

Secondary School Sport NEWSLETTER

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Sport Bay of Plenty

more people, more active, more often

Introduction

Sport helps build confident and healthy young people. It's a vehicle to engage kids in the curricular in the secondary school environment – the goal is not to isolate sport, but instead engage these kids in active lifelong learning.

Whether it's on the court, on the field, in and on the water, or on our streets and backyards, sport is part of our DNA in the Bay of Plenty.

Our time at secondary school is often when we will shape the experiences, skills, attitudes and friends that will develop our love of sport and games and set us up for a lifetime in sport and recreation. With our 2017 learning journey in mind, let us take a moment to reflect and celebrate the achievements of our rangatahi and the continued success within their sports.

With more than 40 schools across the Bay of Plenty and in the Taupo area hosting secondary students, we are pleased to launch our bi-annual newsletter to highlight the incredible sporting achievements in schools and across the sporting environments.

In this edition we have incorporated a summary of student participation for 2016 and how we are placed in a national environment. Furthermore, we highlight some incredible sporting programmes driven by passionate volunteers, teachers and qualified professionals.

Together they are increasing participation and up skilling young people across a huge variety of sporting codes and events. This is your newsletter and we look forward to hearing from you about your future successes.

Nga Mihi
Gareth Yates

Teachers' Games

It's not just fun and games for the students these school holidays, with the launch of the inaugural New Zealand Teachers' Games in Mount Maunganui.

Developed and hosted by the New Zealand Secondary Schools Sports Council (NZSSSC), the New Zealand Teachers' Games is an opportunity for teachers and support staff to have some fun with their colleagues, compete seriously or socially and enjoy each other's company on and off the sports field.

With options for all levels of ability, fitness and competitiveness, social and sporting activities, the NZTG has something for everyone, providing a setting for staff to relax, to network socially and professionally and to experience all the fun that being physically active and part of a team can bring.

The New Zealand Teachers' Games run from Sunday 1 to Tuesday 3 October, and are open to anyone on the payroll of early childhood, primary and secondary schools – so why not get a big bunch of your colleagues (or the whole department/staff) together and get your game on!

Less traditional options on offer include a King/Queen of the Mount race for the serious runner, Round the Mount Relay for teams of four and New Zealand's Fastest Teacher, a 50m dash in age groups with medals for every division, along with team options in dodgeball, ultimate frisbee and futsal.

Sports available include beach volleyball, bowls, badminton, squash, basketball, touch, golf, netball and hockey, as well as try-a-sport options in waka ama and stand-up paddleboarding.

Based at Club Mount Maunganui, social activities will be a major highlight with a Great Race and the not-to-be missed Trivia with a Twist nights.

Sport is a big part the educational landscape in New Zealand schools. It has the ability to develop school culture and pride, and importantly to engage students in learning. >



BY THE NUMBERS: Participation



Sport can contribute to academic and social outcomes with clear links to key curriculum competencies including relating to others, participating and contributing and managing self.



The NZTG aims to encourage teachers to be a part of providing quality school sport opportunities for their students so that students, teachers, schools and communities can reap these rewards.

This event is supported by Sport Bay of Plenty as the NZTG delivery arm, alongside the Ministry of Education, PPTA and NZEI, which recognise the NZTG for creating positive health and wellbeing experiences for teachers and support staff.

To find out more, plan your days and register, visit the NZTG website at www.nzteachersgames.co.nz

You can also Like our Facebook page for updates, draws, results and all the news, as well as letting colleagues in other schools know so they can meet you there!

www.facebook.com/NZTeachersGames/

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

KickStart your sport goals with KiwiSport Funding

KiwiSport is a government funded initiative to promote sport for school-aged children that was announced by the Prime Minister on 11 August, 2009. The Regional Partnership Fund (RPF) is coordinated by Sport Bay of Plenty for Sport New Zealand for use in Bay of Plenty communities.

The allocation is calculated on a per-capita basis based on the number of students in each region.

