancy while SCUBA diving. For the engineering challenges, we built rockets which had to securely carry a payload, created heat shields to protect an egg as well as many other tasks that made us think outside the square. The outdoor courses in Area 51 encouraged us to work as a team and conquer some of our fears, especially heights. Another part that I really enjoyed were the inspirational presentations from Space Camp alumni which showed us where this sensational program took them. However, one of my favourite parts of the camp were the three mission simulations that we did, including one Mars mission. For the Mars mission, I was the commander, giving me the opportunity to take the 'first steps on Mars'.

On the way back, the Houston trip was extraordinary. The first full day was jam packed with activities consisting of the Houston Aquarium, a bit of shopping and a LOT of walking. But the highlight of the first day was definitely the Museum of Natural Science. The mesmerising

exhibits and real colossal skeletons of prehistoric creatures that lived millions of years ago really blew me away. The second day started with some more shopping, followed by a visit to the NASA Johnson Space Centre. The best part of this attraction was being right next to the mission control room they used during the Moon landings and the control room they'll be using for future

Mars missions. Unfortunately, on the third day, after the most miraculous week and a half of my life, the time had come for me to embark on my journey back to jolly old Napier.

I'd like to give an enormous thank you to the Royal Society for selecting me to go on a trip that I will not forget for the rest of my life.

*Mihnea Vlad*



## Traditional Japanese Zen Garden



At the end of Term Two our Groundsman, Mr Paul Buckley, completed his own project – a miniature 'Zen' Japanese garden. The features are white sand representing water, rocks representing islands,

and he has built this up around the miniature Japanese maple tree, adding also a small shrub in the foreground.

On closer inspection one of the rocks is revealed to be not an actual rock – it is

a leftover from the foundations of the original classroom that was on this site before C Block was completed in 2006. It sits outside C2 and invites relaxation and contemplation

## Languages Speech Competition 2017

Napier Boys' High School was the venue for the Year 10 HB Secondary Schools international speech competition during the last week of Term Two. Jonty Morris gained second place in the Japanese speeches, with Trent

Kamper and Nate Henderson gaining 'Distinction'. Max Williams and Fergus Cardwell-Dray gained 'Distinctions' in French. The competition ended with the 1st Place-Getters giving their speeches in front of everyone, so we heard

Spanish, French and Japanese all being spoken to a high level. Afterwards everyone enjoyed the supper of traditional food from Spain, France and Japan.





# NZSS Orienteering

Napier Boys' High School has continued its streak of New Zealand titles, winning for an astonishing 14th consecutive time this year. Appropriately, New Zealand sporting legend Brian Lochore presented NBHS captain Jonty Anderson with the trophy.

The New Zealand Schools' Orienteering Championships held its 30th event in the July holidays in rural Wairarapa. First up is the sprint course, which is 2–3.5 km long, with many short legs twisting through Rathkeale College's 60 hectare campus. Our best results were Adam Barron's 8th (intermediate) and Bayley Stephens-Ellison's 10th (senior).

Long races were at the Ngaumu

Forest map, Mingimingi, which provided deep stream gullies, tangled undergrowth and steep, slippery hills. We had a number of standout results in the standard grades: 3rd to Max McMurray (senior) and Oliver Wright (intermediate) and 2nd to Yusef Zammit (junior). In the championship grades, Bayley repeated his 10th place but Amos Plumpton stepped up to 6th (senior) while James Rawnsley had a very impressive 2nd (junior).

The final day are the relays, which invariably decide the champions. After all the rain, soft underfoot conditions made every step a slog on the rolling farm of the Riverlands map, near Opaki. The intermediate team (Kingston Webb, Adam Barron, Tom Bigley) crossed the line in 3rd place. One step better were

the juniors (James Rawnsley, Jason Wain, Stanley Baty), who shocked the very strong Westlake Boys' team to finish 2nd. The senior boys (Amos Plumpton, Logan Stevenson, Bayley Stephens-Ellison) completed a successful day by also finishing 2nd.

The full team was: Nate Anderson, Stanley Baty, Patrick Cooper, James Rawnsley, Jason Wain, Yusef Zammit, Adam Barron, Daniel Harvey, Liam McCarthy, Oliver Wright, Thomas Bigley, Kingston Webb, Sebastian Ayson Macfarlane, Oliver Burns, George Perry, Amos Plumpton, Bayley Stephens-Ellison, Nicholas Wright, Jonty Anderson, Max McMurray, Logan Stevenson, Michael Young.





