



Term 1 | Week 6 | 2018

## Kia ora parents, caregivers and whānau

It is hard to believe that it is nearly half way through the first term. There has been much happening and it has been so lovely to see so many parents and whānau attending the variety of events we have held. We look forward to seeing as many as possible of you coming to the school as part of our community.

### Cyclone Gita

Firstly we want to extend our thoughts for those of you who have suffered a lot of damage in the recent storms. We know how hard this time must be for you.

While the damage for us at the school did not eventuate in the way it was predicted, this event did give us an excellent opportunity to refine and try out our communication systems in such a situation. Throughout this planning we were reliant on 3 main forms of communication with parents and students alike. These were our NCG Facebook page, the SchoolStream app and the KAMAR portal. The impending storm gave us the opportunity to encourage as many of our girls as possible to access our Facebook page and to download SchoolStream. Normally our website would also be a place for such messages but this is currently being reworked and we are not able to put up new content at present. The new website will be up and running shortly.

Keep up to date with messages as a means of our normal communication through SchoolStream and our Facebook page. We are using these means for reminders reasonably regularly.

The **MORE**  
that you **READ**,  
The **MORE**  
things you will **KNOW**.  
The **MORE**  
that you **LEARN**,  
The **more PLACES**  
you **ll GO**.

- Dr. Seuss

### Learning Conferences – mark it in your calendar!

Our first Learning Conferences for 2018 are being held on March 16. We are really looking forward to seeing you all as you take up the opportunity to meet with the kaiārahi teacher (mentor teacher). The focus will be a discussion about how the early weeks of the year are going and to identify any difficulties that your daughter might be experiencing. Your daughter will be leading this conference.

The capacity to learn is a *gift*;  
the ability to learn is a *skill*;  
the willingness to learn is a *choice*.

- Brian Herbert

Each conference will run for 15 minutes. The booking programme is now open and appointments can be made between 8.30 and 5pm. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come in to this conference to enhance the 3 way relationships we want to create and to be a part of the learning conversation that your daughter will lead. If for any reason you are not able to come, it is still a requirement that your daughter attends.

I am aware that for those who are working parents, the timing for this 15 minute learning conference may not be ideal during your working day. For our teaching staff, many of whom are also working parents, having hours of conferences after the school day is also not ideal. We have tried to balance the needs of all parties

between these interviews and the later subject interviews, which held after the school day. We hope that you will be able to attend the learning conferences with your daughter.

The next opportunity for face to face conferences will be in term 2 on May 11. On this occasion, the conferences will be with each individual teacher who teaches your daughter. There are 2 written reports in the first two terms also – an interim report that has just been published and a fuller report later in term 2.

Kind regards

Cathy Ewing  
Principal



# PTA - Presentation by Sarah Johns

**PTA Invitation to all parents to attend a presentation by Sarah Johns, Junior Science Teacher and recipient of the Prime Minister's Science Teacher Award for 2017.**

Parents are warmly invited to join the PTA for a presentation by Sarah Johns, who has responsibility for Junior Science at NCG, on Monday 12th March at 7.00pm, in the NCG Staff Room.

Sarah won the Prime Minister's Science Teacher Award for 2017, which she was presented with at Parliament recently. Sarah is passionate about teaching science and inspiring young minds. Her career has taken her to exotic places like Antarctica. She has an amazing and interesting story to tell.

Please join us for a look at the fascinating world of science; and hear what Sarah shares with young women who are thinking about their career choices right about now.

Drinks and nibbles will be served.

Sarah's presentation will be followed by the PTA's Annual General Meeting, which you are welcome to attend. The PTA is a group of friendly parents who support the College through fundraising events; we also serve teas and coffees in the hall kitchen at parent evenings. We make great friendships and have lots of fun along the way. We would love to have some new parents come and join our committee.

All welcome – and no obligation or pressure to join the PTA.

