

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TAMATANE O NGAMOTU

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NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the new school year!

I trust you have had an enjoyable festive season. To all those new young men starting at New Plymouth Boys' High this year, we warmly welcome you and your whānau.

This year, we are implementing changes to NCEA Level 1. As a school, we have been preparing for this for several years with professional learning of the new standards and modifying the junior curriculum to prepare students for NCEA. A new requirement in the future will be for students to pass a literacy and numeracy test before they gain an NCEA qualification. Whānau can help their sons prepare for this literacy requirement by encouraging boys to spend time reading each evening.

The school will also see a lot of property development throughout the year. The Library will move from the Cramond Block into Pridham Hall. The Library in Pridham Hall will also allow it to be used as a breakout space for the English classrooms around it. The character of Pridham Hall will be preserved; the direction to the architect was to be able to break down the space to allow it to revert to a hall within thirty minutes.

Te Haumaru Learning Centre is the department that caters to those with special educational needs including our gifted and talented students. It was located on the third floor of the French-Wright Block and has been moved to a purpose built area in the Cramond Block.

The Technology Metal and Visual Arts Block will finally undergo renovation in 2024, which has been in the planning stage for the last six years.

At the end of 2023, we trialled removing students' phones within the classroom. It was very successful and improved student engagement within the class. We plan to



implement this throughout the school in 2024. Students will be asked to hand in their phones at the beginning of each class, which will be returned at the end of the lesson. Any non-compliance of the rule by the student will be elevated to the Senior Leadership Team.

Recently, there has been significant media coverage about student attendance. We know there is a direct relationship between attendance and success at school. As whānau, we need your support in ensuring your son has excellence attendance at NPBHS.

We communicate weekly through the engagement report about your son's engagement in class, and in 2024, it will report on your son's attendance against the Ministry of Education's expectations. Please take time each week to read the engagement report email about upcoming events and the actual report. If you have any concerns about a subject, please contact the teacher or, for the overall report, the house dean.

We also have several house competition days for swimming, athletic sports, and house singing throughout the year. These events are an important part of developing house and school comraderie, and there is an expectation that all students attend. Those students who show continued non-attendance at these events will have a meeting with me as Headmaster.

We invite parents/caregivers and students of Year 9 students to a New Parent Orientation Afternoon on Thursday 22 February. This will start by displaying some of the extracurricular activities available at NPBHS in Ryder Hall and then an opportunity to talk to your son's Huia rōpū teacher.

It is very pleasing that New Plymouth Boys' High School is the choice for so many. I look forward to leading in a way encouraging young men to 'Be the Example'.

Ngā mihi

Ju Moon

Sam Moore Headmaster

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The first days of the school year

Monday 5 February

Year 9 students:

Meet on the Top Field (the first entrance on the left, travelling up the hill) at 8.40am. You will be welcomed with a pōwhiri into Ryder Hall. Whānau who want to be formally welcomed as part of the pōwhiri, are welcome to stay.

The first day is an orientation for new students with the Year 13 student leaders. Year 9 students will need to bring their 'Welcome to School' Book posted to them in December. If they intend to bring a device to school, please bring it on the first day to allow us to connect to the school wifi. We do not connect phones to the school wifi, the device must have a screen size larger than 20cm.

Wednesday 7 February

8.40am - All Students are to attend Huia Rōpū

9.00am - Full School Assembly

Confirmation of Current Details

Please check the school portal. If any contact or medical information has changed, please contact the school office with the details. It is very important that the school keeps up-to-date details of your son.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their son's class teachers on two afternoons and evenings during the year. Students are encouraged to join their parents in these interviews. Booking for these interviews will be made online and parents will be sent an on-line link two weeks before the day of the interviews. If you have any concerns about your son's education outside these interview times, please feel free to contact his Huia Rōpū or class teacher directly.

Thursday 9 May

Parent-Teacher Interviews: 2.00pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 29 August

Parent-Teacher Interviews: 2.00pm - 7.00pm



Important Dates

Included with this newsletter are two cards which contain important information. The cards are in this format to enable you to put them on your noticeboard/fridge. They have important dates for Terms 1 - 4, along with the six-day timetable grid for those terms, and the telephone number and email details for student absences.





