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Napier Boys' High School

Newsletter



From The Headmaster's Office

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I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school to all the boys but particularly to all new students and their families. It was a pleasure to formally welcome them to the school at our pōwhiri on Tuesday 29 January. We start the year with 1200 students, including nearly 40 international young men and 178 boarders in Scinde House. It was also a pleasure to welcome the following new staff for the year:

Ms. Caitlin Wealleans joins the Science department
Ms. Catherine Taylor joins as HoD Food Technology
Mr. Michael Ashby re-joins as HoD General Science
Mr. William Mead returns to the Social Science faculty
Mrs. Amanda Demanser returns from maternity leave to food technology
Ms. Karen Chapman joins the Science department
Ms. Luvana Rewi joins the catering team in Scinde House
Willem Ratcliffe, Zach Taylor and Thomas McDermott (year 13's in 2018) join as teacher aides for the first half of term one

I also congratulate these staff who have been appointed to new positions within the school:

Mr. Layton Onekawa – HoD Commerce
Mr. John Stapley – HoD Digital Technology
Mr. Ashton Johnson – Head of Boarding
Mrs. Hayley Double – Hawke House Dean
Mrs. Shannel Tamati-Herrick – Clyde House Dean
Mr. Pohatu Paku – ELA Language and Arts

From The Headmaster's Office

Mrs. Rachael Sweetapple – Assistant Head of English

Mrs. Kirstin Taylor – Senior Master

Mr. Rex Newman – Housemaster

Mr. Tony Brosnan – Housemaster

Mrs. Michelle Barker – Stationery shop manager

We are pleased with our NCEA results for 2018 which showed continued improvement in terms of endorsements yet again. The Scholarship results are cause for celebration with the highest return for the school in the history of NCEA Scholarship and some outstanding individual results. Please refer to the article further on in the newsletter for more details.

Qualification	NB 18	NB 17	Boys-only schools	All boys	Decile 4-7
Level 1 pass	80.1	82.7	76.1	66.7	74.5
Exc. Endorsement	19.3	20	19.7	14.9	16.9
Merit Endorsement	42.1	34.4	35.9	31.5	33.8
Total Endorsements	61.4	54.4	55.6	46.4	50.7
Literacy	89.4	94.2	89.6	82	88.2
Numeracy	91.1	93.5	85.8	79.7	86.5
Level 2 pass	81.9	85.1	80.7	73.4	78.6
Exc. Endorsement	14.9	20.1	14.8	11.8	13
Merit Endorsement	29.4	23.8	26.7	21.5	23.4
Total Endorsements	44.3	43.9	41.5	33.3	36.4
UE Literacy (y12)	54.4	58.6	48.8	38.5	45.5
Level 3 pass	67.1	65.7	68.7	59.4	64.6
Exc. Endorsement	25.5	17.4	13.7	11.9	13.4
Merit Endorsement	24.5	30.3	26.7	24.2	25.3
Total Endorsements	50	47.7	40.4	36.1	38.7
UE Literacy (y13)	79.9	76.5	74.6	63.6	72.1
UE	56.7	58.4	51.6	40.3	45.1
Decile	6	6	All	All	All

**These are enrolment-based statistics which count all domestic students who were on our roll for at least 70 school days.*

Last week we commissioned our prefect leaders in a special assembly. They are a superb group of young men with considerable accomplishments to their name already and I expect them to lead the boys well this year. Leo Watson and Sol Cerson are, respectively, the Head and Deputy Head boys and thoroughly deserve their appointments.

We have high expectations for your son regardless of their year level or their level of achievement. We want them to reach their personal potential and to do their best in all that they can. We believe that the success with these NCEA results, in part, has come from the focus on academic monitoring through tutorials. As part of this process, we have introduced a Goal Setting Conference for all students and parents/caregivers with their tutor on Thursday 7 March where you will be asked to book a 15-minute meeting with your son's tutor. Details of this follow in the newsletter.

