



Naenae College

# Naenae College 2017 Yearbook



## Multi Cultural Day

Multi Cultural day was a huge success this year with students and teachers all working together to create a visually impressive and exciting show for all to be involved in and watch.

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## EOTC & Discovery

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## Water polo

This year's water polo season has been full of challenges and achievements. Firstly, we would like to acknowledge the team we had this year and commend them for their hard work and team spirit.

Coming in to the season, we had a lot of players new to the sport join. Players such as Kirra Conchie-Medel, Tiaki Huria, Chloe Morley and Hazel Taylor, adapted very quickly to the sport and improved immensely over the course of the

season. Water polo is a very inclusive sport with a supportive community, which allows new players to join and learn along with their team. Returning players Hazel Schapel, Ben Frith, Grace Sudlow, DJ Basire, Samantha Grigg and Nakeisha Meadows, helped significantly with the Pumanawatanga of the team by supporting the new players and keeping the team spirit up.

The season itself was an uphill battle. Due to a good portion of the team being new players, a large learning curve was needed to be overcome. Despite the constant battle for numbers every week, as well as our inexperienced players going up against seasoned players, the team pushed on, managing to complete the season positively.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Manuel, George Frith and all the parents who came to watch the games and transport the players to the pool and back home again. Without the continued support of these people, the season wouldn't have been possible. The parents came to every game with positive attitudes, pushing the team forward. Mrs Manuel was always in the background ready and willing to help and support the team in any way she could. Thank you to George who gave up his free time to be our coach and help manage the team. He always kept a positive attitude, keeping up the team moral to the end of the game. Another thank you goes to Hazel Schapel, co-captain. Without her there wouldn't have been a team. Hazel always supported and encouraged the team, having a positive attitude and always with a smile. She managed the team and was also a star player carrying the team. Finally, a big shout out to Ben Frith who was an amazing team captain and main goal scorer. Without Ben our trainings wouldn't have been so fun and productive. Through Ben, the new players learnt so much about the game and improved their skills in such a short amount of time. Ben was also a great support for the team, he was always at every game hyping up the players.

We hope to improve even more this year. We also aim to get more players involved in the sport, hopefully boosting water polo's popularity. Bring on the next year!



## Waiopahu Sports Exchange

Our warmest thanks to host school Waiopahu College for a fantastic day of sport.

The weather was perfect and the fields immaculate. There were many highlights from the day including the meticulous care of the presentation of fields and gymnasium; the positive and competitive spirit in which the games were played; a spine-chilling haka performed by the Waiopahu 1st

XV; the music and dancing during lunch and the friendships that were made. Thank you to the volunteer referees and officials. A special acknowledgement to Mr Robinson (Principal of Waiopahu), Mikaela Greig (Head of Sport), student leaders, players and the hospitality team. Thank you to the Naenae Whanau Matua Te Teira Davis (Kaumatua), Anahera Waikato (Kaikaranga and Netball umpire), Josiah Tutagalevao (Basketball referee), Wendy Ellison (Netball Manager), Paula Andersen (Football Manager), Misha Kravcenko (1st XV Coach), DJ Basire & Hamish Moffat (Student Coach's of the Football Team) for supporting this event and making the day possible. Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa

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## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 18th-24th of June

Volunteers are the backbone of our society, the unsung heroes who are constantly ready and willing to contribute their own personal time, talent & resources to help.

Naenae College offer 24 sport codes that provide opportunities for students to participate in Sport and Recreation. 372 students are actively involved in one or

more sports. The national average for participation in sport for co-ed schools is 52%. We exceed this with 54% of students enrolled at Naenae actively involved in sport. This can only happen with the support of volunteers. This week we honour you and thank you for all that you do to help our kids in sport.

