



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau

This week has seen our senior students predominantly offsite studying and at school at various times for tutorials and exams, or making use of the school Library for study.

On Tuesday we had a very productive teacher only day to review the proposed changes to NCEA. This was a valuable opportunity to understand the changes that will come into effect in the next couple of years. Equity, coherence and credibility are among key foci for changes being made to NCEA.

This week has also seen our senior students commencing their NCEA exams. We wish all exam students success as they take the opportunity to test themselves in an exam environment. Exams provide a wonderful opportunity to recognise learning completed throughout the year and while many students are apprehensive about exams, they are not to be underestimated as an opportunity for recognition of learning.

Please see the information later in this newsletter about the healthy lunches program. I spoke about this briefly at the senior prize-giving and it is a wonderful opportunity for all students to receive a healthy lunch in 2021. We intend to consult with our community about how this program will run and the changes that are necessary to accommodate it. I hope that parents, whānau and interested parties will join us at an information evening to discuss this further. I also hope that the Ministry of Education will present information at this meeting.

Year 10 Elective Scholarship Exam

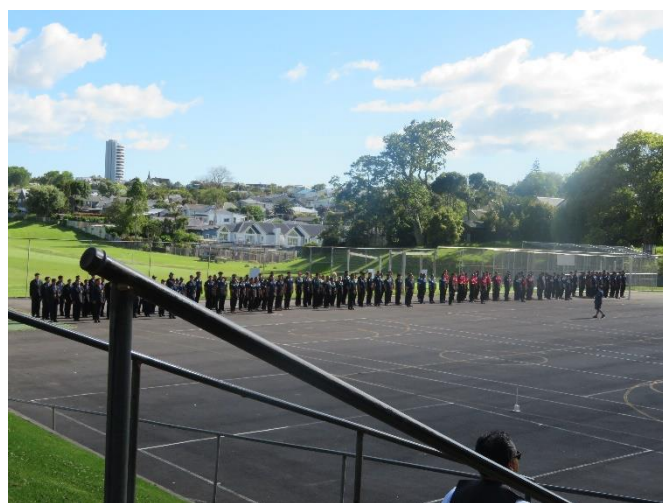
We are pleased to offer a Year 10 Elective Scholarship Exam for students in Year 10. This is an opportunity for our Year 10 scholars to challenge themselves and demonstrate their mastery of the skills learnt in Year 10 in Maths, English, Social Sciences and Science. They will have 2 hours to apply their skills to an exam which is set at Level 6 of the curriculum. The exam will take place on Monday 30th of November 8:45am - 10:45am. Candidates have already signed up for this opportunity with LAR teachers, but if you know your child hasn't yet signed up and you believe they would flourish with this

opportunity, please contact Fiona Crawford, Assistant Principal Junior school on fiona.crawford@naenae-college.school.nz. The top scholar will be acknowledged at the junior prizegiving Monday 14 December.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches Programme

The above programme means school lunches will be available at no cost to students/families next year for all Naenae College students. Further information later in this newsletter.

Ngā mihi, Nic Richards



NAENAE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER WEEK 6, TERM 4, 2020



The Year 13 Services Academy spent 5 days in Auckland, primarily to visit the Devonport Navy base in order to give our students a Navy experience. We visited many of the units on Base and received presentations, equipment displays as well as receiving a pōwhiri onto the Navy National Marae. The highlight for most was the visit onboard the Navy frigate Manawanui, the newest of the Navy fleet. The other highlight was a thrilling ride on the Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) on the Waitemata Harbour under the Auckland harbour bridge.

Throughout the 5 days we were joined by Queen Elizabeth College from Palmerston North. This allowed us to forge close relationships between the two Service Academy schools and continue a great relationship with their school.



As part of our trip we were also privileged to participate in the Northern Services Academy March Out parade. This involved fourteen Auckland schools. For the parade we combined with Queen Elizabeth College to form a small platoon group.

When in Auckland you have to take the opportunity to do the obligatory activities ie Rainbows End, Spookers, shopping at Dress Mart Onehunga, Sylvia

Park Shopping Mall and a night out 10 pin bowling. Last but not least, on our final night we went for dinner at Sky City to complete a great time away and experience with the year 13 Services Academy 2020.





19 November – 7-8pm.

Training and activities are sailing, power boating, firearms, knots and international exchanges.

Phone Helen on 027 371 2230.

Open to youth aged 13-18 years.



EVENTS COMING UP

NAENAE COLLEGE Coming Up!

NCEA External exams - under way

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

Tuesday 15 December

Last day of term

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Recruiting - Navy Cadets

Notice from Youth Development Unit, Central - NZ Defence Force

Open Evening – Tamatoa Navy Cadets
160 The Esplanade, Petone



Healthy School Lunches Programme

The Government is currently introducing a free, healthy, daily school lunch in some schools for all students.

We are really excited to let you know that our school will be joining the free lunch programme from Term 1, 2021.

All parents want to provide their children with a lunch every day. But, as you will know, there are many reasons parents can struggle, often through no fault of their own. We know that some of you will have been particularly affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Offering a lunch for all our children who need it will go some way to helping families and whānau to support their children and rangatahi. This is why we have decided to take part in this programme.

Lunches will cater for the diet, health and cultural needs of our students, and we will work with suppliers and the Ministry of Education to make sure they are healthy and nutritious. All suppliers will be required to meet New Zealand food safety standards.

The lunches will be available for all our students. While we know there are hungry children in every community, we do not always know who they are. Providing a lunch to every child means we do not need to single-out those who need it more than others. However, lunches are not compulsory, and you can continue to provide your child's own lunch if you wish.

Right now, we are working with the Ministry of Education on the best way to meet our school's needs. So far, we have opted to select an approved supplier once the Ministry's open tender processes have been completed and will be asking whānau for feedback and to discuss with us our approach to making this a success.

The programme will run until the end of 2021 and will be evaluated whilst it is running. This will include feedback from schools, students and suppliers about what the lunches are like, how they are delivered, and if they have an impact on students' learning and achievement. This information will help to decide whether to continue beyond 2021, and what an ongoing programme might look like.

You can find out more about the programme at: www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches

If you have any further questions, please contact our office, or the Ministry at school.lunches@education.govt.nz





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Kia ora koutou,

Last week we sent out a newsletter regarding our concerns, as a school, for the mental health and well-being of our students, particularly relating to self-harm.

To support our Naenae Intermediate community and whānau, we have arranged for Dr. Kirsty Moore, a local psychologist from Upper Hutt, to come and give a two-hour seminar on self-harm in our school hall. Kirsty has carried out research on self-harm and worked with young people, as well as having had her own personal experience of self-harm, and we are hopeful that she will be able to provide good support and information to our school community.

This seminar will take place on **Monday 23 November from 6:30-8:30pm in the hall**, and will include information, Q&A discussion, and next steps for whānau concerned about their children. Please note that this seminar is targeted towards adults and not suitable for children to attend.

If you would like to attend this information evening, please RSVP by emailing the school at karen@naenaeint.school.nz so we can have an indication of numbers, if we are able to we'd like to offer this opportunity to our wider school community.

We look forward to seeing you on the 23 November 2020.

Nga mihi

Greta Vanasche
Social Worker at NIS

Ariana Tyson
Principal