

## UPDATE



*Inspiring young women who are successful learners and act with integrity*

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## DEAR PARENTS

**Kia ora, Greetings, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vinaka, Kia orana, Namaste, Ni hau, Konnichiwa, Ahn-young-ha-se-yo**

Here we are, once again nearly at the end of a very busy and productive year. This final issue of Update has some important information for families and students along with some student and alumni successes.

At the Senior Academic prizegiving we announced the Executive Prefects for 2018:

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Head Girl                       | <b>Madison Pomana</b>     |
| Head of Arts                    | <b>Lisabet Morgan</b>     |
| Head of Humanities and Sciences | <b>Sophie Brokenshire</b> |
| Head of Sport                   | <b>Lydia Bamford</b>      |
| Head of School Communities      | <b>Tharushi Bowatte</b>   |

I know they will provide significant leadership for their councils next year. On Monday, 4 December we will name the Prefects for 2018. Congratulations to all students who are chosen to lead various committees next year. We look forward to the contribution you will make. There are many opportunities for students at all levels to lead in our school. I would encourage all students who do not gain a Prefect's position to look for other avenues to step up into leadership.

We have a number of staff who are not returning to Palmerston North Girls' High School next year. Many of these teachers have taught at our school for a long time and I would like to thank them for their service to the school and students during this time. We are farewelling:

Kay Ellison (Science), Graeme Mackay (Science), Chris Corser (Science), Sheryl Merwood (Economics and Business), Amy Westergaard (Accounting and Mathematics), Hannah Lyons (Art), Pā Mare (Māori), Crystelle Jones (Mathematics), John Whittaker (Itinerant Music). We wish them well in their future endeavours.



A huge thank you to parents and friends of our school for the support you have given during 2016. You volunteer to coach, manage, and transport students as well as providing service through the PTA. Your school and PTA donations allow us to fund so much more than we would otherwise be able to provide for students at our school. We value the partnership we have with families and know that this is key to the success and enjoyment our students

have at school.

We are fortunate to be fully staffed for 2017. Thank you to all staff for your tireless service in so many ways this year. We look forward to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our staff and students once the NCEA external examination results are available in January.

I would like to invite you all to our end of year celebrations and prizegiving events – Junior Awards ceremony on Tuesday 5 December, Fiafia night on 6 December and the Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving events on Friday 8 December. The details of each event are in this newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming our returning and new students back next year on Tuesday 30 January (Years 9 and 13 only) and Wednesday 31 January (all students). Finally, I would like to wish all parents, students and staff a wonderful holiday break



*Karene Biggs*

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Principal  
principal@pnghs.school.nz



### 2018 SCHOOL TERM DATES

**Term 1:** Tuesday 30 January - Friday 13 April

**Term 2:** Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July

**Term 3:** Monday 23 July - Friday 28 September

**Term 4:** Monday 15 October - Wednesday 12 December

## SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS



Thank you to those families who have donated items of uniform throughout the year. The school has a small supply

of uniforms that we are able to use for short term and long term loans for our students. If you have any good quality items of school or sport uniform that you would like to donate at the end of the year they can be dropped at the school office.

## SCHOOL SHOES

### Share a Pair NZ

by Maddison McQueen-Davies

If you are finishing High School at the end of this year, please consider donating your 'gently worn' shoes to 'Share a Pair NZ'. An initiative started by a PNGHS student, 'Share a Pair' will regift your shoes to one of the 100's of families in the Manawatu struggling to make ends meet. With good quality school shoes costing over \$100, kids are left going to school in shoes that are broken and have holes in them.

Shoes can be dropped off at any Vautier Pharmacy or Kelly's Footwear or by the uniform collection on sign out day and I will make sure they get to the families who need them. This simple kind gesture of donating your shoes can make a huge difference to someone else's life. Please support 'Share a Pair NZ' and help Kiwi kids put their best foot forward.

Thank you for your help.



Do you have a pair of school shoes just sitting in the closet gathering dust? About to leave school and throw your quality preloved shoes in the bin? 'Share a Pair' is looking for your hand me down school shoes to regift to some of the thousands of children in Aotearoa who have to wear broken and holey school shoes. Without good quality shoes, children are left with cold, wet feet in the winter leading to illness and missing school. Next time you aren't sure what to do with those preloved school shoes donate to 'Share a Pair NZ' to help Kiwi kids put their 'best foot forward'!