Morning Fitness: Ms Siencyn, Mrs Manuel, Mr Shaw, Mr Clarke

Futsal: Mrs Greenfield, Mr Reynolds, DJ Basire, Hamish Moffat

Volleyball: Mr Richards, Mrs Samani, Rob Stewart, Analisa Manuel, Tireque Malila, Kele Kamoto, Ms Dale Shaw, Ms Gueorgiff, Leah Forster, Tassie Vailalo

Squash: Mr Pittams

Fishing Club: Mr Maclean

Floorball: Jesiah Pham, Daniella Thompson

Touch: Vincent Tamihere, Vinnie Hunt, Jackson Nicholson, Tireque Malila, Calais Hunt

Softball: Ms Shaw, Jason Hemi

Smallbore Rifle Shooting: Jordyn Fewtrell

Tennis: Grace Collins, Paige Foster

Football: Kathy Cross, Paula Andersen, Sharon Greenfield, Hamish Moffat, DJ Basire, Jenn Feek, Dan Marson, Grant Greenfield, David Jack, Jack Krakosky, Mr Johnson

Rugby: Mr Kravcenko, Mr Ferguson, Mr Tiria

Badminton: Mr Yeo, Mrs Stephens, Mrs Ranchod, Ms Gueorgieff, Destiny Abashidze, Jullieann Brown, Avi Parbhu, Akash Achari, Whetu Hauiti

Hockey: Mrs Forster, Eddie Forster, Willy McBride

Netball: Mrs Manuel, Ms Siencyn, Ms Els, Wendy Ellison, Alice Tuapawa, Nga Tiaki, Charmaine Ah-Key, Lily Parekura, Kahu Poi, Hope Tiaki, Paige Foster, Daniella Thompson, Grace Collins, Ayla Roberston, Jullieann Brown

Waterpolo: Ben Frith, Hazel Schapel

Basketball: Dominique Sam, Dean Antipas, Robert Mita, Jamie Claridge, TJ Kanara, Ms Karaitiana Ugone

Ki O Rahi: Ms Gueorgiff, Mr Clarke

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## Smallbore Shooting

Jordyn took the Naenae college team to Palmerston North for the inter island secondary school. The team had a bit of a rough time but they had each improved every match which was good.

Congratulations to Hazel for coming 7th in the North island with 288.10 and making the North island team which

consisted of the top 12 in the north island.

Unfortunately the South Island won but everyone shot well, also congratulations to Hazel who came in the top 3 out of over 50 students today with 195.9" Upper Hutt Smallbore Club

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## Badminton & Netball

Being a captain for the Senior girls Badminton team made a huge difference in me this year. I had to experience different situations which helped me develop more knowledge of the sport and also help boost up my confidence in leading the team. I had fun being able to meet new people and also playing alongside with the girls in the team. They were really respectful and they were always prepared and full of determination in every game. I had experienced being a captain of a badminton team in the past four years and it

was challenging stepping up the role of being captain for division one but in the end, I am more confident and happy that I had the opportunity of being a captain.

Coaching the Junior Girls 4 was a happy moment for me. I loved that I got to meet the girls and see them grow into a confident netball player. At first, it was quite hard to teach some of the girls who had no idea how to play or know the basic rules of Netball. We took on the challenge and used all our skills and knowledge to help them. I was happy when I could see the improvement of their skills and how they would become closer as a team. Coaching them made me remember when I use to be like them and I always said "It's not about winning the game. It's about improving your skills and learning more so you can adapt to it in next season." They were always enthusiastic and respectful which made it easier for me to coach them. Coaching is a fun experience which you get to help the juniors with the amount of skills and techniques that you learned when you were once a junior.

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## Premiere One Netball

This year the Naenae College Netball team went through a bit of a rebuild.

At the end of last year, we lost a few Year 13 girls who had been pivotal in our team over the last few years. We knew that 2017 would be the year we would introduce a bunch of newbies and try to build them up as much as we would within the season. Going into the season, we had this idea that due to having so many "babies" in the team; we may not

perform as well as we have in past years. Boy, were we wrong.



Our new gals really stepped up. You have never seen a group more excited and eager to play in the big leagues. Ever! Getting them to a point of calmness to give instruction at training or before games was often the hardest battle; the energy was at an all-time high. Our first game we went out and won. SUCCESS. This was exactly what we needed. It gave us a sense of self-belief that we did not necessarily have going into the season.

The rest of the season had ups and downs, there were tears, laughter, a few arguments, but never did our support and commitment falter. We managed to place 12th at the ASB Wellington Netball Competition, which was massive for us, and to our surprise, at the end of round robin play; earn a spot in the Premier 2 Division.