The Regional Partnership Fund has specific purposes:

- To increase the number of school-aged children participating in organised sport – during school, after school and by strengthening links with sports clubs.
- To increase the availability and accessibility of sport opportunities for all school-aged children to participate in organised sport.
- To support children in developing skills that will enable them to participate effectively in organised sport.
- Following extensive consultation with the community, Sport Bay of Plenty has established three contestable funds for the distribution of the Regional Partnership Fund: the Major Project Fund, the Special Projects - Skilled Deliverers Fund and a smaller project fund called the KickStart Fund. The first two are available for application in 2017.

Applications are now open until midday 11 August 2017. For more information and to read the information pack prior to applying for funding, visit www.sportbop.co.nz/funding/kiwisport/

A local success story:

WaiBOP Football received the KickStart Fund in 2016 for a football refereeing project with youths aged between 13-17 years.

Participants are coached and trained, giving them enough knowledge on the laws of the game through hands-on coaching and video analysis sessions, enabling them to have the confidence to referee Junior and Youth football.

These youth referees then seek refereeing qualifications, which provide them with the ability to referee matches at AIMS Games, NZ Secondary Schools and the Weir Rose Bowl tournaments.

This project was created to encourage the development of young, skilled match officials, with an outcome to assist in delivering a quality experience in football.

The funding was used for the development of the skills programme, coaching courses, sporting opportunity/competition, uniforms, camp accommodation and meals.



BY THE NUMBERS: Participation



REGIONAL ROUND-UP

PHOENIX PANIORA - TRIDENT HIGH SCHOOL

With parents involved in sport at a national level, it's not surprising that 16-year-old Phoenix Paniora was a natural athlete from an early age.

The Kawerau athlete is a triple threat, excelling in three codes: netball, touch and volleyball. While exposed to these sports at an early age through her parents – her Dad was a New Zealand masters mixed touch player and her mum a New Zealand rep in volleyball – it was in Year 6 at Kawerau South Primary School that Phoenix was encouraged to take her skills and interest to the next level.

"My teachers and my parents recognised my potential and encouraged me to try new things, inspiring me to work really hard and do my best. I started doing extremely well in different sports and my confidence grew in all aspects of my schooling."



Moving to Trident High School to complete her secondary education, she excelled at netball and volleyball – her achievements include winning the Junior Secondary School Volleyball Nationals in Wellington and being selected for the Trident High School Premier netball team and the Eastern Bay of Plenty U17 Premier Netball Team for the New Zealand Nationals.



More recently she has been selected for the EBOP U17 Premier Netball Team as captain for the U17 New Zealand Nationals and making the New Zealand Senior Women's Volleyball team to competing in the Asian Senior Women's Volleyball Championship in the Philippines.



Oh, and did we mention she made the Bay of Plenty U18 Girls' Touch Team last season and competed at a New Zealand national level?

"I have learnt many skills and different ways to train my body and mind, to work really hard from some amazing coaches, including my parents," says Phoenix.

But as important as her sports are, study is equally a priority. Phoenix has worked hard at her studies, passing NCEA Level 1 and says juggling training with school work is vital.



"I know when all my trainings are and what I have to do physically. I try hard to complete all of my school work and homework assignments, and sometimes I have to go in at lunchtimes and intervals to catch up or just get some understanding of what I need to do to complete the work. My teachers and school are very supportive and encouraging."

BY THE NUMBERS: Outstanding placing & records Mid Island Athletics



Lewis Minogue

Junior Boys 200m

Taupo-Nui-a-Tia College

24.37

Record Break

(24.82)



Josh Yeoman

Junior Boys 3000m

Taupo-Nui-a-Tia College

10.52.9

Record Break

IN BRIEF

Too young for stardom?

Leading sporting bodies including New Zealand Rugby and Netball New Zealand say children under the age of 13 are too young to be playing representative sport.

Sport New Zealand (SNZ) are warning parents to "let kids be kids" and insists selecting kids at an early level for personal gain with the aim of winning is not the way to success.

SNZ have finished a two-year research programme that found exposing children to representative sport too early can have a detrimental effect and can lead to burn-out, over-use injuries and declining motivation.

Leading the research is Sport NZ's talent consultant Alex Chiet, who said sporting codes should be focussing on keeping kids participating in their games.

He said statistics showed an 8 per cent decline between 1998 and 2014 for those under 18.