## PTA

### Palmerston North Girls' High School PTA

Secondhand Uniform Sales at the Old Gym

**Collection of secondhand uniforms**

**Monday 4 December 9.30am - 11.00am**

**and 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

**AND**

Forms to be completed with uniform sale items, available from

[www.pnghs.school.nz/information/files&documents](http://www.pnghs.school.nz/information/files&documents) (3 files)

to save time on collection day, please follow instructions carefully

Please do not leave any uniforms for sale at the school office

### Sale of uniforms

Thursday 14 December 5.30pm-6.30pm

Thursday 18 January 5.30pm-6.30pm

PTA email: [pnghsparents@gmail.com](mailto:pnghsparents@gmail.com)

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## PROPERTY MATTERS

It's been a busy year catching up with maintenance and small projects and planning and organising larger ones. You may have noticed some changes occurring around the school?



We have completed a school wide upgrade to LED lighting. This will provide better lighting and energy savings in the future. Roofing repairs are being undertaken to address weather tightness and ongoing maintenance issues. Cyclical maintenance painting has begun and will continue as the buildings receive a well-deserved coat of paint.

The swimming pool upgrade has commenced and we look forward to the restoration of this. Work has begun on the heating and cooling challenges the school faces during the winter and summer months. We expect that some of these issues will be addressed over the summer period with the remainder over the next 18 months. Busy and exciting times ahead on the property front.

## JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Whānau are warmly invited to attend the following events:

**Awards Ceremony**  
Tuesday 5 December  
10.50am in the Huia Centre

**Year 9 prizegiving**  
Friday 8 December  
9am in the Huia Centre

**Year 10 Prizegiving**  
Friday 8 December 11am in the Huia Centre

The **Awards Ceremony** acknowledges students who have gained Service Awards or Extension Bars

The **Prizegiving Ceremony** celebrates students' academic success and effort.

The Awards Ceremony will be approximately 30 minutes in duration. Prizegiving approximately 60 minutes.

School finishes at 12.30pm.

Students will be notified on Thursday 30 November if they will be receiving an award at either the Awards Ceremony or at their Prizegiving.



## END OF YEAR INFORMATION

**Senior Sign out Day Monday 4 December 8.45am - 11.00am**

Year 11, 12 and 13 students are required to be at school on Monday 4 December at 8.45am. Students are able to come in on the day in mufti.

**9.00am**

Senior Assembly in the Hall  
Announcement of 2018 Prefects

**9.30am-9.50am**

Seniors go to form class rooms to receive sign out information, 2018 information sheets and school magazine

**9.50am-10.50am**

Returning of resources and textbooks to teachers

Seniors who wish to sell their uniforms may take them to the Old Gym between 9.30am and 11.30am and also between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. All students who are not returning in 2018 must see their year level dean. If any students are unable to attend sign out day they must contact their year level dean before 4 December. All Year 13 students are required to complete a leaving form. This requires returning all textbooks and equipment and ensuring that all outstanding fees have been paid.

## NCEA INFORMATION

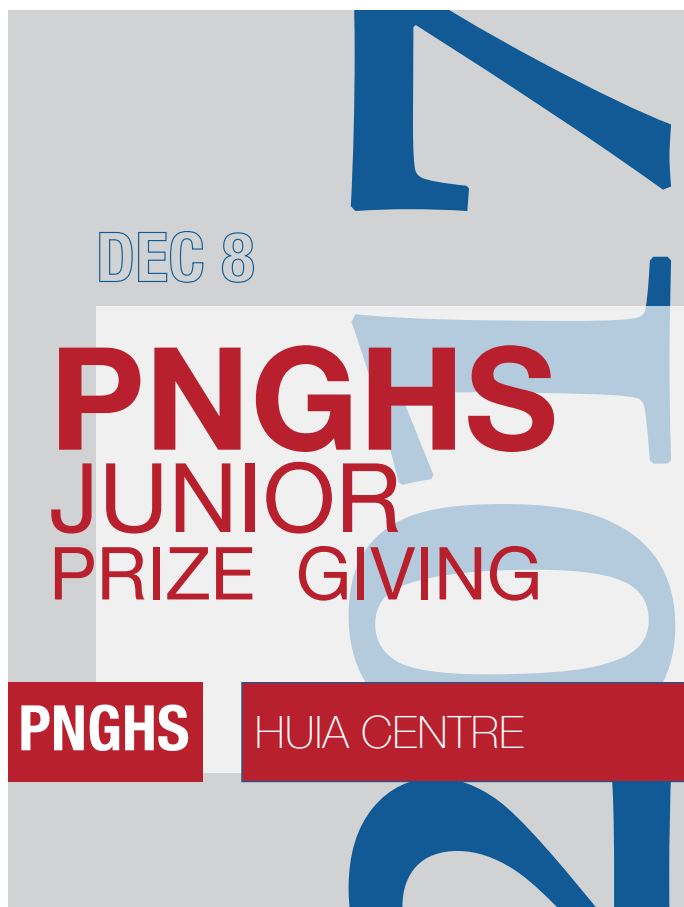
NCEA results will be available on the NZQA website in mid January. Students can log in through the learner login site. There is a help phone number to call if there are any problems logging in. It is recommended that students log in before Christmas to check they can access the site.

