



NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
TE KURA TAMATĀNE O NGĀMOTU

Assembly
February 3, 2016
Start of School

Tihe-mauriora, he mihi ki te runga rawa

He mihi ki taranaki te maunga ti-to-hear

Nga mihi ki a ratou ma, kua wehe atu ra

Haere, haere, haere atu ra

Te whare e tu nei, tena koe

Te marae kei waho ra, tena koe

Ki a raua-tahi, tena korua

Ki a koutou ra te kanohi-ora,

Te iwi o te atiawa nui tonu,

Te hapu o ngati te whiti, te whanau whanui

E kui ma, e koro ma, rau-rangatira ma

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o nga tama-tane o ngamotu,

ki te wahanga tuatahi o tenei tau hou, o 2016

Ko te wawata taaku kia whakahonore nga rangatira hou o tenei tau; anei te wero ki a koutou ma, kia tu, hei taurira

Ka tuku iho te wero ki a koutou raa, hei whakapiki te mahi ki te tairanga!

Hei whakapakari te mana o a tatou kura, mo ia raa, mo ia raa a tenei tau e heke mai ai!

Piki mai, kake mai, whakatau mai raa

Anei te whakatauki e ki raa: nau te rourou, naku te rourou ka ora ai, a tatou kura

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa!

To translate, I acknowledged the greater forces at play in our world, I acknowledge our mountain.

Acknowledge those who have passed on and positively influenced NPBHS, I acknowledge this hall, this school. Te Atiawa and Ngati Te Whiti. I welcome you all to Term 1 of the new year of 2016.

It is my honour to congratulate our new prefects for this year and I challenge you to be the example.

I also challenge all of you to do better in everything we do in 2016.

We will need to work together to get the best results.

Boys, I hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday with friends and family.

Welcome to the parents whom are here to support the young men who have been selected to be a prefect for 2016. There were so many outstanding sports results over the holidays, too many to mention today, but I do want to congratulate Emmerson Potts-Broughton and Thane O'Leary on making the NZ U19 Basketball squad. Well done also to our 1st XI cricket team who made the Super 8 final in very convincing style.

Introduction of new staff. I will ask them to briefly stand.

Mr Cleaver - Head of Faculty - Health and Physical Education (including Hospitality). Mr Cleaver was Head Boy in 1999.

Mr Dunlop - Assistant Accounting teacher. Mr Dunlop joins us from Fielding High School with an excellent reputation.

Mr Somers - Long Term Relieving English Teacher (12 months). Welcome back. Mr Somers used to teach here and like Mr Cleaver is also an old boy with a passion for football.

Mrs Simanke - Assistant Science Teacher (Fixed Term maternity cover for Mrs Ingle). Lucky to have such a capable appointment.

Mr Slaats - Assistant Teacher Computing (fixed term cover for MsTaylor on Study Leave).

We have appointed Mr Matene to HOD Maori. Mr Matene will start on the 1st March. Until then I would like to welcome Mr Luke back to NPBHS. Mr Luke was a former HOD Maori at NPBHS and will be HOD Maori until Mr Matene arrives.

Mr Sapwell-West - Director of Cricket. He is an old boy and an excellent coach.

Before I introduce and congratulate our prefects there are a few things I want to talk to you about it.

There are three key messages I want to speak to today:

Number 1)

Start as you plan to continue. This means it is very important to make a very strong start to set you up for 2016.

In all aspects of school. Starting by being punctual to school and all your classes. Your uniform needs to be perfect and within the regulations, including too and from school. If it is not you will get a detention. No warnings.

Uniform includes your hair off the collar out of the eyes, not tied up. Not extreme in anyway.

Turning up to class on time is only the start. We have excellent and committed teachers at NPBHS. You must follow their instruction at all times and be a full participant in all classes all year.

Number 2)

High Standards - I am sure some of you might find the high standards we have at NPBHS tough. Yes it is different to some schools around the country who may be more lenient on uniform for example. I and the staff make no apologies for this in fact the expectations are going to be higher and tougher than last year.