My best wishes for the year ahead.

Matt Bertram
Headmaster



NCEA Scholarship Results 2019

Our top students have received their scholarship results and we are delighted with their successes. Nick Wright, the 2018 Dux, gained six scholarships and will be in contention for a significant scholarship award, as will Amos Plumpton and Jacob Eyles with four scholarships each. Year 12 Mihnea Vlad excelled with three awards, including being New Zealand's top scholar in Geography. George Perry and Hamish Rybinski also gained three awards, while the following students were successful in two subjects: Thomas Wright (including an Outstanding Award in Accounting), Sebastian Ayson Macfarlane, Harry Bird, Findlay Campbell, Henry Knight, Brad Roberts (year 12) and Kingston Webb (year 12). Oliver Burns and Mason Lowe (year 12) gained Outstanding Awards in one subject.

Overall, this was the best scholarship result in the school's NCEA history. Congratulations to not only to our young men, but the teachers and departments who guided them, particularly Geography who led the way yet again!

Subject	Scholarship Award	Outstanding Award	Total
Accounting		1	1
Biology	2		2
Calculus	1		1
Chemistry	6		6
Design & Visual Communication	1		1
Economics	2		2
English	1		1
Geography	15	3	18
History	2		2
Music	1		1
Physics	6		6
Sculpture	1		1
Statistics	9		9
	47	4	51

Goal Setting Conference day: Years 10 - 13 – Thursday 7 March 2019 Year 9 Meet the Tutor – Thursday 7 March 2019

We invite and strongly encourage all year 10 – 13 students and parents/caregivers to attend a 15-minute in-depth discussion with their son's tutor regarding their progress in 2018, how the year has started for them and their goals for the 2019 year. For year 9 families this is very much optional but a chance to meet the tutor who will be an important point of continuity for your son over his time at Boys' High.

In 2017 we introduced vertical tutorial classes along with systems to monitor your son's academic progress. This has been refined over the past two years and this Goal Setting day is a next step in bringing parents/caregivers into this process. We also believe that our young men need opportunities to develop greater self-management of their learning.

These interviews are from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm on Thursday 7 March 2019 are now bookable. **Go to:**

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – enter code **dkp43.** Should you have more than one son with us, you should endeavour to book consecutive interview times. You will need to know your son's tutor class code.

"BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND"

STEPHEN COVEY (AUTHOR OF THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PEOPLE)

Please note: normal timetabled school classes will not operate on this day.

Kī-o-Rahi

Matua Casey Walker from Sport Hawkes Bay visited and spoke with some keen learners of Kī-o-Rahi! We will be running some workshops with students and staff members over the next term in preparation for the National Secondary Schools Kī-o-Rahi Competition, which will be held here in Hawkes Bay later this year! So watch this space! Ka mau te wehi!



Important notice from the Public Health Nurse.

If your child has a serious medical condition that requires a "Safety Plan" at school please notified the school office as soon as possible (such as an allergy that causes Anaphylaxis, Type 1 Diabetes, Epilepsy). It is a parental responsibility to ensure that any medication required is current and that the school is notified of any changes.

If your child has Asthma, please ensure that they have an asthma plan and that they have a reliever at school.

Any queries or concerns please contact me on 027 3440248

Kate Davis

Public Health Nurse

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Careers -Science- Hands On Down at Otago



I had an amazing time at Hands-on down at Otago University! The trip was beneficial for me in so many ways, from the social aspect of meeting new people from the entire length of the country, to experiencing what daily life as a Uni student is like.

The event ran over 5 days from the 13th-18th of January, and each day was truly action-packed and full of fun memories. The trip down to Dunedin was my first time flying alone, and so even before I stepped foot in the South Island I had stepped out of my comfort zone and gained some independence!