Students who have a permanent change of address after Friday 1 December need to contact NZQA on 0800 697 296 before 31 December in order to update their details, to ensure their booklets get sent to the correct address.

Students not returning in 2018 are reminded to remove all google documents saved under their school email address, and print any information from the KAMAR portal. This includes results and reports. Their school email address will be active until the middle of January 2018.

Applications for a review or a reconsideration of the 2017 external examination results close on 16 February 2018. For 2018, Year 12 and 13 students information will be given about applications at the start of the school year. From 2017, Year 13 students go to the NZQA website for further information and details.

The New Zealand Record of Achievement (NZRoA) for students will be updated with 2017 results until mid-January 2018. It will then be available in electronic format through the Learner login. Students are entitled to one hard copy free of charge, with further copies costing \$15.30 each.





## WORLD VISION

Palmerston North Girls' High School has been selected as one of New Zealand's top fundraising schools in this year's 40 Hour Famine. As a result, the school has been awarded a World Vision Senior Scholarship Award which has been generously sponsored by Sanitarium.

Congratulations to **Emily Hunt** (Y12) who has been awarded a World Vision & Sanitarium Senior Scholarship. This scholarship gives Emily the opportunity to attend 4 days of global education, leadership development and social action training. World Vision will host our student, as well as 30 others from across the country in Auckland for four days during the January school holidays, from Thursday 18 – Sunday 21 January 2018.

Once again, congratulations on yet another amazing year with the 40 Hour Famine. Our thanks go to the students and parents/sponsors for their commitment to the forty hour famine and helping to raise the amount of \$11,850.00. On behalf of World Vision, we sincerely thank you for the impact that the PNGHS community has made for Syrian refugees through your participation in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine.

## ENGLISH

### Framjee Essay Competition

It was a proud moment for Palmerston North Girls' High School recently to have all three finalists in the Palmerston North Rotary Club's annual Framjee essay competition come from this school. Congratulations to **Sophie Brokenshire** (Y12) who won the competition with her essay entitled "Reclaiming Identity - Without Apology" which was about being empowered rather than letting other people reduce your achievements and personality. Second place went to **Alice Te Rangi** (Y11) who wrote about the importance of school holidays, with **Sophie Fifield** (Y11) taking third place with her essay on 'Why we've never had it so good'.

### Writing Achievement

**Ysaure Chemasle**, (Y12) has won the "Living Life Well" writing competition run by the New Zealand Psychology Society. Her creative piece explores issues of growing up and identity. Her work will be circulated for other young people to read.

### Writing Reappears

**Catherine Norman** (Y13) had writing, which she produced in Year 11, included in the Level 2 English examination for analysis this year. The piece titled 'Photograph' was published in **Re-Draft**, the National collection of young people's writing, a few years ago. Catie was amused when her brother, a Year 12 student arrived home with the paper containing her work. Even more amusing is that the piece was based around her brother's perceptions of her taking a photograph. That her writing was selected for analysis is a credit to her and a reflection of her talent.

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

### Year 10 Social Studies visits Parliament and the Wellington Museum

*by Jasmine Glentworth*

On 23 November, two Year 10 classes were all set for an exciting trip to parliament in Wellington eager to extend our knowledge on "Rule or to be Ruled" topic in Social Studies. The trip started off with a tour of the Wellington museum, where we learnt about the Wahine disaster and the history of Wellington. We then had the privilege to have a guided tour around the parliament building where everything we have been learning about in class came to life. As the tour was coming to an end, Jacinda Ardern appeared before our eyes. We had the honour to speak to her and have a photo with the Prime Minister herself. This was trip to remember and we feel so privileged to have been through this life changing experience.



