



# Napier Boys' High School

**Newsletter**  
2019  
Term 4, No. 1



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## From The Headmaster's Office

As we head towards the conclusion of another year, we held the successful and "Sons going on to tertiary study" evening presented by our Careers' staff. Given recent events at a couple of our tertiary campuses, it was valuable for parents and students to hear first-hand about pastoral support when living away from home. The more we know as parents, the more we are able to support them when they are studying in a new environment whether here in Hawke's Bay or away from the region.

I would also draw attention to the upcoming teacher only day on Thursday 28 November. The staff will be working with Nathan Mikaere Wallis on child brain development and how this impacts on teaching, learning and pastoral engagement with our young men. For parents, Nathan is running a public session on the evening of Thursday 28 November in our school

hall. Details on this will be coming out soon from our Parents League. I would strongly recommend you taking advantage of this event if you can.

Thank you, too, the many parents who completed the survey as part of the Board's strategic planning process. A number of you will be contacted personally regarding this and a representative number have been invited to the Strategic Planning hui next Thursday.

By now you should have also received notice of your son's benchmark examination results and final report for the year. This will give you a guide as to their expected performance in November. In some cases it will reveal what they don't know; the good news, there is time for them to rectify that both through personal study and in class time.

# From The Headmaster's Office

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Again, I believe there is no need to wish our seniors luck for their examinations; they will have created their own luck through hard work and perseverance. These characteristics are vital components for academic improvement irrespective of ability and I am sure will be rewarded come mid-January 2020 when final results are released.

**Matt Bertram**  
Headmaster



## Newsletter Via Email

If you wish to have the Newsletter emailed to you please contact Julie Gourdie with your email address. Please contact her at: [jgourdie@nbhs.school.nz](mailto:jgourdie@nbhs.school.nz) with any alterations to your email as well.



## International Student Host Families Required

With an increasing number of international students, we have a shortage of good homestay families.

We have students arriving from Germany, France, Thailand, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Vietnam, Brazil, Austria and Spain. Our international students stay between two weeks and one year. Some students choose Napier Boys' and our region to get an active and outdoor experience. Others come to graduate and move onto higher studies in New Zealand or abroad.

We seek hosts who will provide an international student with a warm, welcoming and safe environment. Hosting an international student is an opportunity for your family to establish life-long connections, learn about another culture and be an ambassador for New Zealand and the school. This is an exciting opportunity to offer a kiwi-life experience from your home. Hosts are generously remunerated.

Please contact our International Department to have a friendly chat about what is expected of a host and the range of boys coming through.

**Mrs Kerrie Taylor-Gordon, Accommodation Manager**  
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[www.nbhs.school.nz/international](http://www.nbhs.school.nz/international)



## Government donation scheme

The Government announced that the \$150 donation per student for school's decile 7 and below will take effect from 2020. This will remove the ability of schools to ask for a general donation, or for a specific donation towards many curriculum-related activities. Boards of Trustees need to signal their intention later next month. Our Board is considering this strongly given the steady decline in the general school donation over the past five years. For our school, which is decile 6 and relatively large, this is not necessarily a "win-win" scenario as it places restrictions on the specific curriculum donations and fees previously charged. This could mean a rationalisation of the offerings in subject areas which have expensive resources (e.g.: technologies) or expensive field trips. The Board remains committed to providing as full and rich curriculum as possible so this year's school budget will be closely examined in light of the impending donation scheme decision. What is clear, extracurricular activities – culture, sport and our camp at year 10 (which is optional) – are discretionary and fees will continue to be charged for participation.



# NZ SECONDARY SCHOOL SWIMMING

## WATERWORLD TE RAPA HAMILTON 12-15 SEPTEMBER 2019

NBHS swimmers left for the NZ Secondary School Swimming Champs on Thursday 12 Sept. 750 competitors and 160 schools entered.

The 13-man team did really well gaining a 12th place overall. Matthew Sexton scored 40 individual points and Ryan Hurley 24 individual points by being placed in the top 8 in their age group per event. Ryan and Matthew just missed out on medals gaining 4th and 5th placings in their favoured races. The highlight were the relays where our seniors did us proud but once again we missed out on medals by 100th of seconds!! The whole event was live streamed including the opening ceremony which was exciting for all the competitors.