I stayed at Arana College, which is quite prestigious and modern - it's a first-choice only hall so entry is very competitive. At this stage, it's my #1 choice but I will hopefully be heading to the open day where I can check out some other hall/college options as well. The hall experience was awesome - I'm not particularly extroverted but it was so easy to make new friends and everyone was very eager to meet each other and get to know each other - quite different to high school where everyone pretty much has their own groups they tend to stick to after a few years. I now have friends who I am in contact with regularly spanning from Whangarei to Invercargill, and even people from Napier who I hadn't met before.

It was also a great week to become more independent and proactive, as of course we had to do our own laundry and follow our own schedule for the most part.

In terms of academics, I was in the Geology group, and spent most of the day during the week with that group. We went on some great field trips including to our lecturer's backyard to dig a borehole where we could analyse the type of soil/rock at each depth and find out where the water table was. We also did resistance testing to find out how stable the ground was at different depths. On Tuesday we went on a trip up the coast of the Dunedin harbour to look at the remnants of the Dunedin volcano and how the landscape has changed over time, and on Wednesday we were based in the 150-year-old Geology building, analysing our samples to get the average grain size and testing for carbon content. Dr Virginia Toy, who is one of the leading researchers in subduction boundaries and the Alpine fault, guided us. Dr Toy has also appeared in a few documentaries and TV series about

NZ's geology, so it was awesome to work alongside someone who is a bit of a celebrity in the Geology world!

In the afternoon we had 'snack' programmes that gave us a taste of what other Uni departments are like. I had Information Science in the Business department, which was essentially computer programming for businesses, as well as Science Communication, which was kind of like science mixed with marketing, looking at different ways to communicate scientific ideas to the public. In the evenings we had some awesome activities such as a lecture by Matt Carter (a famous marine archaeologist), a quiz night, and a dance.

Overall it was a phenomenal week that I'm sure will be one of the highlights of my 2019. Before attending I was apprehensive about potentially attending University almost 1,000km from home, but after the week I feel confident and optimistic about my future studies down in Dunedin at the University of Otago. I'd encourage any student to give it a go, particularly if they're like me and haven't spent much time down in Dunedin before. Personally, I now feel confident that the University of Otago is my #1 choice for study next year, and I am looking forward to the amazing social and academic environment that will come from living and studying in a hall of residence at Otago.

Jacob Hay



Congratulations To Our Rowers

Three boys (James Porima, Dylan Stringer and Oscar Bright) won a Silver medal in the Men's Intermediate Coxed Eight rowing event at the North Island Club Champs over the weekend of January the 19th and 20th at Lake Karapiro.

It was a huge effort by the boys who get up well before 5am most mornings to train, and are at gym sessions in the evenings. This should hopefully impress their coach Jock MacIntosh as they try to get the nod to attend the Maadi Cup, which is the National secondary school champs and is the pinnacle event for these young athletes.

The boys also train in double and quadruple sculls for NBHS 2/4 configurations in order to compete at the school competitions coming up. The North Island Champs are next on the hit list, followed closely by Maadi Cup, both of which are also being held at Lake Karapiro.



The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

At the end of last year, I was privileged to have accompanied 3 of our past students (Oscar Cameron, Sam Bonthron & Joe Cornes) at a Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Gold Awards ceremony, held in Wellington. The students were presented with, and received, well-deserved recognition for the completion of their Gold Award challenges. This award is acknowledgement of dedication, perseverance and passion, and through completing the Gold Award, they have had opportunities to learn new life skills, make new connections and engage more fully within our communities. The experiences and knowledge gained, stands them in good stead for their futures. Special congratulations to these past students.

Regular lunchtime meetings will commence shortly for any student wishing to commence a Duke of Edinburgh Award, and for those who are already registered in an Award program too. Information and brochures are available in the school Library now, take a look at the website; www.dofehillary.org.nz and I look forward to meeting students soon. Meetings will be announcements via the School Notices.