Work Day -Friday 8 March

The PTA's annual fundraising event is the School Work Day. This gives the opportunity for the young men in the school to work in the community and raise money. The expectation is that the boys work in the community and raise at least \$40 each. The funds collected will be allocated to support a designated cause chosen by the PTA. In 2023, the chosen cause is the installation of basketball hoops on the Gully courts. Additionally, students will be surveyed for their ideas at the beginning of Term 1.

Connect with us!









The school website has a lot of helpful information about the school. Keep up to date with daily events on our Facebook page, and for happenings around the school. Follow us on Instagram!



Retail at NPBHS

The school's retail shop, managed by Mikayla Coster, serves as the central location for collecting all purchased goods, including photos and uniforms. The retail shop will be open on Monday and Friday from 8.00am to 9.00am before school during term time. Additionally, it will be open every interval throughout the week.

Please note that the school will no longer accept second-hand uniforms. However, an alternative platform has been established for parents to trade second-hand uniforms: the NPBHS School Uniform Buy & Sell Facebook group.

NPBHS School Uniform Buy & Sell



2024 Student Leaders

GEORGE STEPHENS

Deputy Head Boy



Yr12 Leadership Programme

The school operates a very comprehensive Leadership Programme that culminates in the selection of the student leaders for Year 13. In September, a group of potential leaders were selected for an overnight camp. The selection of the group is decided by staff and the opinion of their peers. From this group, 12 were selected to have a panel interview for 45 minutes and then six were selected to make a presentation to a full staff meeting.

How we determine the number of prefects?

We do not have a quota per house or a number of prefects we select for each year. The actual number can fluctuate from year-to-year depending on the calibre of the students.



2024 Teachers and their Codes

CODE	TEACHER	CODE	TEACHER	CODE	TEACHER
AG	ANGELL J	FL	FLYNN J	PR	PRASAD J
AN	ANDER MRS J D	FE	FURZE MRS B	PI	PRICE L
AR	ARCHER R	GD	GIDDY G	RB	ROBINSON D
ARM	ARMEST	GO	GOODALL MRS H	RO	ROBERTS MRS A
AK	ATKINS D P	JN	JOHNSTONE MRS J	RW	ROWSON K T
BN	BENNETT B	HA	HACKER Ms K	RU	RUSSELL H
BU	BUBLITZ D J	HZ	HALE MRS L	SC	SCOTT MS S
CD	CARDY A	HN	HANNAH G	SM	SIMANKE Ms D
CK	CLARK R	HT	HARTMANN F	SL	SILVA W
TC	CLARK-PUIA T	HV	HARVEY C	SO	SOMERS M
CL	CLEAVER M	HK	HAWKINS J	SOM	SOMERS MRS S
CE	CLELAND MRS A	HW	HEWLETT P	ST	STANDISHT
CT	COATES H	HP	HOPE A	SN	STONES J
CA	COOPER Ms A	HY	HYDE J	TA	TAYLOR M
CP	COOPER MRS A	IN	INGLE Ms S	TH	THOMAS C
CO	CORLETT B	KG	KEEGAN J	TO	TOWNES M
CY	CREERY N	KL	KILGOUR MRS K	TN	TRENT MS H
CR	CREERY R	LC	LOCK A	TR	TREWEEK V
CI	CRIPPS MS A	LU	LUKE C	TG	TUNG Ms L
DR	DARKE MRS S	MK	MAAKA M M	VA	VAN WYK D
DA	DAVIES E	MH	MARSHALL J	WA	WATTS M
DAV	DAVIS G	MA	MATUKU MRS C	WG	WIRINGIJ
DB	DOBBIE J	MO	MOORE MRS T	WI	WISNEWSKI R
DO	DROUGHT W	MU	MUIRS	WR	WRIGHT A
DN	DUNNET B	PA	PARKER M	WT	WRIGHT DR J
FQ	FARQUHAR J B	PE	PETERS F	YO	YOUNGER L
FI	FITZPATRICK B	PL	POOLE G		

At the time of printing, there were still some teaching staff to be appointed for 2024, so some codes will not be on this list.