All boys represented the School well. A giant thank you goes out to our captain Reid who lead the team and took many photos and videos throughout.



*NBHS Team: Reid Barker (captain), Jonty Laver, Luke Kay, Ryan Good, Luca Lawrenz, Matthew Sexton, Jared Lee, Joseph Avison, Thomas Kay, Alex Margerison, Mathis Szasz, Art Woodley-Hanan and Ryan Hurley.*



*Alex Margerison on starting blocks*



*Ryan Hurley pre race*

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# Hawkes Bay Secondary Sports Award Winners

190 students were nominated by the various Hawkes Bay schools for the Hawkes Bay Secondary Schools Sports awards.

We had 16 finalists in different categories. In two sports Athletics and Basketball we had all three selected finalists. It was gratifying to have the most boys selected and the most winners over such a wide range of sports. The following students won their category and are therefore the Hawkes Bay Sportsman of the Year in their sport:

## Guy Harrison

- Para Athlete of the Year in Badminton and Athletics
- Para Athletics: 800m and 1500m Oceania Record Holder
- Para Badminton: 3rd in Oceania Badminton Championships



## Charlie Tattersfield

- NBHS Cycling MVP
- 3rd in the Under 17 New Zealand Cycling Time Trial
- 1st in the Under 17 New Zealand Cycling Road Race
- 1st in the Under 17 New Zealand Cycling Criterium

## Clifton Bush III

- NBHS Basketball MVP
- Taylor Hawke's Senior Men's team member
- USA NBA Camp in Tokyo





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### Reid Livingston

- NBHS Cross Country MVP
  - ECNI Cross Country Champion
  - New Zealand Secondary Schools teams to Australia and Slovakia
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### Luis Toomey

- NBHS 1st XI Football
  - Phoenix Under 21 Football Academy
  - Vice-Captain New Zealand Under 19 Football team
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### Daniel Rowe

- NBHS Tennis MVP
  - Hawkes Bay Senior Men's Tennis Number 1
  - New Zealand Under 19 Tennis team member
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# Term 4 Summer Uniform



Thank you for sending your young men to school in the correct school uniform. It is a requirement of the school. Correct summer uniform is a short sleeve shirt (years 12 & 13 have a senior shirt they are entitled to wear), navy shorts, socks & black leather shoes. School caps with the school crest are the only caps permitted to be worn on school grounds.

A reminder that uniform can be paid for in advance at the school office during opening hours (or via internet banking) so parents do not need to

be concerned about sending boys to school with cash – it is not necessary for parents to be present at the uniform shop as our staff will outfit students.

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS:

**TUESDAY:  
AFTER SCHOOL 3 – 4.30pm**

**THURSDAY:  
LUNCHTIME 1.10 - 2.10pm**

Both new and second-hand shops are open at this time only.

THE NEW UNIFORM SHOP IS CLOSED TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER while the year 8 students are coming for interviews. Second-hand shop will be open UNTIL 4PM. Both uniform shops will also be closed Thursday 28 November.

PLEASE NAME all school uniform (and bags etc). Lost property is returned to students by office staff when a name can be read.

HIRE UNIFORM – NO. 1'S BLAZER/  
GREY TROUSERS  
All hire uniform should now be back at school. Anyone who has not returned their hire are being charged at REPLACEMENT COST.



## SUMMER UNIFORM

Students are expected to come to school in correct summer uniform during Term 4

Grey trousers will no longer be available for hire in 2020. If your son plays for a top grade, sporting team or part of a performance group (including Kapa Haka etc) they will need to buy grey trousers, white shirts & a school tie for the 2020 year.

# Māori Studies

A small group of Māori Studies students got the opportunity to extend their research work on our nation's parliament building and its staff at the end of last term.

Fortunately, not only did we get a tour around the buildings, we got to sit in the gallery and listen to ministers' bicker, debate and do their thing. We also got to visit and speak with Minister Kelvin Davis in his office alongside our local minister Stuart Nash where we talked about the direction of education, the importance of giving things a go, and also the significance of values, culture and te reo Māori in the ever-changing world that we live in today.

Ka mau te wehi!