The girls came up against some pretty tough competition in the likes of Sacred Heart and HVHS. I think the epitome of our season was being down by 11 against HVHS going into the last quarter. For numerous high school teams it is tough to bring back a margin like that. However, for our girls we took it one minute at a time, and by doing so managed to get it to a draw with two minutes to go. Heartbreakingly, when the final buzzer went, we lost the game by 2; if you looked down at our bench though, you would have thought we won a gold medal of some sort. The girls and coaches were so insanely proud of the efforts during the game that the score line did not matter. We proved we had fight.

Our captain Valerie Taito was a key part in our team success, she wanted to leave a legacy. She lead the team in a way that made each member feel valued and worthy of their time on the court. Val herself also managed to make the Hutt Valley under 19 Netball team, as well as being named the Hutt Valley Premier Netball player of the year. Understandably, Val was named our Player of the Year; and she will be someone we miss dearly next year.

This season was one of the best we have had. Each girl brought something unique to the team and it was so great to see us climbing to new heights and improve after each game and each training. It's going to be an exciting next few years with these girls moving up the ranks.

Bring on 2018!

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## NAENAE COLLEGE ONTRACK SPORTS ACADEMY 2017!

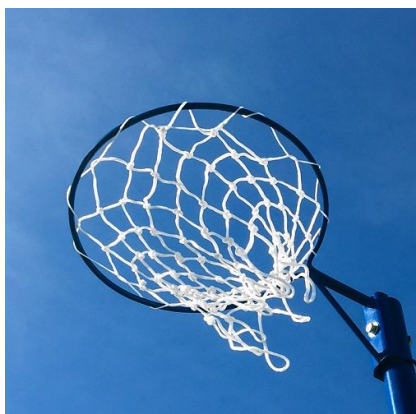
Ignite Sports report how they had a great, jam packed 3 days with the champs from Naenae College Sports Academy. This consisted of 5 workshops, heaps of court time, a gym session, lots of singing, dancing and heaps of fun! "This crew really knows how to stick together as a team and encourage each other when the going gets tough!"

Thank you to John Mainu'u from Les Mills Hutt City & Lara Andrews for their contribution and words of wisdom during our academy.

Awesome start to the week with these leaders!

Ignite Sport

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## Netball (Junior Coaching)

This year we decided to coach a junior netball team. We didn't do so well in competition but we saw a clear improvement in our girls and had a lot of fun in the process.

We definitely had some interesting times (like the very last game where the other team didn't show up so we did coaches vs team), and some good competition. As a team our girls bonded and we also worked closely with the other Naenae teams. Netball is a great sport and the coaches had a great time playing and coaching this year, although there were some very long days at the courts with juniors at 8.30am and then the coaches playing later at 2.00pm with

some donuts in the middle. Overall I would definitely encourage everyone to give coaching a go, you learn a lot and it can be great fun, especially with a team as great as ours. We really hope that next

year's junior coaches will have as much fun and learn as much as we did.

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## Floorball

We decided to test the waters this year by entering the first NNC teams into a floorball competition.

Having been introduced to the sport earlier in the year by Ignite Sport we decided to enter our own team into an open league and have some fun. Picking up some new skills, we quickly learned to love the still growing sport, so when the chance came to represent our school in a college league we leapt at the chance to play again, but this time under NNC's banner. Being the first NNC teams to enter into this still young competition we hope to see NNC come back and grow with this beginning sport.

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## Hockey-Mixed Tournament

Though we only welcomed 3 new players this year (Blake Randall, Laura Andersen and Lachie Macdonald), the difference in success was noticeable.

The year, coached by Eddie Forster with the ever present help of Catherine Forster and Willie McBride, the team moved up the levels in Taupo this year, moving from last year's 12th place to an overall 5th place. We played hard this year, narrowly pulling off 1st of our pool, then moving

through crossovers to the top half of the draw, and finally finishing in 5th place.