Jo Wiffin  
Chairperson – NCG PTA



Sarah in Antarctica and receiving her Award at Parliament

## Scholarship Results 2017

**Congratulations to the following students who achieved Scholarships in the 2017 exams.**

New Zealand Scholarship assessments enable candidates to be assessed against challenging standards, and are demanding for the most able candidates in each subject. Scholarship candidates are expected to demonstrate high-level critical thinking, abstraction and generalisation, and to integrate, synthesise and apply knowledge, skills, understanding and ideas to complex situations.

**Lara Endersby** – French

**Sophie Cook** – Biology, Chemistry, Geography

**Chekodi Fearnley-Fitzgerald** – Biology, Geography

**Emma Kerr-Laurie** – Earth & Space Science

**Gracie Kroos** – Geography

**Ben Ripley** – Earth & Space Science (Top Scholar award)

**Kirby Rogers** – Classical Studies

**Hannah Sloane** - Geography

**Renee Wiffin** - Earth and Space Science

Special congratulations to **Sophie Cook** who was awarded the New Zealand Scholarship award. She receives \$2,000 each year for up to three years while studying at university.



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# Sports' Report March 2018



Lizzie Neale after winning the 2018 Kina Women's Golf title

February and March has the sports office as busy as it has ever been, so a huge thankyou to the hundreds of girls that have signed up, mustered, trialed and competed so far this year. Football signups are double what they were last year, Basketball is up over 400% (I'm not kidding), we have two teams for Ki O Rahi, Volleyball has more teams than the past four years, and we are forecasting over 30 netball teams this season. This is a phenomenal response from the girls, but with this comes added pressure to find quality coaches and managers – so if you are interested in helping one of our NCG teams please contact the sports office and let us know!

Out and about in the sporting world, Lizzie Neale continues to dominate women's golf in Nelson, winning the Kina open ladies title – once again we need to reiterate Lizzie is 14, just an awesome effort. Ellie Ross is also a dominant force in the sport of golf croquet, winning the NZ opens women's title earlier in the year. These young ladies are so good their accolades can sometimes be overlooked as there are just so many, but we need to keep celebrating their successes every time!

Our NCG Premier Touch side has been selected following trials and have qualified second in the region for SISS champs after narrowly going down to Marlborough last weekend. The girls are now focused on South Islands, and have a great young squad capable of going a long way over the next few years.



NCG premier touch team playing Marlborough

Volleyball season is coming to an exciting climax, with our senior A and B sides in full preparation mode for NZSS Championships in Palmerston North later in the month. The teams are peaking at the right time, with results from a multitude of tournaments heading the right direction. We wish them all the best at nationals and will keep you posted on their results on our various social media outlets.



NCG athletes at the 2018 athletics day at Saxton track

NCG School Athletics day was held under a different format this year, with competition athletes heading to Saxton on February 27th for a top day of action. Over 80 girls made the trip, and after some tight battles we want to congratulate the following girls for winning the overall age group titles:

- Under 14 – Lucy Martin
- Under 15 – Hana Williams
- Under 16 – Emma Newson
- Under 19 – Willow Trolove

Tasman Secondary Schools champs take place mid-March, where a strong NCG team hope to make a real impact!

Finally, a massive thanks to all staff, parents and students that have helped with our new school and house events this term. It's safe to say it has been a much larger task than anyone could have anticipated (and Cyclone Gita certainly didn't help), and we couldn't have done it without you.

# PTA Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on the 12th of March, and we kick the evening off with a presentation by our guest speaker, Sarah Johns, recent recipient of the Prime Minister's Science Teacher Award for 2017.

Have you thought about coming onto the PTA Committee? We always welcome new members onto our Committee.

Several of our long serving Committee members will be leaving the PTA at our AGM. To continue to be able to run our major fundraising event, the Spring Fashion Fling, we will need quite a few new members to join our Committee. Please consider giving some time to the PTA. Whether you are a new parent to the College, or your daughter has been at the College for two or three years already, we would love you to join our team. This is a great way to meet new parents and make a difference to your daughter's time at the College.