## New Rowing Four

The new boat (NBHS 1) was delivered and the boys have stored it in the boat shed. Thanks to the hard work of the

rowing parents led by Mr Matthew Lawson



*Our new rowing four!*

## Rowing New Zealand Elite Team

The 2017 Rowing New Zealand Elite team to compete at the 2017 World Rowing Championships was named at an announcement at Lake Karapiro on 3rd August.

13 boat classes have been selected, including 12 Olympic boat classes. The announcement sees the addition of a men's and women's coxless fours, which has recently been added to the Olympic programme.

The announcement sees some new faces join the elite squad. One of these is Patrick McInnes formerly a crewmember of Napier Boys' High School and HB Rowing club crews. Patrick was a student at NBHS from



2006-2010. He will be a member of the Men's Eight.

Crews will remain at Lake Karapiro to train before departing for Florida on

the 14th September 2017. The team will contest the 2017 World Rowing Championships in Sarasota, Florida.

(source: NZ Rowing Website 3 August, 2017)



# WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to parents/caregivers who had our students organized into winter school uniform. Both uniform shops are open consistently during the term in an attempt to avoid queuing during uniform changeovers. Caps are now back in stock.

## SHOP OPENING HOURS:

**TUESDAY 3 – 4.30pm**

**THURSDAY 1.10 – 2.10pm (student lunch hour)**

Please name uniform (especially jackets/jersies for winter) – if it is found, named and handed in to the office, it is returned asap.

## WINTER UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2017

ITEM	SIZE	PRICE
Winter Shirts	All sizes	\$51
Winter Shorts (lined)	All sizes	\$51
Senior Shirts - Yrs 12 & 13 (Optional) (Must have Deans' slip)	All sizes	\$45
Jerseys	2XS - 7XL	\$95
Socks	Shoe size	\$14
School Jacket		\$90
P.E. Shorts		\$33
P.E. Shirts		\$38
Rugby Jerseys		\$80
Rugby Socks		\$18
Hockey/Football Socks		\$18
Football Shorts		\$40
Scarves		\$20
YEARS 12 & 13 only (Optional)		
Grey Trousers		\$58
White Shirts		\$45
Ties		\$25



## Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

# \$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 January 2017 and 30 June 2017. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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# Polson Banner





# Hawke's Bay Con

A Suitcase Full of Board Games at Napier Boys' High School

26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>  
of August  
from 10am

Entry fee  
**\$5.00 per day**  
*Under 16s free with accompanying adults*

Board games  
are coming to  
the bay!



NAPIER BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL



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# NAPIER BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

## Term Three 2017

### Week Five

M	21	Aug	
W	23		Cornford Cup Road Race
W	23		Parents League Meeting – Course Selection evening 7pm
Th	24		Hawkes Bay Science fair
Th	24		Study presentations to Year 11 students
Sa	26		NBHS Ball

### Week Six

M	28	Aug	Year 9 Module swap over date
F	1	Sept	NBHS Café Lunch
F	1		Year 9 Enrolments due at contributing schools
Su	3		Clay target Shooting round 5



### Week Seven

M-F	4-8	Sept	National Tournament Week
M-F	4-8		NZ Golf - Napier
M-F	4-8		NZ Hockey Rankin Cup – Hamilton
M-F	4-8		NZ Football – Napier
M-Th	4-7		Junior Football tournament (Tauranga)
M-F	4-8		Under 15 Rugby – Wellington
Tu-F	5-8		Basketball Regional qualifying – Palmerston North
F-Su	8-10		HOSTEL EXEAT WEEKEND



### Week Eight

M	11	Sept	MID-TERM BREAK
W	13		SPORTS AWARDS DINNER
Th	14		Junior Social (NGHS)
Th	14		Term 4 planning meeting
Th	14		HBSS Badminton Doubles champs
F	15		Colours assembly
Su	17		Clay target Shooting round 6

### Week Nine

M-F	18-22	Sept	Green week – No field trips for seniors
Tu	19		Year 11, 12 and 13 Music Exam and competition Evening in NBHS Hall
W	20		Staff versus Prefects Hockey
W/Th	20/21		Barbershop Nationals - Wellington
Th	21		Senior Exams start

### Week Ten

M-F	25-29	Sept	Senior Exams continue
M-W	25-27		North Island Snow Boarding
Th	28		Sports and Cultural Prize giving nominations due.
Th/F	28/29		USA History trip
F	29		END OF TERM

#### HOLIDAYS:

Sa/Su	1/2	Oct	Model Expo
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