# Ringa Toi Student Exhibition

This year Kharmen Merwood submitted a piece of his mahi toi into this year's NZQA Ringa Toi Student Exhibition in Wellington, which was showcased alongside some of the countries' best toi artist's in secondary schools.

This piece is titled 'Aku Manu Taupua' and incorporates the kōrero tuku iho; Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngahere. Ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga, nōna te ao. Well done Kharmen, we look forward to your art boards! Wetiweti kē mai nei!



Kharmen Merwood

## Napier Boys' High School Parent League

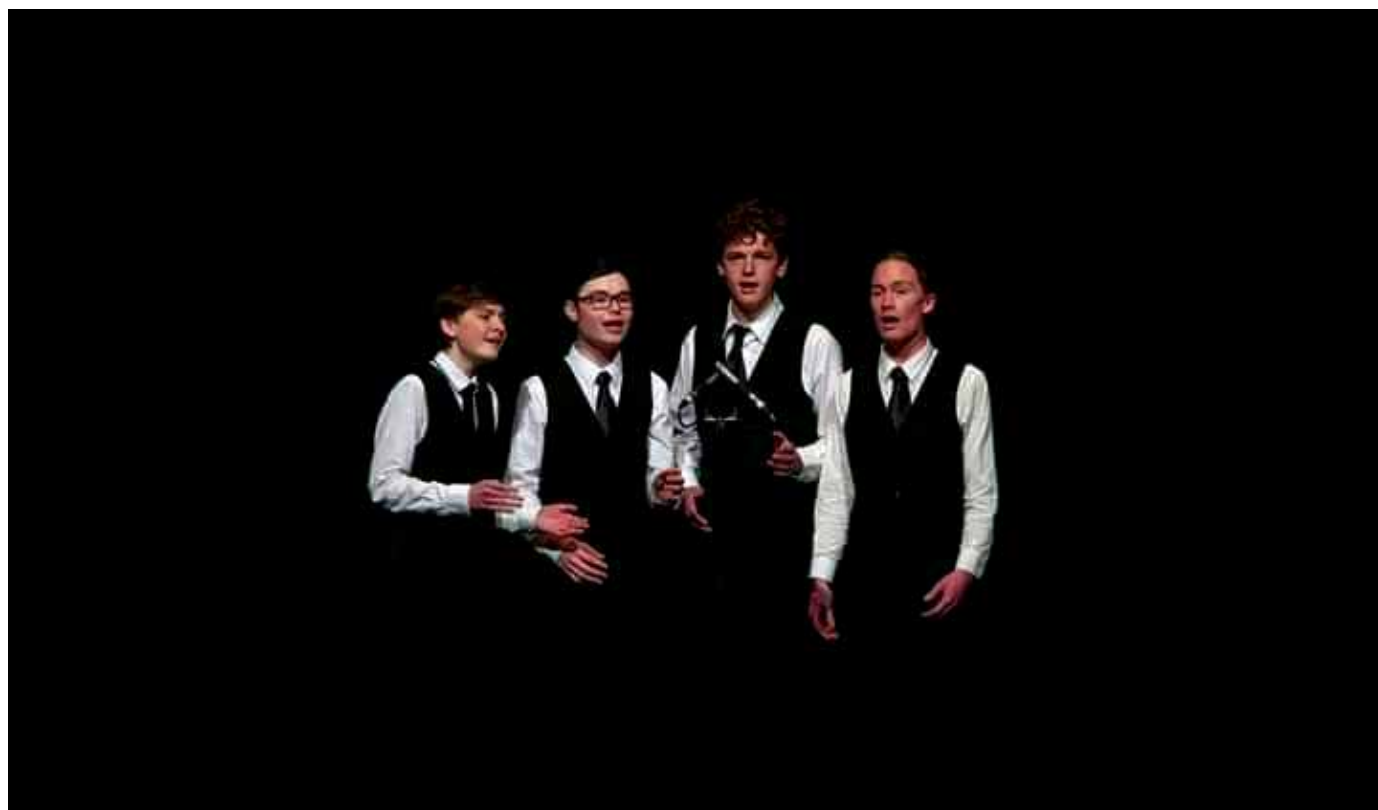
You are invited to be part of this league to support the school at events as part of our wider community

- THIS IS NOT A FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
- It is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet, creating a wider NBHS community.
- The Parent League can assist with organising functions, eg evenings with a guest speaker. All ideas welcome.
- It is not an onerous commitment. Those involved can contribute as much or as little as they wish.

