



# NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

## TE KURA TAMATĀNE O NGĀMOTU

APRIL 2018

# Newsletter



### Welcome to our new students

A pōwhiri was a tremendous way to welcome in our 290 year nine students. They have settled in extremely well and look fantastic in our refreshed school uniform.

### New Staff in 2018

We also welcomed our new staff to the school. They have fitted in perfectly and are all contributing significantly to the life of the school.



There have been some internal staffing changes which I would like to announce:

Ms Carolyn Matuku - New Head of Faculty - Arts and Languages

Ms Tania Moore - New Head of Faculty - English

Ms Lizaan Hale is now Head of Department - Horticulture

Mr Alan Elgar is leading a project that involves reviewing our junior curriculum

Mr Michael Somers is in charge of Student Leadership Development

Ms Wendy Bayly is on study leave for Terms 2, 3 and 4 and will be covered by

Ms Angela Bayly in the Learning Support area.



### Changes to Pastoral System

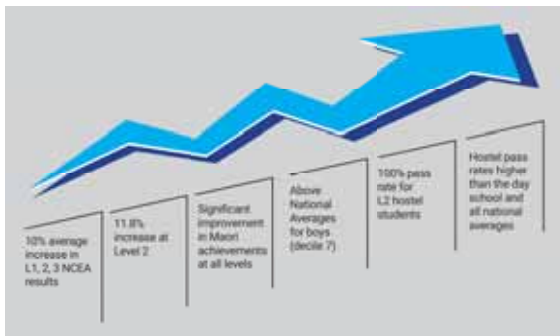
We have made some exciting changes to the structure of our pastoral system. We now have Deans of each house, supported by House Leaders and a member of SLT. Group Rooms have been replaced by Huia rōpū, which is now a full hour every Wednesday and is focused on providing our young men with the tools and life-skills they need to achieve their potential. The focus for Term One has been goal-setting and the Huia teacher establishing a positive relationship with student and caregivers.

Ms Hannah Clark is in charge of developing the content for Huia rōpū and so far it has been an absolute success.



## Educating Young Men

We are delighted that our NCEA results for 2017 were an improvement on our already improved 2016 results. The staff and students' hard work has resulted in improvement across the board.



## Academic Tiger Jacket Assembly

We awarded Tiger Jackets to 15 boys for outstanding academic success in 2018.

Congratulations to the following boys:

<b>Gavin Bishop</b>	<b>Ryan O'Byrne</b>
<b>Braeden Harrison</b>	<b>Luke Rabe</b>
<b>Jaelen Hikaka</b>	<b>Graydon Scott</b>
<b>Oak Jones</b>	<b>Callum Shimmin</b>
<b>Isaac Jourdain</b>	<b>Jordan Smith</b>
<b>Joel Lockley</b>	<b>Wil Smith</b>
<b>Lynn May</b>	<b>Nathan Whittleston</b>
<b>Fletcher Miles</b>	



**We have had Tabloids, Swimming and Athletics Sports this term.**



## Introducing this year's Students Leaders



### HEAD BOY - Isaac Jourdain

My strengths at school include Biology, Geography and English. My passions outside of school are football, sprinting and anything outdoors such as tramping or rafting. In the future I endeavour to follow a career in medicine. I am extremely excited to see what this year brings as the Head Boy.

Tiger Jacket - Leadership, Academic (2018)

Past schools: Welbourn and Highlands Intermediate



### DEPUTY HEAD BOY - Oak Jones

I am a keen academic and pianist. I also enjoy the sports of adventure-racing, volleyball and cross-country. After I finish high school I plan to go to university, possibly in the USA, and serve a 2 year service mission for the LDS church.

Tiger Jacket - Leadership, Academic (2018), Cross-country, Adventure Racing (2017)

Past schools: Devon Intermediate and overseas



### HEAD OF DONNELLY - Gavin Bishop

I am keen on outdoor adventure, ultimate frisbee, football, cross-country and new experiences. I was born in the United States and lived in Chile before moving to Taranaki. I have yet to decide what I will study at University.

Tiger Jacket - Leadership, Academic (2018)

Past school: Oakura



### HEAD OF HATHERLY - Adam Smith

I come from a family of 5 and I live in Te Kuiti. I play rugby competitively for the school and I would like to carry on doing so after my time at Boys' High. Next year I am hoping to go to University to study towards a degree in Business, or gain an apprenticeship in New Plymouth.

Tiger Jacket - Leadership (2018)

Past school: St Josephs Te Kuiti



### HEAD OF BARAK - Daniel McWatters

I am into mixed martial arts, boxing, music and the outdoors. Next year I plan to go to University in either Wellington or Palmerston North to study Business Management, and continue with Muay Thai Kickboxing.

Tiger Jacket - Leadership (2018)

Past school: Devon Intermediate



### HEAD OF SYME - Tom Nicholls

I have a passion for sport. After playing a variety of sports in my younger years, I decided to focus on playing hockey, in which I currently play to a high level. Another one of my roles for 2018 is the portfolio of sport. This means it is my job to get as many people participating and competing in sport as possible.

Tiger Jacket - Leadership (2018), Hockey (2017)

Past schools: Kaimata and Inglewood





### Scholarships for 2017 Dux

Special mention to our 2017 Dux, Qingfeng Du who achieved 5 scholarships in the subjects of Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, Biology and Statistics (which was an outstanding Scholarship). Congratulations Qingfeng.

### National Recognition

We are fortunate that so many of our staff are heavily involved in extracurricular activities, some to the highest level. It is with pleasure I recognise the following staff who have achieved National honours:



**Mr David Bublitz**  
NZ U19 Basketball coach



**Mr Sam Moore**  
NZSS Rugby coach



**Mr Bevan Matene**  
Black Sox Coach



**Mr Mick Curry**  
NZ U15 SS Coach

# BE THE EXAMPLE

Thank you to caregivers for helping us deliver our vision of 'Be the Example' and our purpose of 'Improving the Future' by paying the school donation. There is a perception that schools have enough money to operate but the reality is we don't. Our ageing buildings and large grounds, increased compliance requirements, varied subject choices, extra-curricular opportunities and pressure from our community to do better and do more, we simply cannot meet that demand without your donations.

Some schools run raffles, sausage sizzles and galas. Work Day is our only significant annual fundraiser and your support is also appreciated. This year's Work Day project is to provide more areas of shade for students around the school.



As always if you have any feedback, suggestions or concerns you can call the office or email us anytime at: [keepstopstart@npbhs.school.nz](mailto:keepstopstart@npbhs.school.nz)

Yours in academic achievement.  
Kia Tu Hei Taurira

**Mr PJ Verić**  
Headmaster

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### Important School Dates

- Thursday 10 May (evening) or Friday 11 May (afternoon) - Junior and Senior Parent Interviews (no formal classes)
- Friday 1 June - Teacher-only day (no formal study)
- Monday 4 June - Queen's Birthday
- Friday 25 - Saturday 26 May - Super 8 Cultural Festival



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