Come along to our AGM and meet our friendly committee. Evening starts at 7.00pm, with a presentation by Sarah Johns at 7.10pm, followed by the AGM at 7.40pm.

If you are unable to attend the AGM, but would like to join the PTA or become a helper, please contact Jo Wiffin, Chairperson – email: muzzajo@xtra.co.nz.

Jo Wiffin  
PTA Chairperson

## Nelson College for Girls PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the NCG Parent Teacher Association will be held on

**Monday, 12 March 2018**  
at 7.40 pm in the NCG Staff Room

Guest Speaker: Sarah Johns will be giving a presentation at 7.10pm.

Supper and refreshments served from 7.00pm.



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### Young Driver Coaching Parents Evening

Are you a parent that wants to be involved in helping your young person keep safe on the roads?

Tim Hartnell, Proactive Drive Trust, together with local driving instructors, bring a modern and fun approach to driver education for learner drivers and their parents.

**WHEN:** 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018  
**WHERE:** WAIMEA COLLEGE HALL  
**TIME:** 7.30pm

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PROactive DRIVE Youth Driver Education

## Nelson College for Girls Preparatory School



### OPEN MORNING Thursday 15 March 2018

9:00 am Welcome & Info 9:15-10 am Tour

Interviews for Y7 Entry 2019 take place Term 2, Week 1

A few places are still available in Year 8 2018.  
Call us now for more information.

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# Academic Colours

Award: Academic Studies 2017 - Year 12	
Name	Ārahi
Olivia Avery	T06MW
Gracie Bean	R11DT
Lola Beinert	P06HM
Lark Brudvik Lindner	K02DC
Eugenie-Rose Calder	P10EY
Frankie Carson	K01DA
Macy Cattell	P04SL
Gillian Cheung	T10LW
Emily Clifford	R11DT
Samantha Cronin	K02DC
Juane Croukamp	P10EY
Niamh Fisher	K05HZ
Molly Floyd	M02BD
Estella Grant	P13SF
Maisie Gray	R08VA
Katie Greenaway	K13SC
Peytyn Holland	T05BE
Alice Hulland	P05PY
Serene Jang	K07WD
Hannah Johns	P04SL
Rebekah Kenny	T07TD
Amanda Kularathna	T10LW
Alexia Landry	K07WD
Grace Malcolm	K08RH
Holly Millar	M06AT
Ella Nicholls	R06DN
Jessica Perks	P02MA
Annabel Reburn	K05HZ
Aimee Robinson	M08HL
Samantha Rolinson	R10BX
Holly Roundhill	K01DA
Penelope Smith	K13SC
Maya Steven	T06MW
Georgie Trengrove	M10HW
Lee Wanke	K12HN
Alex Whitfield	R06DN