*If you'd like to be involved please email [julie@moffetts.co.nz](mailto:julie@moffetts.co.nz)  
or ph/text 021 702616*



# Barbershop Nationals 2019



Dischord Barbershop quartet, which qualified for the National Young Singers in Harmony competitions in Christchurch, sang admirably and had a tremendous time. Even though they all had exams lurking on their return, they focused and gave an outstanding performance and it was revealed in their increased score.

This quartet consisting of Mark Cornes, Jackson Stone, Fergus Cardwell Dray and Wilfred Landon moved their rankings from the C category into the B category. This was good enough to earn them 11th place in the national standings. Their repertoire consisted of a song from the Lion King, Can You Feel the Love Tonight, which featured a lovely lyrical melody by Jackson Stone and a more comedic piece from the 1934 Musical by the same name Anything Goes.

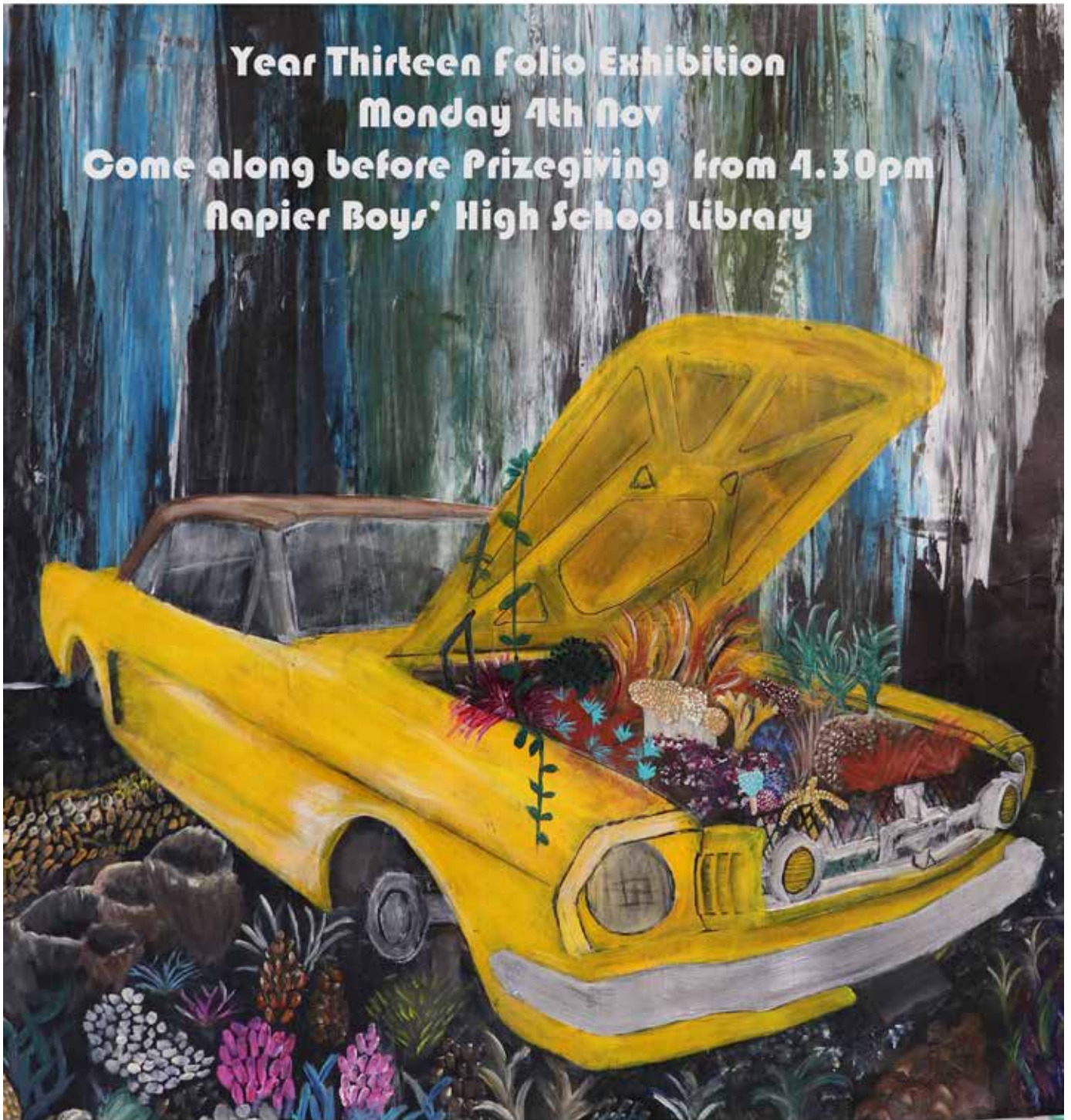
Along with the opportunity to compete with the best of the best students in the country, there was also a chance to sing with the 2018 International Barbershop Harmony Quartet After Hours. This was won by Jackson Stone who joined them to sing Lead in their version of Take on Me in front of a sold out audience in the Isaac Theatre Royal.