Students meet the Prime Minister

## MUSIC

### Emerging Musician Recording Scholarship

Congratulations to **Alyssa Toland** (Y10) who was selected for an emerging musicians recording scholarship to record three voice/guitar songs this week at The Stomach, with their professional sound engineer, Nigel Mauchline.

### Music Staff Success Story

Mr Phil Boniface has received substantial funding from the Earle Creativity and Development Trust to fund free, local concerts in 2018. The Ponguru Series features a unique collaboration of double bass (Phil Boniface) in collaboration with taonga pūoro (Alistair Fraser) in a new collaboration and fusion of music genres.

The concert series complements their recent studio recording of the new works they have composed.



## 'Come in and Stay Awhile'

This first collaboration between Cantatrices and the OK Chorale drew a large, appreciative audience to hear their non-stop choral concert. It was a fitting finale to a year of outstanding choral singing.



The pictures and video link to the performance can be found here:  
[goo.gl/Q13htX](http://goo.gl/Q13htX)

## High Performance Music 2018

Auditions are complete and the following students have been successful in their selection for our High Performance programme next year. Congratulations, and thank you to everyone who applied.

**Cantatrices:** Phoebe Allan, Kayla Allen, Ankita Aneesh, Katie Atkins, Jenna Borst, Lily Bourne, Eden Brown, Miriam Carr, Nicole Cheng, Gabby Clark, Harriet Cobham, Laura Dodd, Anna Dombroski, Grace Fakahau, Alanna Gray, Charleigh Griffiths, Olivia Hurnard, Mahnoor Hussain, Emma-Katte Johnston, Enshean Lin, Grace Little, Emily MacKay, Annabel Orwin-Higgs, CJ Pearce, Ayesha Satya, Amy Mae Sorrell, Emma Stein, Lily Warnock, Amelia Williamson

**Band:** Lisabet Morgan, Hannah Blyde

**String Orchestra:** Amy Srichantra, Enshean Lin, Emma Stein, Arwen Mason, Nicole Cheng, Ayoung Cho, Megan Perrott, Sibel Atalay

**Jazz Band:** Regina Chen, Alicia Robinson, Marian Sun, Joyee Gui, Xinning Gong, Eden Brown

**Chamber Music:** Ayoung Cho, Enshean Lin, Xinning Gong, Emma Stein, Emily MacKay, Joyee Gui

**Choir accompanist:** Anna Prasitdamrong

## Commissioned Choral Work

Local composer, Graham Parsons, has written a choral work specifically for Cantatrices. This will be unveiled next year and performed by the choir.

## PNGHS Music Department on Facebook



Please sign up to our new Facebook page and keep up with our latest music happenings at [www.facebook.com/pnghsmusicdepartment/](http://www.facebook.com/pnghsmusicdepartment/)

## Music Committee Event

The students finished the year with a bang. Four groups

performed a free concert on the outdoor stage during beautiful weather at lunchtime. Riley & Maeve, Focus, Riptide and fjp entertained a large, supportive crowd of students.

## APPLIED CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY

The Year 12 Food and Beverage class visited Ebony Coffee Roastery on Featherston Street to watch the roasting process in action. The students watched as the green beans went into the roaster and saw for themselves how the caramelisation occurred. The smells were amazing. This opportunity allowed the students to link what they had learned in the classroom to real life.

The students were then lucky enough to use Ebony's Espresso Coffee machines to make their own coffee. Good fun was had by all.

The same week the students went to The Esplanade's Peter Black Conservatory to see a huge *Coffee Arabica*. (No, this is not a spelling mistake). The students have investigated harvesting, processing and Fair Trade coffee in their studies.



## SPORT

### PNGHS Sports Prize Giving

Congratulations to all the students who received awards and to the girls who won top awards on the evening.

