NAENAE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER WEEK 4, TERM 4, 2020

PRINICPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau

Congratulations to our Naenae College students and staff on an excellent week of diligent effort and focus as we move rapidly towards our **Senior Prize Giving** next Thursday and the start of NCEA external exams.

I also encourage, those that can, to attend the **Services March out parade** on Tuesday – it is an awe inspiring example of hard work and dedicated team effort.

Our Samoan Family Night last Friday was a stunning success. My thanks to all those who supported this evening especially our students, Gagana Samoa techer Tapaau Auvaa, Naenae College Board member Tafaoimalo Loudeen Parsons and of course parents, friends and aiga.

The **Senior Formal** is on Saturday night and we are anticipating a fantastic night of glamorous attire, fun and formality.

Ngā mihi, Nic Richards

Samoan Family Night



On 27 October 2020, Samoan Language students at NNC hosted a Family Night – Samoa Ne'i Galo - event, where parents, friends and friends were invited to watch Samoan entertainments.

As one staff member put it, NNC Hall became Samoa. It was a night of prayers, hymns, dances, speeches, stories and tributes.

There was grace, elegance, pride, and deep emotional attachment - all part of 21st century Samoan ways of living here in Aotearoa-New Zealand. It was a night to be remembered, as this is the first time such an event has happened.

Thanks to the students for their great commitment and performances, and to the parents, staff and friends for the support. Special thanks to the Pasifika Team who organized and served the food for the night. Faafetai lava, Tapaau Auvaa









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A taste of University for high school leavers

Last Tuesday, a group of year 13 students experienced life as language students at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

2 November 2020



Our undergraduate students and year 13 students from Naenae and Rongotai Colleges.

The group, made up of students from Naenae and Rongotai Colleges, were hosted by undergraduate Spanish students for an exam-preparation workshop and tour of the School of Languages and Cultures.

Our students drew from their experience as language assistants in the classroom to run this workshop. All four undergraduate students were part of the Latin American Cultures and Languages in New Zealand Classrooms project where undergraduate Spanish students gain experience as language assistants in Wellington schools. This CAPE-funded initiative has been running for the past two years. For the workshop, our students also took the opportunity to use another product of our collaboration with CAPE-funded projects: the <u>special issue of the *Toitoi* journal</u>.



The School of Languages and Cultures students who hosted the year 13's came from a wide range of undergraduate subjects, showing the high schoolers the flexibility in study options at Wellington and what Spanish add to one's degree. These students were Duncan Bennie (Computer Sciences and Spanish), Hannah Prior (Development Studies, Modern Languages Studies), Lily Wenmoth (Economics and Spanish), and Hamish Weren (Law, International Relations and Spanish).



The year 13 students had many questions about life at University and enjoyed being able to meet and talk with undergraduate students. They commented that it was the perfect way to be introduced to the many options that lie ahead after their exams.

On behalf of the SLC, we thank our visitors and students for participating in this enriching experience and look forward to hosting more events like this in the future.

Year 13 students with library books

Please ensure your child returns their school library books before the 7th of December. We do not charge overdue fines.

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EVENTS COMING UP

NAENAE COLLEGE Coming Up! Saturday 7 November COLLEGE FORMAL – Hutt Valley Event Centre **Tuesday 10 November** Naenae College Services Academy March out **Thursday 12 November** Naenae College Senior Prize Giving (please arrive by 6.15 pm) **Monday 16 November** NCEA External exams start **Tuesday 17 November** Regional Teachers Only Day 'Changes to NCEA' **Tuesday 8 December** Naenae College Graduation Ceremony & NCEA exams finish Wednesday 9 December SNU Prize Giving & Junior EOTC starts **Monday 14 December Junior Prize Giving**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Recruiting - Navy Cadets

Notice from Youth Development Unit, Central - NZ Defence Force

Open Evening – Tamatoa Navy Cadets 160 The Esplanade, Petone 12 and 19 November – 7-8pm. Open to youth aged 13-18 years; Training and activities are sailing, power boating, firearms, knots and international exchanges. Phone Helen on 027 371 2230.





Speldhurst Park, Stokes Valley, 7th November 11.00am – 2.00pm

STREETBALL

with Kenny McFadden (mentor to NBA star Steven Adams) + Terry Stallworth

Free sausage sizzle, Give Aways, prizes, There'll be DJ + music,Basketball, Health promotions and fun for everyone!!

> Bring your Family, Whanau, Aiga

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