Source: Stuff.co.nz

REGIONAL ROUND-UP

GEORGE HASWELL - MOUNT MAUNGANUI COLLEGE

Q&A with Mount Maunganui College's George Haswell (18), rugby referee for the current Baywide Premier competition.

How did you get into refereeing?

In 2011, every Wednesday night, mum took me down to watch when she played touch at Blake Park. After a few months I became interested in the referees and what they were doing. Six months later, I told mum I wanted to give refereeing a go and it went from there.

What do you enjoy most about refereeing?

The challenge. Every game is different and you never know what to expect when you blow the first whistle. The game requires you to be really fast at thinking on your feet, solving problems and dealing with really high-intensity situations.

How do you juggle sport and school?

During the last three years I have been involved in refereeing both around New Zealand and overseas, and this has led to a significant amount of time off school. Luckily my teachers have been understanding and adapted to my schedule well – it's not easy on them having to teach something to one person which they already taught to 20 other people two weeks ago, but I am so lucky they have gone that extra mile for me to allow me to be able to do my best in school.

Got any advice for people wanting to get into refereeing?

I would encourage young people to take up refereeing, there is a well-developed pathway now that can ultimately lead to a career. There will be obstacles along the way and every referee experiences the same thing, but in contrast to that, you'll meet some awesome people, have the opportunity to travel New Zealand and the world, and know that you are doing your bit to give back to sport and give back to the community.

What has been your best achievement so far?

In May I was selected to referee at the 2017 Trans-Tasman Series, which is a series of test matches between Australia and New Zealand, held on the Sunshine Coast. The opportunity to referee at the pinnacle of my sport was such a privilege and to be placed in the top nine referees in the world is an achievement I am very proud of.



BY THE NUMBERS: Top Sports: Bay of Plenty (by participation)



SPORT IN SCHOOLS — WHAKATANE HIGH SCHOOL

"We can accept failure. We can never accept no effort. Success comes from hard work"

This vision stands proudly at the forefront of Whakatane High School's Sport in Education programme and is the ethos behind everything they do.

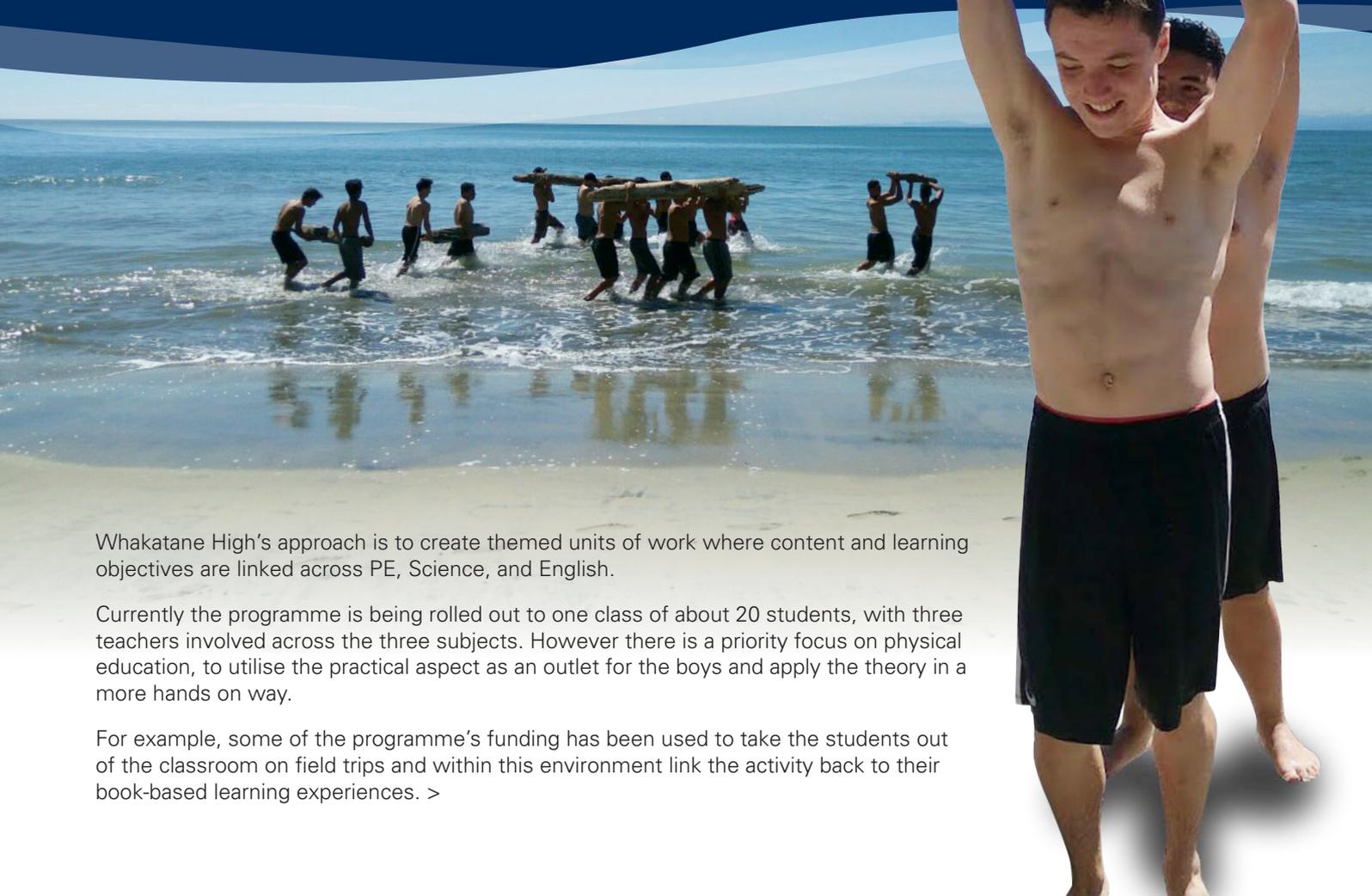
The decile 4 school, with a roll call of 760 students (57% of which are Maori) implemented the Sport in Education (SiE) programme, a venture funded by Sport New Zealand, four years ago.