Award: Academic Studies 2017 - Year 11			
Name	Ārahi	Name	Ārahi
Amelia Abbott	M01CC	Frankie Matthews	R05CW
Jessica Alloway	T03TS	Sinead McCann	K06ML
Naomi Anderson	K09MU	Lache Melvin	P05PY
Jacqueline Austin	M03BI	Scarlett Morrissey-Smith	R03PH
Genevieve Bone	T03TS	Emily Mund	K01DA
Chelsea Bruhn	P04SL	Zoe Nathan	P05PY
Dania Buckley	T12LE	Lucy Palmer	P03HG
Mia Chan	P02MA	Eva Pattullo	P13SF
Greta Clark	K09MU	Ursula Pine	M10HW
Saphire Collins	P03HG	Emily Polak	P09TA
Meg Cook	T10LW	Hazel Rae	K12HN
Grace Cumming	M03BI	Ella Reardon	T10LW
Stella Daniell	M05SM	Josephine Ripley	P11DY
Bea Dawson	P09TA	Emily Rodwell	K06ML
Emily Dennis	P11DY	Estella Romagnoli	M09DS
Bo Dillon	T06MW	Ellie Ross	K08RH
Emma Edwards	K11SV	Flora Secker	P10EY
Rhiannon Griffiths	K03RD	Zoe Sharp	P02MA
Olive Harvey North	K01DA	Charlotte Smith	M13BR
Ruby Heslop	K04MK	Maya Speers	K12HN
Siggi Horner	R02MC	Jenna Stallard	M08HL
Siobhan Jonkers	K09MU	Hunta Sutherland	K08RH
Madison Kilworth	K05HZ	Charlotte Tucker	P11DY
Carla Korner	R05CW	Rosalind Walker	P01PT
Gemma Langlely	M05SM	Nai-Hsuan Wang	T06MW
Izzy Levien	M01CC	Charlotte Webb	M13BR
Gabby Lovell	M02BD	Samantha Wilson	T02SU
Melany Malcolm	P05PY	Mackensy Wyllie	K11SV
Hannah Martin	P13SF	Nikki Wynen	K11SV

Congratulations to all recipients; we are really proud of your success. Academic colours are awarded to students who achieved NCEA Level 1 or 2 Endorsed with Excellence.

This is a national award where students gain 50 or more credits at Excellence level.

# Careers & Future Pathways

## Tertiary Information Evening

On Wednesday 4 April, Year 13 students and their parents are invited to attend the Tertiary Information Evening. This will be held in the library and begin at 7pm. Robyn McLean will speak about halls of residence, financial scholarships and other general information about transitioning from Year 13 to a tertiary environment. A representative from NMIT will attend, and Rebecca Baird will attend and discuss NCEA and Scholarship matters.

## First Round University Visits

Year 13 students have been attending first round University visits this term. There are many events occurring during the year, which will assist students in their transition from secondary school. We encourage students to attend these events. These events are advertised on the School Notices and on the relevant Year 13 Facebook pages.

FEBRUARY		
Wed 28	Victoria University First round visit	1.30pm Careers Centre
MARCH		
Thu 1	Lincoln University First round visit	1.30pm Careers Centre
Mon 5	University of Canterbury First round visit	1.30pm Careers Centre
Tue 6	Otago University First round visit	1.30pm Careers Centre
APRIL		
Wed 4	Tertiary Information Evening	7.00pm Library
Mon 9	Massey University First round visit	1.30pm Careers Centre
MAY		
Tue 15	Careers Roadshow	1.00pm Nelson College
Tue 29	Trades Roadshow	
JUNE		
Wed 13	Otago Law Function	1.00 - 3.00pm
AUGUST		
Wed 22	Course selection evening	Hall
SEPTEMBER		
Fri 21	Victoria University Course planning	1.30pm Careers Centre

CAREERS EVENTS 2018

OPEN DAYS 2018	Monday 7 May	Otago University & Polytech
	Thursday 12 July	University of Canterbury
	Friday 20 July	Lincoln University
	Wednesday 1 August	Massey University Manawatu
	Saturday 11 August	Massey University Auckland
	Friday 31 August	Massey University Wellington
	TBC	Victoria University
		Auckland University

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Mrs Danie Hall <a href="mailto:danie.hall@ncg.school.nz">danie.hall@ncg.school.nz</a> 548 3104 ext. 850	



## All the best to the students starting Trades Academy for 2018.

We have a wide range of industries that the girls have chosen this year. Beauty, Hospitality, Hairdressing through to Automotive Engineering, Building and Primary Industries. It is a fabulous opportunity for the girls and I know they will make the most of their time at NMIT.

We wish them all the best.