Both on and off the turf the team worked well, forging a whole new set of memories to add to the ever growing legacy. Being so close to a pool, river and most obviously the lake, the adults took advantage of the water to make us do the ever dreaded hots and colds. We also took trips to the see some of the sights, including a nearby dam and the ever blue Huka falls while balancing the outings with rest and relaxation at the motel, with maybe the slightest bit of study.

It was a great year for the team and we've progressed a lot both on and off the turf, and we look forward to seeing even more.

A massive thanks to Eddie Forster, who put in an incredible effort this year to get the team in shape, to Catherine Forster who never stopped working that entire week and the days leading up to and following it, to Willy McBride for somehow being there for everyone helping in ways beyond what was expected of him, to Ford Lambert and James Forster for being our referees for the tournament, no easy task but vital to the tournament itself, and obviously to the team: Lachie Macdonald, Blake Randall, Zamaia-ray Blake, Jordan Martin, Keiran Bond, Jacob Arthur, Jacob Curry, Michael Ula, Jesaiah Pham, Leah Forster, Laura Andersen, Taliah Pham, Samantha Grigg and Natalie Lake.

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## Junior Football

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Football team winners of the Division 5 Championship final 7-4. It was great team effort and the boys played their hearts out! There was lots of whanau support on the side cheering the boys on. It was fitting end to their season. Special thanks to Sharon Greenfield first aider, team AND resource manager; David Jack (Coach) and Jack Krakosky who facilitated fitness training and also helped with coaching. Thanks also to Gareth Johnson for the Friday lunchtime catch up with the boys and strengthening relationships within the team. Jenn Feek for coordinating the referees and ongoing support of coach's, managers and players.

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## Netball

Coaching the Junior Girls Three netball team has been a fun experience for me. I enjoyed meeting the girls and seeing them grow into confident netball players as well as working together. In the beginning, when they had first started, it was challenging trying to get some of the girls to work as a team, as well as getting them to know the basics of netball. Although they had unique skills, they still needed to realize that netball is a team sport. But, because of our first few pieces of training, they grew into a close relationship with

each other. Seeing them progress their relationship and skills during the grading period put them up from being in collegiate eight to collegiate seven placing us fifth.

I would like to say thank you to the parents and supporters of the girls for putting your time aside to see your children play and allowing them to play netball. And to the girls, I wish to see you all continue playing.

Hope Tiaki (Team Coach)

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## Girls Rugby

I would like to acknowledge all the new players from here and other schools for participating in our condor sevens. You all played really well alongside our team. It was a privilege to play with you guys. Some really good tackles, passes and tries. It was pretty tough versing against other schools, but we'll get them next year. The highlights of this year was being able to play alongside my sisters and meeting new people. We started off as strangers and we finished as a team. Under 15s was one of the special events. We got to

play against a lot of other schools and we discovered weaknesses that we overcame along with strengths that we upgraded. Thank you so much to everyone who participated, thank you to parents, caregivers, and teachers for supporting us, thank you to the Uniform washers for making us look nice and clean, thank you to the drivers for transporting us to our games, thank you to our captains Jannett and Jasmine for leading the way, and thank you most of all to Miss Manuel for managing everything and setting us right, getting us together, and just being the best you can. Also thank you to those who helped coach us, trained us and encouraged us to be the best we could be on and off the field.

I would like to acknowledge our players:

Te Aroha Hohipa

Nui Renata

Sophia Ali

Asia Ali

Amania Mafi

Maree Moeke-Alefosia

Harlem Gaudin

Esther Ausage

Trinity Leaupepe

Abbygail Aigaga

Sarahson

Nehusita Moala

Salma Matila

## Futsal

Congratulations to Senior Boys 1, finalist in division 1 just going down by 6-5. Senior boys 2 placed 6th in division 2; Girls 1 - 3rd and Girls 2 - 6th overall. Both teams were in division 1. Junior boys team were 4th overall in division 1. Congratulations to all teams. Thank you to parents that were there on the sidelines cheering our kids on and supporting the management team. Each team needed adult support on the sideline. Special thanks to student coach's DJ Basire and Hamish Moffatt; Sharon Greenfield who spent full nights from 4pm to the last game, over the 6-weeks of competition. James Reynolds for getting the teams into competition

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## College Sport Wellington Awards