Heads of Faculty



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Stationery for 2024

Our preferred supplier for stationery is OfficeMax. Parents are able to shop online to access the stationery list, go to www.myschool.co.nz

There is a free delivery service for any orders over \$70.00 (incl gst) and OfficeMax will match a lower price. If you choose to shop elsewhere the school stationery list is available on our website.



NCEA

When published by NZQA, the NCEA results will be uploaded to the school portal.



New Parent Orientation Afternoon

Thursday 22 February

This is an opportunity for day-school parents who are new to the school to attend an afternoon at the school to meet the Headmaster and their son's Huia Rōpū teacher. We will have staff involved in the school's extra-curricular programme available for parents and students to talk to. The orientation is an opportunity for parents and students to ask staff questions after their son's first couple of weeks at NPBHS.

Parent Communication

In a world where there are so many forms of communication, the school's communication plan is to be concise and to communicate the key facts to the parents. We do this in a number of platforms, this January newsletter will be the only printed one mailed to you.

Engagement Email

Each week you will be emailed your engagement report, and in the covering email will be upcoming events and links to further information on the website. This is our weekly communication to parents.

Facebook

Facebook posts support the weekly email, and notifies parents and students if there are changes in the school day. We create school events on Facebook and you can 'like' them to put them in your calendar. We also acknowledge student successes via Facebook.

NPBHSchool

Instagram

Instagram is a simple way to capture and share moments around NPBHS. Follow our official Instagram account to see what we're up to!

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School App - SchoolBridge

Download our School App - SchoolBridge - for your 2024 digital Student ID Card! Available on the App Store and Google Play.

School Website

Our website has all the resources you need to help you at NPBHS, including subject information, careers advice, school policies, and regulations.

www.npbhs.school.nz

Reporting

Engagement Report

The school will continue to email a weekly engagement report to parents/caregivers and students. This report evaluates your son's level of engagement in each of his classes on a scale of one to five. (1 = poor to 5 = excellent) The engagement grade means the willingness of a student to participate in classroom activities in a sustained and positive way.

Academic Progress Report

At the conclusion of Terms 1, 2, and 3, parents and students will be emailed an academic progress report. This measures the level of academic progress during the term. If parents wish to contact a teacher about progress in a particular subject, teachers emails are provided within the report.

School Portal

Teachers will continue to publish students' results via the KAMAR student portal and parents are able to monitor the progress of their son in various internal assessments and tests. The portal also shows senior students' progress towards achieving the various levels of NCEA.



2024 Huia Ropū Teachers and Leaders

Each student in the school is allocated to a House and, within that House, a Huia ropū, made up of Year 9-13 students. Each ropū (group) has a Huia Teacher and Huia Leader and each House a Student and Staff Leader. Huia times are used for administration, mentoring and developing well-rounded young men.

	DONNELLY HUIA GROUPS						
RŌPŪ	HUIA TEACHER	HUIA LEADER	RM				
D01	Mr Li	Jeffery Armstrong	L3				
D02	Mrs Cleland	Taylor Bailey	V1				
D03	Mr Poole	Payce Hetaraka-Wall	L5				
D04	Mr Avery	Oliver Braddock	C1				
D05	Mr Maaka	Shawn Matuku	KTR				
D06	Mr Hewlett/ Mrs Moratti	Cohen Coombes	ODE				
D07	Mr Flynn	Liam Crowe	A10				
D08	Ms Cripps	Liam Davis	M6				
D09	Mr Hanan	Quingcheng Du	P1				
D10	Dr Wright/ Mrs Togia	Thomas Eberhard	A9				
D11	Mr Giddy/Mr Turner	Oliver Foy	L4				
D12	Mr Schaare	Makaia Grant-Fargie	C3				
D13	Mrs Ander	Thisal Gunasinghe	P10				
D14	Mr Edmonds	Koby Haigh	A7				
D15	Mr Silva	Neo Hatcher	M2				
D16	Mr FitzPatrick	Nick Dobbie	CR1				