# PTA Parent Donation

The PTA relies on the support of the NCG parents. You will have recently received an invoice for a PTA donation of \$10.00 per family. This is a voluntary donation, but we encourage all parents to support us please. The funds we raise assist with the purchase of educational resources that a large number of students benefit from, which are not available through other sources. The PTA also provide prizes at the end of year prize-giving, and contribute towards large school projects.

In the past we have contributed towards a new school van and the College's current project to upgrade the outdoor areas for the enjoyment of all the girls. In recent years, the PTA has provided funding for a defibrillator; a camera; a Scan and Cut Fabric cutter; a visualiser; a robotics kit; a Go-Pro, Data Logging Equipment, and an Ipad. Your family donations assist us to contribute towards these wonderful items and projects. It is the goal of the PTA that the funds we raise are used to benefit as many girls as possible.

Thank you to all our parents for your support.

Jo Wiffin  
Chairperson – NCG PTA

## Board of Trustees Update

The Board welcomes back students, staff and the wider school community for 2018.

The Board have had its first meeting of the year where we approved the Strategic Plan for 2018 – 2020 and the Annual Plan.

### Board Chair and Deputy Chair

At the first meeting Natasha Berkett was appointed Board Chair with Kim Ngawhika as Deputy Chair. Thank you to Kim for all her work as Board Chair over these past few years. The Board sub-committees for the year were also established.

### School Donations

As with all schools, we continue to strive to provide the best possible education for all our students. The school donation is an important part of the funding for our school and enables us to provide key additional resources to improve the learning experiences for all students. Please note that we have various payment options available and an early payment discount is also available. Any payments or enquiries can be made at the school office. Payment by the 31st March also allows family to claim the tax rebate in their 2017/2018 tax return.

<http://www.ird.govt.nz/non-profit/np-donations/claiming/np-donations-claiming-tax-credits.html>

Natasha Berkett  
Board Chair

## Congratulations Josephine Ripley!



Josephine Ripley has been selected to attend the Youth Enviroleaders' Forum 2018. YELF 2018 will be held in Taranaki and is run by the Sir Peter Blake Trust. 55 secondary school students have been selected for this exciting week long leadership development programme. They will have the opportunity to address topical environmental issues facing our country, and develop strategies to address them.

YELF 2018 will focus on environmental issues related to climate change. By working with other up and coming youth environmental leaders, students will leave YELF fired up, with improved leadership capabilities, inspired and ready to create change.



# Calendar

	DATE	EVENT	
WEEK 7	Tuesday 13 March	BOT Meeting.	
	Wednesday 14 March	TSS Athletics.	
	Thursday 15 March	Prep Open Morning 9.00 - 10.00am.	
	Friday 16 March	Learning Conferences Year 9 - Year 13.	Prep EOTC Event.
	Friday 16 - Sunday 18 March	Boarders' Weekend.	
	Saturday 17 March	Relay for Life	
	Sunday 18 - Monday 19 March	Music Camp	
WEEK 8	Monday 19 - Friday 23 March	Summer Tournament Week.	
	Thursday 22 March	RYDA (Year 12).	
	Friday 23 March	Cultural Diversity Day.	Prep Summer Tournament.
WEEK 9	Wednesday 28 March	Junior Dance at NCG.	
	Thursday 29 March	Mufti Day #2.	
	Friday 30 March	<b>GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY.</b>	
WEEK 10	Monday 2 April	<b>EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY.</b>	
	Tuesday 3 April	<b>EASTER TUESDAY HOLIDAY.</b>	
	Wednesday 4 April	Tertiary Information Evening - NCG Library 7.00pm.	
	Thursday 5 April	NCG "Got Talent".	
	Friday 6 April	Ministry of Inspiration Quiz.	
	Saturday 7 April	Shakespeare Festival (Regional).	
WEEK 11	Wednesday 11 April	Senior Dance at NCG.	Pride Award Assembly.
	Friday 13 April	Prep Merit Assembly.	<b>END OF TERM 1</b>

TERM 2 BEGINS MONDAY 30 APRIL

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