Congratulations to our 5 finalists, top 4 of their respective code, at the College Sport Wellington sports awards tonight. Denva Shaw-Tait (Softball) Tireque Malila (Student Coach) Hazel Taylor (Shooting) Valerie Taito (All Rounder and Volleyball) Analisa Manuel (Student Coach and Volleyball)

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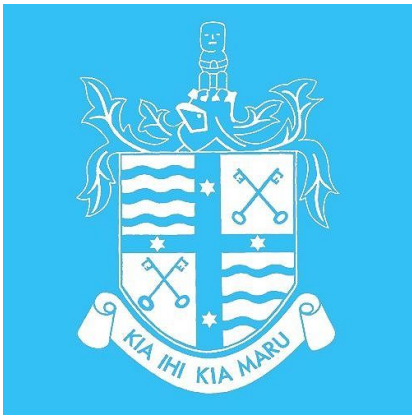


## Gymnastics

Alex competed at the 2017 New Zealand Artistic Gymnastics Championships in the intermediate program (grade 5) winning gold on floor and vault apparatus. Congratulations Alex!

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## Representative Players

Congratulations to all of our hardworking athletes.

### TOUCH

Wellington U17 Mixed Team Whetu Tuariki U16 Calais Hunt

### SOFTBALL

NZ Junior White Sox - Denva Shaw-Tait, HV U19 - Caleb Poihipi, NZ Junior Black Socks Training Squad, HV U17 & HV U19 -Tyrell Packer

### VOLLEYBALL

Analisa Manuel - North Island Youth (U17) Team. Wellington U20, Valerie Taito -Wellington U20. NZ U19 Junior Development Team, Mele Tavita - Wellington U20, Jeremiah Saolotoga - Wellington U20, Mafi Fale

- Wellington UI 7

Frances Vularika -Wellington U17, Vincent Tuilagi -Wellington U17

### RUGBY LEAGUE

Fred Tema - Samoan U16 team, Tyrone Puluka UI5, Sione Ngu UI5

### NETBALL

Dayna Ellison - Hutt Valley U17 Team, Valerie Taito - Hutt Valley U19 Team

### HOCKEY

Leah Forster - Wellington U18A, Blake Randall UISA

### BASKETBALL

Destiny Waters - Hutt Valley U15, Huia Tukukino -Wellington UI5, Bryant Tarun – Hutt Valley U15  
Taliah Pham - Hutt Valley U17 Zadie McDowell - Hutt Valley UI7, Leon Barr - Hutt Valley U17, Wanihi Tukukino - Hutt Valley U17

### WELLINGTON GYMNASTICS TEAM

Alex Sims

### SMALLBORE SHOOTING

Hazel Taylor – North Island Team



## Senior Basketball

CSW Senior 3x3 Basketball Slam competition was held in March. Rongotai went through undefeated to win the the first regional secondary school 3 x 3 tournament. There was halftime skills challenge which included Dunk Competition; 3 Pointer and Elimination Competition. Caleb, Ben, Mark, and Josh competed well and the team finished 5th.





## Junior Basketball

College Sport Wellington 3 x 3 Junior Basketball Tournament was held on Wednesday 8/11. A girls and boys team represented the school at this inaugural event. It was a fantastic day and students showed all the values of Te Whanau Tahī! Special thanks to senior students Zadie McDowell, Mark Savelio and Raine Karaitiana for taking a day off from study leave to support our teams.

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## Rugby League

DEBUTING AT THE 2017 SECONDARY SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE TOURNAMENT, NAENAE COLLEGE!

Naenae College made their debut in the development division at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Rugby League Tournament held during winter tournament week at the beginning of September. We were the only school from the Wellington region, competing against some of the best of

the up and coming schools from Christchurch, Hamilton, New Plymouth and Auckland.

Our pool consisted of Tai Wananga (Hamilton and New Plymouth), Marcellin College (Auckland), and Trident High School (Whakatane). We played Papakura High School (Auckland and tournament host school) in our semis, then Francis Douglas Memorial College (New Plymouth) in our final game.

