

# NEW HANOVER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## TERM DATES 2026

### TERM 1

Start	Staff: Tuesday 13 January Pupils: Wednesday 14 January
Close	Friday 27 March
Mid-Term	Thursday 19 February – Tuesday 24 February
Easter Weekend	Friday 03 April – Monday 06 April

### TERM 2

Start	Staff: Monday 20 April Pupils: Tuesday 21 April
Close	Friday 26 June
Mid-Term	Thursday 21 May – Tuesday 26 May

### TERM 3

Start	Staff: Monday 20 July Pupils Tuesday 21 July
Close	Wednesday 23 September
Mid-Term	Thursday 20 August - Tuesday 25 August

### TERM 4

Start	Staff: Monday 05 October Pupils: Tuesday 06 October
Close	Pupils: Friday 27 November Staff: Wednesday 02 December
Mid-Term	Thursday 29 October – Tuesday 03 November

### **IMPORTANT TIMES**

School opens at **07h40** at the beginning on the term and closes at **13h00** at term end.  
School closes at **13h00** on a Thursday for mid-term break and opens at **07h40** the following Tuesday.

On the last day of the year school will close at **12h00**

### **COMPULSORY School Saturdays (There are 8 during the year – 2 in each term!)**

Saturday 17 January	-	Family Day
Fishing Competition	-	14 March 2026
Saturday 25 April	-	Clinics
New Hanover MTB and Trail	-	02 May 2026
Saturday 25 July	-	Family Day / Clinics
Athletics	-	01 August (Saturday)
Saturday 10 October	-	Clinics
Interhouse Gala	-	21 November (Saturday)

**NB** – as the school's vehicles are generally used to help run the above events – the bus service will not be in operation on **ALL** these days. **ALL** pupils are however, expected to attend!!!

## **Public Holidays 2026**

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| • <b>New Year's Day: 1 January (Thursday)</b>     | - | No School - Holidays         |
| • <b>Human Right's Day: 21 March (Saturday)</b>   | - | No School Sport              |
| • <b>Good Friday: 3 April (Friday)</b>            | - | No School - Holidays         |
| • <b>Family Day: 6 April (Monday)</b>             | - | No School - Holidays         |
| • <b>Freedom Day: 27 April (Monday)</b>           | - | No School on Monday          |
| • <b>Worker's day: 1 May (Friday)</b>             | - | <b>This is a school day!</b> |
| • <b>Saturday: 02 May 2026</b>                    | - | <b>Mountain Bike Race</b>    |
| • <b>Youth Day: 16 June (Tuesday)</b>             | - | <b>School Day</b>            |
| • <b>Nelson Mandela Day (Saturday)</b>            | - | No School - Holidays         |
| • <b>National Woman's Day: 9 August (Sunday)</b>  | - | No School - Sunday           |
| • <b>10 August (Monday)</b>                       | - | No School on Monday          |
| • <b>Heritage Day: 24 September (Thursday)</b>    | - | <b>School Day</b>            |
| • <b>Day of Reconciliation: 16 December (Wed)</b> | - | No School - Holidays         |
| • <b>Christmas Day: 25 December (Friday)</b>      | - | No School - Holidays         |
| • <b>Day of Goodwill: 26 December (Saturday)</b>  | - | No School - Holidays         |

As New Hanover Preparatory School is an Independent School, Public Holidays that fall on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time will be considered working days. School will close at **13h00**

**Public Holidays** that fall on a Monday or Friday will not be working days. In 2026 we will have one exception to this rule – **Friday 01 May 2026 will be a normal school day!**

As we take mid-term breaks in all four terms, disrupted weeks and the possibility of people taking a Monday or Friday off if a Public Holiday falls on a Tuesday or Thursday are the reason for the above decisions.

New Hanover Preparatory School charges fees well below other independent schools in the area. This is due to the enormous and tireless efforts of the local community and UELC congregation. Since inception (1858 – 168 years ago) the community has been committed to providing the best quality education possible, at the most affordable rate. It is therefore of the utmost importance that all fundraising efforts conducted by the community, the school or the congregation are supported by all parents, pupils and staff. The establishment of the school and its continued existence is due to the determination and efforts of the community – they deserve our full support.

## **Important Dates**

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| <b>Championship Gala</b>               | - | <b>30 January (Friday)</b>    |
| <b>Cross Country</b>                   | - | <b>24 April (Friday)</b>      |
| <b>Fishing Competition</b>             | - | <b>14 March (Saturday)</b>    |
| <b>MTB Race</b>                        | - | <b>02 May (Saturday)</b>      |
| <b>Mother's Day</b>                    | - | <b>08 May (Friday)</b>        |
| <b>Night Golf</b>                      | - | <b>29 May (Friday)</b>        |
| <b>Father's Day</b>                    | - | <b>19 June (Friday)</b>       |
| <b>Athletics</b>                       | - | <b>31 July (Friday)</b>       |
| <b>School Play Run Through</b>         | - | <b>21 September Monday</b>    |
| <b>School Play Evening Performance</b> | - | <b>22 September (Tuesday)</b> |
| <b>Interhouse Gala</b>                 | - | <b>20 November (Friday)</b>   |