The SiE project contributes to improved academic, social and sporting outcomes for schools and their students by using sport as a context for learning and student engagement.

Whakatane High was selected by Sport New Zealand to receive the funding, and with this the school developed their programme which aims to provide active learning opportunities in, through or about physical activity and sport for Year 11 boys.

The aim is to engage the school's priority learners – those students who have been identified to benefit from a more structured environment, instead of going into the normal NCEA Level 1 timetable, with fewer transitions during the day between different teachers.

The programme develops learning environments that are relevant for the boys, which are culturally responsive and relevant to them, and their learning needs. This select group is a predominately Maori all boys' class.



Whakatane High's approach is to create themed units of work where content and learning objectives are linked across PE, Science, and English.

Currently the programme is being rolled out to one class of about 20 students, with three teachers involved across the three subjects. However there is a priority focus on physical education, to utilise the practical aspect as an outlet for the boys and apply the theory in a more hands on way.

For example, some of the programme's funding has been used to take the students out of the classroom on field trips and within this environment link the activity back to their book-based learning experiences. >

They also used some of the funding to bring in ex-Whakatane Prefect Jason Wharewera, who has spent more than a decade in the army. He helped run some of the assessments on topics such as self-management and responsible behaviour in an outdoor activity (mau rakau, water rescue and safety and Adrenalin Forest).

The response from all parties – parents, students and teachers – has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly around the improvement of the student-teacher relationship.



So what do the boys think?

Our teacher gives us more support; he's the bro.

I struggled with science, but now I'm doing much better this way.

In PE I'm trying a lot harder. The work relates to me and I actually enjoy it.

I'm achieving better because the subjects are connecting.

I wish it could be like this during Year 9 and 10, and with other subjects.

WHAT'S ON HIGHLIGHTS?

BOP Junior Badminton Finals

10 August, QEYC Tauranga

BOPSS Senior Basketball - Div 2

11 August, QEYC Tauranga

BOP Table Tennis Championships

15 August, QEYC Tauranga

BOP Senior Badminton Finals

17 August, QEYC Tauranga

BOPSS Senior Basketball – Div 1

18 August, QEYC Tauranga

Winter Tournament Week

Starting 4 September, Mount Ruapehu

For a full calendar of secondary school events, visit www.sportbop.co.nz/whats-on

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