*Mark Cornes, Jackson Stone, Fergus Cardwell Dray, Wilfred Landon*





**Year Thirteen Folio Exhibition**  
**Monday 4th Nov**  
**Come along before Prizegiving from 4.30pm**  
**Napier Boys' High School Library**





# Gymnastics

Two athletes from Napier Boys' High School worked hard throughout the year to be selected to represent the Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay region at the NZ Gymnastics National Championships in Auckland during the first week of the holidays.

Zethan Bennett (Year 12) competed in the Men's Level 7 Gymnastics competition receiving two Bronze medals and a couple of personal bests. The first medal came Day 1 for Overall Team results and the second on Day 2 for individual Apparatus (Vault).

Cody Smith (Year 9) competed in the Men's International sub-junior Double Mini competition and placed 4th. Cody attained an overall score, which could potentially see him representing NZ against Australia next year if selected. This is a huge achievement for his first year in an International Division. Congratulations to them both.



Below: Zethan Bennett

Above: Cody Smith





# **SENIOR PRIZE GIVING 4TH NOVEMBER**

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**4.30pm - Art portfolios on display  
Location - Memorial Library**

**6.30 - Prize giving  
Location - Henderson Hall**

**After function supper for prize  
winners and their families  
Location - Memorial Library**



# NAPIER BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

## Term Four 2019

<b>Week Three</b>			
F	1		Year 13 Valedictorian assembly
F	1		International students paintball -pm
<b>Week Four</b>			
M	4	Nov	PRIZE GIVING – SENIORS (6:30PM)
Tu	5		Prefects dinner
W	6		Study leave starts for some seniors. Year 13 - period 4, Year 12 - lunch time, Year 11 - period 5.
W	6		International students - surfing
Th	7		Strategic Planning Hui
F	8		International students white water rafting
F	8		NCEA exams start
F	8		Year 8 testing at Tamatea Intermediate
<b>Week Five</b>			
M	11	Nov	
M-W	11-13		International students Tongariro crossing
Tu-Th	12-14		Year 8 course selection interviews (day students)
W	13		Year 8 Hostel Orientation and Testing Day
F	15		Year 8 testing – Taradale and Napier Intermediates as well as students from smaller contributing schools.
<b>Week Six</b>			
M-W	18-20	Nov	Junior exams
W	20		International students – surfing - pm
F	22		International students – activities all day
F/Sun	22/24		HOSTEL EXEAT WEEKEND
<b>Week Seven</b>			
M-F	25-29		Junior report writing week
M-Th	25-28		Junior Cricket tournament
W	27		International students surfing – pm
Th	28		Staff PD – Nathan Mikaere Wallis – Brain development (Teacher only day )
Th	28		Year 12 Peer Support Training
F	29		International students – Splash Planet
<b>Week Eight</b>			
M	2	Dec	
Tu	3		Last day of NCEA exams
W	4		Friends of the School Drinks
Th-Su	5-8		National Athletics - Dunedin
F	6		Junior Prize Giving



### Wet Weather

If the weather is really wet, we sometimes have a shortened lunchtime, which means school will finish at the earlier time of 2.50pm, buses still run at the normal time.

There will be an alert sent out over the NBHS App. If you are uncertain, please ring the school and listen to the school information line.