



MARCH 12/03/2021

# NAENAE COLLEGE

Hea rea here a ngā  
raumānuka e kore  
whawhati

Bind the multitudes of  
mānuka together and  
never be broken



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau

Thank you to our Year 9 parents who attended the meet-the-LAR-teacher evening last night. I know that it was a valuable opportunity to connect, to ask questions, and to put faces to names as we build our learning partnership with new students and their whānau.

One thing to come out of our conversations was to check that parents have their username and password for connecting to the **parent portal** via our website. The portal allows you to access key information about your student and to see attendance in real-time. Let LAR teachers know if you still need this information.

A second thing was the opportunity to remind parents of our **Academic Conferencing** coming up at the end of the month (**March 30 & 31**). I have attached a letter outlining Academic Conferencing later in this newsletter. Again it is an important opportunity to meet to discuss how students are settling into the year and to establish goals for the year. More information with specific appointment times will come directly to you as will a letter asking for employer support for parents and caregivers to attend these meetings.

This Friday we anticipate the return of our Services Academy from Induction Camp in Waiouru. I know that this will have been a wonderful time of challenge and growth for these students.

As we enter into the second half of this term I remind students to think about their well-being. Good sleep patterns and self-care support the resilience we need as the term progresses. I know that the Kā Ako, Kā Ora | Health Lunches are certainly assisting with this.

**Ngā mihi**  
**Nic Richards**  
**Principal**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Events coming up soon

- **MARCH 30 & 31:** Academic Conferences
- **GOOD FRIDAY:** 2 April
- **EASTER MONDAY:** 5 April
- **Term 1 Ends:** 16 April
- **ANZAC Day Observed:** 26 April
- **Term 2 Commences:** 3 May

# GENERAL NOTICES

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## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCING Tuesday and Wednesday, MARCH 30 & 31**

Letters will be both emailed and posted to you to ensure that every family is aware of the upcoming evening. You will be invited, along with your student, to a 20-minute in-depth discussion with their Learning Advisor. This academic progress planning meeting will include discussion around:

- **Initial Report** (available at the meeting)
- The student's short term and long term plans
- The student's attendance patterns thus far in 2021
- NCEA credit printout (Year 12 & 13 students only)
- Other matters arising from College or home

We will be halting normal classes so these meetings can occur. Academic planning meetings will take place from 1.00 pm until 5.00 pm and from 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm on Tuesday 30 March and 1.00 pm until 5.00 pm on Wednesday 31 March. Normal school classes will conclude at 12.15 pm on these days with lunch.

If you have two or more children at the College, you will most likely find that you have two or more copies of this letter with a unique appointment time for each child. We will group your appointments together so that you only have to make one journey.

You will find enclosed a letter that, if required, you can share with your employer, requesting a little time off from your normal work in order to attend this important meeting.

Students are expected to attend their interviews and will, therefore, be able to escort you to the correct room. We ask you to please return the tear-off slip from the letter you will receive confirming that you and your student will be attending and ask students to return it to their Learning Advisor by Wednesday 24 March at the latest.

Please note that if you are unable to attend, there is still an expectation that students will attend. School uniform is not required to be worn.

We believe that these meetings will have a significant impact in helping sustain the positive partnership that exists between the students, their parents/caregivers, and the school.

In previous years, approximately 80% percent of all families were able to attend and feedback shows that they found the meetings very valuable. The stronger this relationship is the more we are all able to help students to achieve their goals.

We look forward to welcoming you to Academic Conferencing 2021.

Yours sincerely

Nic Richards, Principal



# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE

Thursday 11 February was International Day of Women and Girls in Science. Some of us year 11 girls, along with girls from other nearby schools, got the opportunity to go to Callaghan Innovation and experience some of the exciting Science done there. Labs we visited included measuring, 3D printing, chemistry, and engineering. My favourite lab was the Robinson Research Institute where we had fun playing with superconductors and liquid nitrogen. At lunchtime we were given ice cream made using liquid nitrogen and some nice lunch. I found it really interesting to see the science happening in real labs so close to home.

Lucy Taylor





# FUTSAL NEWS

The option of Futsal was open to all students as a summer sport. A group of 8 junior boys were keen to make a team. On 16 February the first game was on, this was the first time the boys met each other and also the first time some of the boys had played Futsal.

The boys did their best and showed enthusiasm and amazing team spirit, but it wasn't their game. Time for a strategy meeting and a chance to get to know each other. During lunch time they all showed up and we agreed to have a practice on Tuesday lunchtimes before each game. The new tactics were put into place and they worked together well but their efforts did not reflect in the score and Wa Ora took it out.

Two more practices and two more games. Tuesday they had St Pat's Silverstream as their opposition. Right from the beginning you could see the determination, the skill and the team came together. They wanted to win this game as they were so close last week. Defending was mastered, blocking goals was key and the proof was a 4 - 1 lead at half time. Second half was a battle as the opposition came in wanting to win so they upped their game and changed players. Two more goals to St Pats but we still led and we were trying great tactics to get the ball into goal, but it wasn't getting through their new goalie. We kept the ball moving and away from their goal while the seconds counted down. Then the siren sounded, it was finished but the exhilaration as they walked off the court was demonstrated with the smiles and cheers of pride. Junior Boys Team 3 were winners on the night with 3 - 4 win. Well done boys it was a massive game and a true test of your team coming together and giving it your all.

Looking forward to seeing kotahitanga displayed at our last game of the season next week.



# HUTT VALLEY ATHLETICS

A fantastic day was had at Hutt Zone athletics this week. A very small team of only 15 students represented the College.

- Tyrus Moody, Intermediate Boys, won the long jump and was 1st in the 100m (overall)
- Shea Boshier, Junior Boys, was 1st in high jump
- Ivan Dunford, Senior Boys, was 2nd in shot put with a personal best 11:30m
- Anita Va'a was 4th in shot put and discus.
- The Junior boys 4 x 100 relay team came 2nd
- The Intermediate boys 4 x 100 relay team came 3rd. Two boys ran the race barefoot and Jerson ran both relays, barefoot.

Ivan Dunford coached the relay teams and trained the 100m runners to use starting blocks. His leadership on the day was outstanding. Other students who were involved in the day, were Latoya, team manager. Christian and Genesis officiated the high jump event.

Students demonstrated our wonderful Te Whānau Tahi ethos with lots of high fives, cheering and encouragement.

Yvonne Manuel  
Director of Sport  
Naenae College



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

MŌ TĀTOU KATOĀ - FOR ALL OF US

# MULTIFEST 2021

Organised by: Hutt Multicultural Council

**HOLI** Festival of Colours

**SATURDAY |  
MARCH 20, 2021** *NEW DATE!*

**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**EPUNI COMMUNITY  
HALL  
37 MITCHELL STREET,  
LOWER HUTT**

**Multicultural Food  
Stalls  
Cultural Performances  
& much more!**

**Free! Bouncy Castle for  
Small Children**

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