NBHS Accredited Award Leader
Claire Connor
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Year 10 Camps - 2019

The first two days of camp are the teaching and learning phase. We need to know that the boys have the basic skills needed to safely complete their chosen activities. Topics covered include; knots and lashings, emergency shelters, erect a tent, using field cookers, introduction to first aid, survival skills, simple land navigation, introduction to firearms safety (if time allows) and a rafting trip on a grade 2 – 3 section.

The kayakers do not raft. Then the last 3 days of camp, the boys choose from one of the following options.

Dates of Camps

Camp	Dates
1	11-15 March
2	18-22 March
3	1-5 April

All camps leave 9am and return 3pm.

Camp groups are arranged by class based on the result of the survey.

Basic Options - \$220.00 (\$5.00 less than 2017)

Day Walks. - A range of 1 day tramps for those that don't have all the gear or may doubt their fitness. Great Fun. All you will need to is sneakers, a water bottle. Rain coat and a torch.

Minimum 4 - Maximum 8 per camp.

Rough Road Riding - A mixed bag of road surfaces. You must bring your own bike, spare parts and safety equipment.

Minimum 4 - Maximum 8 per camp.



Trout Fishing. - Entry level stuff based around the camp, for those that do not have flash gear, but want to give it a go.

A spinning rod and five 10 cent pieces is all you need.

Minimum 4 - Maximum 6 per camp.



Advanced Options – \$220.00 plus

Adventure Tramp. - Three days in the Kaweka range with your guide and a member of staff. Explore the Mohaka and Makino River Valley's and the Mangatanoka hot pools.

This is a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze qualifying expedition. Maximum 12, per camp. add \$30.00 = \$250.00

Walk and Raft – This is a new activity this year. Do the first day walk to stretch the legs and then spend two days, with an overnight stop, rafting out to the Highway 5 bridge.

This is a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze qualifying expedition. Maximum 9, per camp. add \$150.00 = \$370.00

Fly fishing. - Three days with a professional guide. All gear is supplied. You will learn and refine the skills under guidance of an expert.

Minimum 3, per camp. add \$160.00 = \$380.00



Kayak Course. - Under the guidance of internationally recognised paddler instructors. You will be trained by the best and finish the week with a two day, overnight trip down the Mohaka.

This is a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze qualifying expedition. Maximum 20, per camp. add \$180.00 = \$400.00

Maximum 60 boys per camp, restricted by maximum 29 on the river with 20 (max) Kayakers. First in, first served.

Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk10	Wk 11
28 Jan - 1 Feb	4 Feb - 8 Feb	11 Feb - 15 Feb	18 Feb - 22 Feb	25 Feb - 1 Mar	4 Mar - 8 Mar	11 Mar - 15 Mar	18 Mar - 22 Mar	25 Mar - 29 Mar	1 Apr - 5 Apr	8 Apr - 12 Apr
Y10 Assembly	Newsletter	Class visits Survey Forms out Confirm provider	Forms back Gear list and instructions Orders	Follow-ups Gear list	Confirm orders and staffing	Camp 1	Camp 2		Camp 3	

Super 8 Cricket: 28th – 31st January 2019



Tauranga – Loss, by 5 wickets
Gisborne – Win, by 10 wickets
Palmerston North, Loss by 4 wickets
Hastings – Win, by 112 runs

To finish 5th Overall in Super 8
Competition

Thanks to Tremains for their
ongoing support.



Property update

It has been evident to the boys and anyone driving by the school on both Chambers Street and Te Awa Avenue that several large building programs have commenced.

We were pleased that the tender for the demolition of the first stage of the Armour Block replacement was let in December. This has nearly concluded, with the final remnants of the foundations to remove. The tricky business of removing a small amount of asbestos was carried out between Christmas and New Year by a professional subcontractor and no further action will be needed which is re-assuring.

The Armour Block replacement will occur in three stages over the next 2 ½ years. We expect Stage 1 building to commence in May once the tender has been let and to take between 9 and 12 months. This will deliver new Science facilities.



South perspective of new Science (right) and English (left) blocks showing covered space



Perspective of Science building from Te Awa Avenue showing double height façade and screened covered walkway.