	BARAK HUIA	GROUPS	
RŌPŪ	HUIA TEACHER	HUIA LEADER	RM
B01	Mrs Kilgour	Logan Hislop	P4
B02	Mr MacDonald	Xavier Holdom	T4
B03	Mrs Matuku	Kaisei Ishihara/EzraRuka	V2
B04	Mr Farquhar	Thomas Hope	V4
B05	Mr Rushton	Ben James	A11
B06	Mr Marshall	Declan Johnson	L1
B07	Mr Maraki/Mr Muir	Tyler Kennedy	M4
B08	Mr Clark-Puia/ Mrs Goodall	Ethan Lecher	GS2
B09	Ms Hale	Michael Lobb	Н6
B10	Mrs Hacker/Mr Ruakere	Ethan Lay	E1
B11	Ms Johnstone	Aayush Neupane	TH
B12	Mr Thomas	Ryan Marshall	T5
B13	Ms Roberts	Gus McCullough	M8
B14	Mr Drought	Stirling Monk	T1
B15	Mr Townes	Brock Ironside	P2
B16	Mr Peters	Liam Corrigan	А3

SYME HUIA GROUPS							
RŌPŪ	HUIA TEACHER	HUIA LEADER	RM				
S01	Mr Harvey	Brayden Neilson	C4				
S02	Ms Puckeridge/Mrs Cooper	Jack Parr	P3				
S03	tbc	Zach Phillips -Lim	P7				
S04	Mr Hawkins	Corbin Potroz	L9				
S05	Mr Treweek	Harith Raziff	M5				
S06	Ms Bailey Nowell	Samuel Salisbury	P11				
S07	Mr Hartmann	Adam Skerrett	A4				
S08	Mr Standish	Henry Stockman	A6				
S09	Mrs Ingle/Mr K Parker	Mathias Stroheimer	L6				
S10	Mr Rowson	Rylan Vesty	GS1				
S11	Mr Dunnet	Ben Swan	L8				
S12	Mr Cardy	Jake White	A12				
S13	Mr Wiringi/Mr M Parker	Morgan Whalley	V3				
S14	Mr Hannah/Mr Watts	Jack Zwart	P8				
S15	Mr Atkins	Tyrehse Ruwhiu	SC				
S16	Ms Simanke	Jahnee Walker - Withers	L7				

HATHERLY HUIA GROUPS						
RŌPŪ	HUIA TEACHER	HUIA LEADER	RM			
H01	Mr Robinson	Uta Toremana	C2			
H02	Mr Van Wyk Regan Bevege		T6			
H03	Mr Bennett	Caleb Blackmore DININ				
H04	Mr Angell	Javarhn Rupapera P1				
H05	Mr Prasad	Jack Wiseman L2				
H06	Matua Paora	Jaxon Steele	A8			
H07	Mr Younger	William Darke	МЗ			
H08	Matua Luke	Aaron Humphries	KTR			



Sport and Cultural Practice (SCP) on Thursdays

Towards the end of Term 1 students have the option of selecting a sporting or cultural (SCP) activity that they can practice and perform during period 5 on a Thursday. This continues during Term 2 and part of Term 3. Those students who do not want to partake in sport or cultural practice will have a supervised study period during this time.



The School Week

First bell goes at 8.35am each day. The timetable below is a typical week and are subject to change with notice via Facebook and App - SchoolBridge. Please check the Daily Notice each day.

Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday's Tim	etable
8.40am-9.00am 20mins	School Assembly	Huia rōpū / House Assembly	Huia rōpū / House Assembly	Huia rōpū	8.40am-9.35am 55mins	Period 1
9.05am-10.00am	Period	Period	Period	Period	9.40am-10.35am	Period
55mins	1	1	1	1	55mins	2
10.05am-11.00am	Period	Period	Period	Period	10.35am-11.05am	Interval
55mins	2	2	2	2	30mins	
11.00am-11.30am 30mins	Interval	Interval	Interval	Interval	11.10am-12.05pm 55mins	Period 3
11.35am - 12.30pm	Period	Period	Period	Period	12.10pm-1.05pm	Period
55mins	3	3	3	3	55mins	4
12.35pm-1.30pm	Period	Period	Period	Period	1.05pm-1.45pm	Lunch
55mins	4	4	4	4	40mins	
1.30pm-2.10pm 40mins	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	1.50pm-2.45pm 55mins	Period 5
2.15pm-3.10pm	Period	Period	Period	Period	No Assembly on T	
55mins	5	5	5	5	Early Finish 2.	

