

# New Plymouth Boys' High School PTA

Minutes for the Monthly Meeting held in the Staff Room at 7:30pm on  
Tuesday, 3rd September 2019

**Present:** Anne Bridges (Chairperson), Carolyn Magon, Ingrid Cope, Nikki Jury, Kay Kendall, Sharon McGrath, Rosemary Tatham, Leonie Benton, Mitch Graham, Kim Bloxham, Carolyn van der Eist, Andrew Marron, Jackie Keenan, Isei Vuluma

**Staff:** Darryl Leath

**Apologies:** Linda Ruohonen, Sharon Lee (Treasurer) Katja Eager (Secretary), Melinda McClutchie, Sam Moore

Anne welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed over to Darryl Leath to talk about options and pathways our boys can take after they leave school.

Darryl gave an excellent presentation on the various options available to our boys once they leave school. Gone are the days of a couple of choices - trades or Uni. There are now so many more training providers (many of them local) and more targeted for specific careers/roles.

University is obviously still required for some professions but it is expensive (very expensive!) so it's not necessarily the best option if your son isn't sure what he wants to do. (note that halls of residence now expect 50% upfront payment in January)

Also consider International Universities, eg scholarships to the US, some European Universities are free.

Apprenticeships in the trades are highly competitive and sought after. If your son is thinking of moving into the trades and gets offered an apprenticeship, then give it due consideration. The average age of people in apprenticeships is now 26 and 40% of them have a degree.

See attached presentation for more details.

[Darryl's Presentation](#)

**The most important thing is to listen to your son's thoughts and desires for their after school journey - it doesn't have to be the same as your journey :)**

**Headmasters Report: (Darryl Leath)**

Course selections are underway for next year.

Universities have been to visit.

Contributing schools visits from Snr Leadership team

Maths/Science Fair

Super 8 tournaments

Building projects are mostly on time and will be finished by the end of the term

Whare - multipurpose room for Te Reo, Drama and School Marae

Gym changing rooms

House singing competition - won by Syme

Arts week

Staff/Student debate - won by the students

Bands have had success lately

Lots of boys and teachers away with SS Sports/TOPEC etc. We are very grateful to have teachers who are prepared to coach and manage teams - not all schools have this.

Questions/Comments

The App is always sending out updates, eg Teacher Only day, school finishing early - no notice sent.

The online reporting is good but the lack of dates means it is a bit hard to work out whether the comment was made recently or ages ago.

Teacher Interviews - quite a lot of feedback that the Huia teacher interviews were less than useful and for those that were useful, the Huia teacher involved had to do considerable work chasing other teachers up for comments. noting that this is a work in progress and some changes may be made.

**Minutes of previous meeting** (Aug Mtg) were circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read.

Moved to be accepted as a true record:

Moved: Anne Bridges    Seconded: Sharon McGrath                      **Carried**

**Matters arising** from the previous minutes: -

1. Confirmation of what work day money is going towards: towards the all weather turf.

**Correspondence**

Inwards:

- Apology emails

Outwards:

- Meeting minutes and reminder emails

**Treasurer Report:**

- We currently have \$23,123.01 in the bank account plus \$35k on term deposit.
- Work Day: currently at \$34.563 which is very similar to last year.

Payments to be approved: Prizegiving PTA prizes: \$1,000.

Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted and payments approved:

Moved: Anne Bridges    Seconded: Carolyn Magaon                      **Carried**

**General Business**

nil

**Future meeting dates 2019:**

Nov 5th, Dec 3rd

Meeting Closed at: 8:50pm

Signed as a true record by the Chairperson:

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..... Anne Bridges, Chairperson, NPBHS PTA