We expect you to be better because we know you can be and it will benefit you in the future.

Assemblies are not optional. When the head boy or a member of staff walks on stage, asks you to stand, you are instantly silent, you stay silent until dismissed. You stand tall and still. It starts today and continues for the rest of the year.

Number 3)

Protect your place here. There are few things that will instantly jeopardise your place at NPBHS. Bullying of any shape or form to anyone is not acceptable. Verbal, physical or cyber bullying. We have new Year 9's at school. I am sure you remember what it was like as a new year nine and you will make them feel safe, welcomed and very much a part of NPBHS.

No drugs of any kind (including cigarettes) and no alcohol. We are a very clean school and will remain that way. We random drug test and have the drug dogs through the school regularly.

Stealing and lack of respect for the school grounds. You have amazing facilities. Facilities most school would love to have. Failure to respect them and each other's property is again something we will not tolerate. We don't thief, vandalise property. We don't litter.

Bullying, Drugs, Alcohol, stealing, lack of respect for this school, continually failing to follow the simple rules we have here are very quick ways to jeopardise your place at NPBHS. I know you know I am not bluffing. Unfortunately I had to remove boys from NPBHS last year for not being the example. I know you know we treat all those things harshly and quickly.

Why I am telling you these things when the majority of you are outstanding role models. It is because I don't want you or your parents/caregivers surprised when there are consequences for the wrong or stupid action. The rules are clear they have been communicated, there are no surprises.

It is now with great pleasure that I move to announcing the Head Prefects for 2016.

At the end of last year we had an extremely difficult process to select our student leaders. They were tested more than I think they have ever been tested before in many different ways. I am very impressed with the calibre of student leader this year.

I invite Mr Leppard to come forward and present the tiger jacket award to Head of Donnelly - Head of Donnelly House - Max Anderson

I invite Mr Hyde to come forward and present the tiger jacket award to Head of Barak - Head of Barak House - Te Whatumanawa Ngatai-Tangirua

I invite Mr Treweek to come forward and present the tiger jacket award to Head of Syme - Head of Syme House - Alex Sturmer

I invite Mr Moore to come forward and present the tiger jacket award to Head of Hatherly - Head of Hatherly House and Head Border 2016 Liam Younger

Deputy and Head Boy are unique and the supreme leadership roles at NPBHS.

Deputy Head Boy 2016 - Te Whatumanawa Ngatai-Tangirua

Head Boy 2016 - Bradley Slater

Before I ask your new Head Boy to address you all I would like you to congratulate all of your new Head Prefects.

The Head Boy then addressed the school and announced his Prefect Team.

1. *Tom Florence*
2. *Sam George*
3. *Corbin Giddy*
4. *Tom Cole*
5. *Sam Evans (Deputy Head of House)*
6. *Jerome McSweeney-Novak (Deputy Head of Barak)*
7. *Angus White (Deputy Head of Syme)*
8. *Emmerson Potts-Broughton*
9. *Mack White*
10. *Fergus Le Pine*
11. *Ethan Hughes*
12. *Matthew Guthrie (Deputy Head of Hatherly)*

A Prefect is a very special and privileged position at NPBHS. They have worked very hard to earn this extra responsibility and just like other years we have an exceptional team.

Prefects have unique responsibilities and privileges. All students must obey any instruction from Prefects. Prefects can give out uniform detentions, they can and will ask you to pick up rubbish.

Prefects who want to remain Prefects will not abuse this power. But remember you need to follow their advice and direction. I view any student disrespecting them a very serious matter.

Congratulations to you all again, I am sure you will continue the fine traditions of NPBHS.

I hope from the new year 9's to year 12's you work hard and aspire to be a Prefect or a Group Leader. I am sure your Year 13's peers will support and back you up.

Remember to start strong, set high standards and protect your place at NPBHS by doing the right thing, be the example by making the right decisions..... every day.

School Stand.