Venues for House Assemblies

BARAK	HATHERLY	DONNELLY	SYME
Term 1	Term 1	Term 1	Term 1
Tues - Huia rõpū	Tues - Huia rõpū	Tues - Assembly @	Tues - Assembly @
Wed - Assembly @	Wed - Assembly @	Gym	Ryder Hall
Ryder Hall	Dining Room	Wed- Huia rōpū	Wed - Huia rōpū
Fri - Huia rōpū	Fri - Huia rōpū	Fri - Huia rōpū	Fri - Huia rōpū
Term 2	Term 2	Term 2	Term 2
Tues - Assembly @	Tues - Huia rõpū	Tues - Assembly @	Tues - Huia rõpū
Gym	Wed - Assembly @	Ryder Hall	Wed - Assembly @
Wed - Huia rōpū	Dining Room	Wed - Huia rōpū	Ryder Hall
Fri - Huia rōpū	Fri - Huia rōpū	Fri - Huia rōpū	Fri - Huia rōpū
Term 3	Term 3	Term 3	Term 3
Tues - Assembly @	Tues - Huia rõpū	Tues - Huia rōpū	Tues - Assembly @
Ryder Hall	Wed - Assembly @	Wed- Assembly @	Gym
Wed- Huia rōpū	Dining Room	Ryder Hall	Wed- Huia rōpū
Fri - Huia rōpū	Fri - Huia rōpū	Fri - Huia rōpū	Fri - Huia rōpū



SCHOOL UNIFORM RULES

How to wear your uniform at school, and to and from school.

- Hair should be clean, groomed, a natural colour of no more than moderate length, off the collar and away from the eyes. Extreme styles such as: dreadlocks, braids, No1's, mohawks, colours, hair-ties, raised hair, stripes, or rats' tails are unacceptable.
- Hat: only uniform shop hats able to be worn. Hats must not be worn inside.
- · Facial hair: must be clean shaven.
- Headphones: only bud-type headphones allowed and can only be used at interval and lunchtime.
- Shirt to be tucked in at all times. No t-shirts under school shirt.
- · School jersey: no holes or other black tops.
- Socks must be pulled up over the calf and to the knee.
- The NPBHS school jacket is the only jacket to be worn with the school uniform. A full-length raincoat may be used to and from school if raining. No hoods to be worn inside
- No jewellery allowed other than a wristwatch and no visible piercing.
- Phones: no phones to be used in classes or assemblies.
- Shoes: black dress shoes must take a shine (not canvas) or black leather sandals with backstrap up.

IMPORTANT DATES

Your first two weeks at NPBHS.

Subject list is available on the school portal. Uniform Shop opens.

Timetable available to all students.

10.30am - 12.30pm - Course changes with the timetable team from 31st January to 2nd February.

4.00pm - Year 13 Boarding Prefects in residence.

2.00pm - Year 9 Boarders in residence.

8.40am - Year 9 students are welcome for a powhiri in Ryder Hall. Please meet on the top field outside Pridham Hall via the Memorial Gates at 8.40am.

4.00pm - Year 10-13 Boarders in residence.

8.40am - Students are to attend Huia rōpū.9.00am - Full School Assembly.

8.40am - Period 1 1.00pm - Tabloid Sports



Parent Teacher Association

The school's Parent Teacher Association meets on the first Tuesday of every month. At the monthly meetings at 7.30pm in the staffroom, there are interesting and informative speakers, both within the school, and within the community. All are welcome to come along.

How to get in touch

npbhs.school.nz office@npbhs.school.nz 06 758 5399

Our staff are available to chat with you Monday-Friday 7.30am-4.00pm.