The tournament itself was an eye-opener for not only the boys but the coaching and managing staff as well. To play at tournament level, especially along the nation's best, required much more than skill and ability alone: integrity, respect, leadership, courage, passion, and resilience were core expectations of the tournament on and off the field. These expectations really did challenge our boys during their game play, testing not only their knowledge of the game but understanding the values the sport teaches. It took some of our boys a little longer to get the hang of not only playing different positions on the field but how to think and work strategically together to execute plays they learned before and during tournament.

Highlights of the week included:

- The boys' haka before each game - they soon learned that a haka isn't that effective if you're trying to smile the opposition to death. They improved at each match.
- Team captain Fred Leaupepe-Tema (SHH) and Liufau Halafihi (13ADN) were awarded 'Man of the Match' and match balls for their outstanding play, field leadership, and impressive tackles.
- Jamie Muiaa's (13MSH) try against Papakura in the last five minutes of the second half – he dragged three huge islanders with him for a few good metres.
- Josh Muiava's (12TFN) debut at the tournament against Francis Douglas where he ran it straight and made some mean tackles.

Our journey to the tournament would not have been possible without the support of our whanau, aiga, school and wider community. Some special mentions:

- John and Yvonne Manuel for your experience, teaching, and provisions of equipment to make yummy hangi for our fundraising efforts
- Pelorus Trust awarding us a grant that helped with transport and accommodation in Auckland.
- Phil Roach (Wellington Rugby League Development Manager) for
- Our boys' whanau and aiga in Auckland for being our support team away from home. We are indebted to your hospitality and energizing snacks at all our matches.
- Rod Ratu (Rugby League coach) and his team from Southern Cross Campus College for taking us through drills and plays before the tournament.
- Mike Kravcenko for being an awesome driver, camp dad, chef, and chief hype-man during our entire stay in Auckland.

· Mr Russell for flying up to Auckland to support our boys and to help drive our boys back to Wellington safely.

We would like to thank our departing senior boys for your contributions to rugby league at Naenae College this year. Your talents and leadership will be missed: Ben Cusin, Caleb Poihipi, Mark Savelio (13RU), Liufau Halafihi (13ADN), Terra Fuifui, Jamie Muiaa (13MSH), Kimi Ngu (13TSN), and Chedan Anae (SHH).

We are hopeful that Rugby League will continue to thrive at Naenae College and we anticipate on improving on our success in the new year.

Kia ihi, kia maru

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## THE SNU REPORT

On our way, with many new adventures to be had for 'The SNU Crew', in 2017...

We travelled in style on our first 'All-N-SNU' trip of the year to the College Sport Athletics Meet at the Newtown Athletics Stadium in Wellington in March. Personal bests, fun, whanau support and congratulations were successes that we all celebrated. During Term 2, we designed and created costumes and props for our Multicultural Day performance. Hours of practice went into our Zimbabwean item 'Shosholoza', before we performed in the NNC **Multicultural**

**Day Concert** at the end of Term 2. 'Shosholoza' was originally sung to express the hardship of men working in the mines. It continues to be very popular in Zimbabwe and South Africa and means "Go Forward". In modern times, it applies to a show of support for any struggle. It is a term of encouragement, hope and of solidarity. Te Whare o Te Atawhai (SNU) students, are all about facing and embracing challenges and demonstrate 'shosholoza' every day. They performed their version of this song with great passion and pride to their inspired Te Whanau Tahi audience. During Term 3, a number of Te Whare o Te Atawhai students were involved in designing, creating and 'selling' daffodils to raise money for the Cancer Society of Aotearoa's annual appeal. As well as donations coming from our amazing NNC community, we are also very grateful to the Naenae Bowling Club members who as well as coaching some of us in Indoor Bowls, also generously contributed to our final donation of over \$225. Term 3, also saw us focussing on **Light** as an **Inquiry Project**. Once a week, SNU students explored and discovered many aspects of light in their Inquiry groups. They engaged in a range of light-inspired experiences and invited staff and whanau to an end of term presentation. All SNU students have made some excellent creations with Mr Lea's guidance this year. We will miss his great sense of humour and skilful expertise in the workshop. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement Mr Lea and please come back and visit us in SNU next year!