**Senior A Squash Team** - Joint Team of the Year

**Senior A Canoe Polo Team** - Joint Team of the Year  
**Emma Leader** (Y10), Junior All Round Sportswoman

**Alia Robinson** (Y9), Top Junior Sportswoman

**Grace Hunt** (Y13), Official of the Year

**Kate Blincoe** (Y12), Top All Round Sportswoman

**Libby Arbuckle** (Y13), Academic and Sporting Excellence

**Mya Rasmussen** (Y12), Dux Ludorum





## Manawatu Secondary School Sports Awards

Congratulations to **Mya Rasmussen** (Y12) awarded Supreme Sports Girl for 2017.

Congratulations to **Grace Hunt** (Y13) awarded Official of the Year.

Congratulations to the **Senior A Squash Team** awarded joint Team of the Year winners.

Congratulations to the following students, winners in their respective code awards:

**Amy West** (Y13), Basketball

**Kate Blincoe** (Y12), Canoe Polo

**Sally Wenham** (Y13), Cricket

**Libby Arbuckle** (Y13), Cycling

**Aniela Jensen** (Y11), Football

**Michelle Ngan** (Y11), Gymsports

**Kahleia Gerrard** (Y11), Indoor Netball

**Mya Rasmussen** (Y12), Swimming

**Te Arani Te Puni** (Y10), Touch

**Kobi Hopkinson-Clayton** (Y10), Touch



Mya Rasmussen



Senior A Squash Team - joint winners,  
Team of the Year

## Netball

Congratulations to **Sisavaii Muliaga** (Y13) who has been selected for the senior Samoan Netball team. Sisavaii travels to Scotland and Wales this month.

## Cycling

Congratulations to **Neriah Kaihe-Woolston** (Y9) who after showing great sportmanship at the recent National Secondary School Cycling Championships has been invited up to the Cape to Coast ride in Kaitaia.



## Equestrian

Congratulations to **Caitlin Rennie** (Y9) for her outstanding results. A great start to her 2017/2018 Equestrian season.

Results as follows:

Hawkes Bay A & P Royal - Supreme Saddle Hunter Pony

Supreme Ridden Pinto, Supreme Adult led Pinto

Wairarapa A & P - Winner of NZ Riding pony, Champion

Open Show Pony over 138cm and not exceeding 148cm

Manawatu A and P - Supreme Paced and Mannered Pony,

Supreme Pony of the Show, Winner of Pony Breeders at

Manawatu.

## Squash

National Graded Squash Championships

Congratulations to **Courtney Trail** (Y13) and **Gina Bailey**

(Y13) for being winners and national champions in their respective grades

**Courtney Trail** - A Grade, **Gina Bailey** - B Grade.

## COMMERCE

## Young Enterprise Exam

Congratulations to **Skye Riley** (Y13) who passed the 2017 Young Enterprise Exam. This is the final year the Young Enterprise Exam will be offered and by achieving this Skye gains 14 credit equivalents for Level 3 NCEA.

## EXTENSION

## CREST

Recently **Bethany Mitchell** (Y9) completed her Bronze CREST (Creativity and Research in Science and Technology) investigation on Azolla filiculoides or retoreto (Māori) and nitrate removal from waterways. Year 10 students **Juliet Fakahau** and **Emily Vickerman** were awarded Team Bronze CREST for their investigation on a portable desalination device, while Year 13 students **Lillian Chen**, **Maggie Fang**, **Jhamei Gariando**, and **Sabrina Ng's** Team Silver CREST project involved the successful development of Green Tea Ice-cream. Students who would like to do a CREST investigation should contact Dr Meikle.

## PNGHS student featured in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Profile

Arts Prefect **Zoe Glentworth** (Y13) and **Katie Liu** (Y13) Multicultural Prefect who both recently were awarded Team Gold CREST have been profiled as part of a Curious Minds project to feature up and coming women in STEM. <https://www.curiousminds.nz/profiles/zoe-glentworth/> and <https://www.curiousminds.nz/profiles/katie-liu/>

## Powering Potential

Team Gold CREST medal awardees **Zoe Glentworth** and **Katie Liu** (Y13), are two of forty students selected to attend Powering Potential, the Royal Society Te Apārangi national celebration of secondary student science and technology excellence. Students at this forum will network with high achieving, like-minded colleagues who have a passion for science and technology and problem solving. The students will be mentored by leading scientists and technologists to solve real problems while enhancing their divergent thinking, problem solving, team building and collaboration skills. These future science leaders should be inspired to be catalysts for positive change in the future

and to realise their potential contribution and participation in the sciences and technology. <https://royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/funds-and-opportunities/powering-potential/about-powering-potential/>

### ZONTA Young Women in Public Award 2017

On Wednesday 15 November, **Rawan Al-Sakkaf** (Y13) was presented with the Zonta Club of Manawatu Young Women in Public Award for 2017. The award recognises young women, ages 16-19, who demonstrate superior leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes, and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life.