Ground plans for the new blocks.



Boiler Room conversion

The removal of the old school boiler (right) has allowed us to "renovate" this space into a teaching room. This will be invaluable during the Armour Block re-build, ensuring that we have enough classrooms to meet our needs.





NAPIER BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Term One 2019

Week Three

M	11	Year 12 Geography trip
Tu	12	Year 13 Geography trip
W	13	Inter-house swimming
Th	14	Year 9 Ladder to Manhood – HM in Social Studies classes
Th	14	Tutor class photos
F	15	Art Deco assembly (in quad) with NGHS Prefects
Su	17	Japan Tour book fair
F-Su	15-17	ART DECO WEEKEND

Week Four

Tu	19	Year 9 Ladder to Manhood – HM in Social Studies classes
Tu	19	Parents League Meeting – Year 9 Meet the teachers
F	22	3000 metre races at lunch time
F	22	YSIH workshop for choir and barbershop

Week Five

M-W	25-27	N.Z Super 8 Tennis (Hamilton)
M-Tu	25-26	NZ Super 8 Golf (Napier)
M-W	25-27	NZ Super 8 Volleyball (New Plymouth)
Th	28	School Athletics Sports
F/Su	1-3	HOSTEL EXEAT WEEKEND

Week Six – Winter Sports Registration Week

M/Tu	4/5	Gisborne sports exchange (here) 1st XI Cricket both days, Golf and Tennis just 5th
W	6	School Championship Swimming
Th	7	Year 10 to 13 Goal setting and Year 9 meet the tutor
F	8	Prefects' Parents welcome at Headmasters house

Week Seven

M-F	11-15	Year 10 Camps
M-W	11-13	Year 12 Geography field trip
W	13	ECNI Athletics
F-Su	15-17	NZ Canoe Polo Championships -Feilding

Week Eight

Su/M	17/18	Wellington College exchange (away) 1st XI Cricket both days, Tennis, Futsal, Junior Cricket and Golf just 17th
M-Fr	18-22	Year 10 camps
Tu	19	SFP Conference using Hall – SR
Tu	19	Hostel Promotion – Taupo
Tu-M	19 - 1Apr	Rugby South African tour
W	20	Hostel promotion – Taihape
Th	21	Hostel promotion – Dannevirke
Th	21	Colours nominations meeting
Th	21	Year 9 Dads and Lads Breakfast 7am
F	22	Hostel Open Day – 9:00am to 1:20pm

Week Nine

Su-Sa	24-30	Summer Tournament Week
Su-Sa	24-30	Senior Volleyball Nationals – Palmerston North
Su-Su	24-31	NZ Rowing – Maadi Cup – Cambridge

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Su-Th 24-28	NZ Waka Ama – Rotorua
Tu-Th 26-28	NZ Softball – Gisborne
W-F 20- 22	Futsal Nationals - Wellington
Tu 26	Hostel Promotion – Waipukurau
W 27	Hostel Promotion - Wairoa
W 27	Parents League meeting " What is NCEA?"
Th 28	Hostel Promotion - Gisborne
Fr-Sun 29-31	Canoe Polo - Fielding
Sa-Sun 30/31	HOSTEL EXEAT WEEKEND

Week Ten

M-F 1-5 Apr	Year 10 camps
M-F 1-5	Hostel Year 9 2020 interviews
W-Fr 3-5	International students Tongariro crossing
F-Su 5-7	North Island Athletics - Tauranga

Week Eleven

M 8	Apr Colours Assembly
Mu-F 8-12	Hostel Year 9 2020 interviews continue
Th 11	ANZAC Assembly – period 3
F 12	End of Term

Holidays:

Sa/Sun 20/21 Apr Hastings Highland Games - Pipeband



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with any alterations to your email as well.

BOOK FAIR – 2019

Sunday 17th February



At the Napier Boys' High School Hall on
Chambers Street, Napier

OPENS AT 9am