Jean Corbin Thomas, Rawan Al-Sakkaf, Fiona Bradley, Lorna Johnson

## SCIENCE

### Year 10 Massey Science Trip

On Wednesday 22 November, 22 girls went up to Massey University for the day to participate in workshops in areas of Science and Mathematics. The day began with making a photoelectric cell from blueberries in a Chemistry lab. This was then followed by the Biology lab studying the aging of fruit flies and how this relates to mobility. In Mathematics after lunch, we participated in investigations related to probability and error-correcting codes.

Finally, we had demonstrations about different forces in Physics (such as torque, rotation and magnetism). We investigated how they related to nature and our environment today, as well as discovering some interesting new uses for microwaves.



## ALUMNI SUCCESS

### Digital Technologies Department

**Amber Joseph**, 2016 Head Girl and Computer Science student at Victoria University is one of four students in New Zealand to be awarded a Government Communications Security Bureau scholarship of \$10,000. This scholarship is to encourage women to study STEM subjects, and to inspire them to consider a career in cyber security. Amber is also in the final listings for a scholarship to Asia to study at the National University of Singapore which is in the top 10 universities in the world to study engineering.

This summer Amber is working in New Plymouth on an internship with PowerCo in their IT Department.

### AgriScience Student Swapping The Cycle Track For The Farm Track'

Congratulations to **Kate Stewart**, an ex student of Palmerston North Girls' High School, for achieving the Young Farmers' Club Sally Hobson Award given to one student a year.

Although changing her mind several times about what job she wanted after study, Kate ended up going for the job she dreamed of in high school. "When I was in Year 12 at Palmerston North Girls' High School, a Dairy NZ Consulting Officer came into our TeenAg group to talk about what she did. This inspired me to pursue my interest in the Agriculture sector".

Kate starts her first job as a Dairy NZ trainee Consulting Officer next year in Te Awamutu.

## TEENAG

On the last day of term 3, members of the TeenAg Extension group went to Feilding High School to compete against other TeenAg Clubs in an Agri-Games competition. Activities on the day included fencing, taking soil samples, identifying parts on a demonstration tractor and much more. The day also allowed our club the opportunity to view a robotic milking machine in action and learn about how Feilding High School's school farm is operated. Following the activities there was a prize giving for best TeenAg Club in the region, and although we did not win any prizes on the day we had a great time competing and working alongside other TeenAg clubs in our region.



## STUDENT SUCCESS

**Maddison McQueen Davies** has been selected for the 6th Thai-NZ Language and Cultural Students' Exchange Programme. She will be visiting Thailand for four weeks in January/February 2018.

## LANGUAGES

### Pâtisserie Trip For Year 10 French

On Tuesday 28 November, both Year 10 French classes walked with Madame Wright and Madame McCreary to Alexandre's Pâtisserie in the Coleman Mall. Each student chose something French to eat from an amazing array of delicious food - macarons, pain au chocolat, almond croissants. They had to ask for their choice in French from the sales assistant and we enjoyed a lovely setting outside at the outdoor tables eating our purchases - very French! Oh là là!



## SPORTS UNIFORM 2018

As a result of a review undertaken by the Sports Department in conjunction with Academy Apparel, we are pleased to announce some changes and significant reductions in the prices of our Sports uniforms. In order to ensure that mixed level teams look similar, the current uniform sublimated design has been retained, with slight alterations due to the copyright of the original design.

Student feedback has been sort on the new look items. Students are very excited about the cut, comfort and design of the new sports uniform items. Pricing of all items indicates a significant reduction in the cost for the new uniforms along with an improvement in the quality of materials and comfort. Students may continue to wear the current Sports uniform and are not expected to purchase the new items. Students will be able to purchase the current Sports uniforms, through second hand sales this year. A list of what each sport requires is available from the Sports office or from Academy Apparel.

Kirsten Gibbs (Head of Sport) has provided a full report with comparative costs:

Sports Uniform Comparative Prices (all prices inclusive of GST)

1. Sports Shorts – black, polyester, breathable, quick drying, sweat wicking with small embroidery front left corner.  
\$35.00 (current prices \$47.50 to \$49.50)

2. Bike Pant – black, 350gsm polyester spandex with hidden pocket at back with small embroidery front left corner.  
\$29.00 (new item)
3. Netball Skirt/Skort – black, quick drying with front flap and shorts underneath with small embroidery front left corner.  
\$38.00 (current price \$55.00)
4. Sports Team Jacket (Optional)– outer shell polyester Jacquard with anti-snap diamond mesh lining, grid mesh underarm panels for breathability, UPF rating, stow away hood, adjustable cuff, two side zip, pockets contrast panels and piping with large front left chest embroidery.  
\$79.50 (new item)
5. Sports Pants (Optional) – as for jacket with grid mesh stretch side panels for comfort, reflective hi visibility knee piping, two side pockets, back zip pocket, half zip leg with taffeta lining to ease over shoes, with small embroidery above leg zip.  
\$54.00 (new item)
6. Sublimated Singlet – \$47.50 (current price \$57.50)
7. Sublimated Tee-Shirt – \$53.00 (current price \$65.00)

## PNGHS CAREERS



Like us on Facebook to receive the latest information from Palmerston North Girls' High School Careers Department.

### Student Loans and Allowances – Studylink [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz)

As we head towards the end of the year and before students start their exams, we're asking them to apply for the Student Allowance and Loan by 16 December

#### Apply by 16 December



Our call to action campaign encouraging students to apply for their 2018 student finance is now underway.

This year, we're encouraging students to just Start - apply by 16 December.

Students don't need to have their NCEA results or have locked down all their study plans. Their application can be updated as things are confirmed. By applying early, students will allow enough time for all the steps in the application process to be completed before their course starts.

This allows us to manage the volume of applications so we can help students get organised for the start of the new study year.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 December  | NZSS Athletics - Hastings       |
| 1 December  | NZSS Cricket - Palmerston North |
| 4 December  | Year 13 Graduation Dinner       |
| 4 December  | Senior Signout Day              |
| 6 December  | Fiafia night                    |
| 8 December  | NZSS Touch                      |
| 8 December  | Junior Prizegiving              |
| 8 December  | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL              |
| 30 January  | Years 9 and 13 only             |
| 31 January  | All students                    |
| Check the school calendar at <a href="http://www.pnghs.school.nz">www.pnghs.school.nz</a> for more events |                                 |

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITY

The Palmerston North Girls' High School International Student Programme is looking for excellent homestay providers to join our international student homestay community. The aim of our programme is to provide the students with a memorable and enjoyable experience during their time here at Palmerston North Girls' High School. This is a proven longstanding education/homestay programme providing families with many rewarding and wonderful times, with numerous longstanding relationships being established along the way.

I am currently looking for short-term and long-term host families for students coming in 2018. Our homestay payment for 2018 is \$250.00.

If you think you could welcome an overseas student to share your home and treat them as one of your own young adults, I would love to hear from you. Please contact me for more information, [j.nash@pnghs.school.nz](mailto:j.nash@pnghs.school.nz)

# INTERNATIONAL 2018



**We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy!**

Your child's school stationery list requirements are uploaded on [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz). You can shop online, in-store, by phone or simply download a copy of your child's list.

\*Conditions apply. See [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz) for details

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# DEC

# 6

6.30pm  
Huia Centre  
P.N.G.H.S



# PNGHS 2017

# FIAFIA

You are invited to the P.N.G.H.S Fiafia evening on the 6th of December 2017.

This is a time of celebration and an opportunity to farewell our year 13 Pasifika students while also giving a warm welcome to our new year 9 students in 2018.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

**FREE**  
HOLIDAY  
ACTIVITIES  
FOR 11-17 YRS

**Break Away**  
Holiday Activities  
YMCA Central

Palmerston  
North  
- Based at  
Pasifika  
Community  
Centre

Basketball  
Epic waterfight  
Fishing  
Making Music  
Hip Hop Dance  
Trips to the Beach  
Archery  
Art

**10am-3pm**  
Week 1: 21st & 22nd Dec,  
& 3rd to 5th Jan  
Week 2: 8th-12th Jan  
Week 3: 15th-19th Jan  
Week 4: 23rd - 26th Jan  
**LUNCH PROVIDED**

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