We would like to make special mention of our of our teaching staff, Alex Kleyn who is leaving us at the end of this year to take up a permanent position with the Central Regional Health School. Alex has taught part-time in the SNU for the last three years. During that time she has taught across all four class-rooms and brought in some exciting new ideas in Social Studies, Literacy and Art. We will miss her positive enthusiasm for learning and the great trips she organises. We wish her all the best in her new position.

Speaking of leavers, Anne-Marie, Amy R, Marcus and Andrew are also about to begin their next adventures as they graduate from NNC this year. They have had great times and memories in SNU and are looking forward to their next 'chapters' beyond school. They will all remember and continue to be Te Whanau Tahi for life! We look forward to hearing about their journeys and wish them well! Mr Russell, as he looks into **his** future, we know will also be taking a bit of Te Whare o Te Atawhai with him, wherever he goes... Arohanui to you all!

Term 4's highlight was our renowned 'Snormal' which this year took on a student-initiated 'Spooky' theme. Students from the Greater Wellington Region, came to dance, dine and pose in our photo booth, late in the term. The attendance and support of a number of NNC staff was greatly appreciated also. It has been decided that from next year on, our annual dance will take place towards the end of Term 1.

The SNU EOTC week was also a HUGE success and this year took place just prior to the mainstream EOTC and Discovery Week. Day Trips to Petone Beach, a local farm, Jumperama, Stokes Valley Pool, the Mini Putt course at Avalon Park and a day with Ignite Sport, meant there was a range of fun and quality learning experiences to be had by all.

2018 is set to be another year of new, fun adventures! Ka kite for now.

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## **'Just Shift It' programme – 10W**

The 'Just Shift It' programme through Ignite Sport/Shift has been running weekly with class 10W since the end of term 2.

The focus is on improving young women's wellbeing, and being physically active. The young women of 10W have had a role in co-designing the content of the programme with Miss Gueorgieff and Emma Bakker (Shift Coordinator). We did boxing through the Naenae Boxing Academy, gym sessions at Jetts Lower Hutt, played Spikeball, Ultimate Frisbee and

other new active games. The girls also learnt about the wellbeing theory, identity, values, relationships and how to build self esteem. We completed the programme with the physical and mental challenge of Adrenaline Forest high ropes course, where the girls got to face fear and build confidence. Many of the girls have said that the main thing they took away is greater connection and friendship with one another – certainly a vital aspect in building a great sense of wellbeing, whanaungatanga!

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## **Senior Formal - 'Great Gatsby'**

If only there was a rewind button on life, I would definitely go back just to experience the formal night once again.

August 19th, 2017 was night to remember. With months of fundraising and contacting venues to try and find a perfect fit for our school, it all came together. And that can only be credited to our formal committee.

We had our formal at Te Papa Museum in their Oceania room. A few of us from the committee had a vision of how the venue was to be decorated, which came out to be with fairy lights and lots of them... LED candle lights, bunting and we also had a featured candy bar at the entrance of the room. And we can't forget the amazing center pieces made by Alana Sheridan and her parents. Our theme was 'The Great Gatsby', and the decorations surely did serve justice to the chosen theme.

But it does not stop there, this year we wanted to spice things up a bit. So we went the extra mile and ordered two double decker buses and two photo booths, because- why not? It's only for night that we get to dine like kings and queens. Our purpose of this formal was to make everyone feel included and special. We hope everyone enjoyed their night and enjoyed the food provided but also left with unforgettable memories that will be kept forever. Especially those of who left with 10,000 photo booth strips.

The 2017 formal would not have been possible if it weren't for the amazing formal committee and the help of Mr Floratos. Before I finish this off, as head of the Committee I would like to acknowledge my helping hand Duka Munhuu. Alana and her parents, Dylan, Analisa, Clench, Taleah and Toli. These people put their all into organising the formal and it surely paid off.

Danielle Van Ooyen

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## OEA TE VAKA! POLY CLUB 2017

The 2017 Naenae College Poly Club consisted of students from Tonga, Samoa, Tokelau and the Cook Islands, with many students joining Poly Club, or performing on stage, for the first time.

We performed at the Hutt Fest Pacific Cultural Festival (as part of the Hutt Valley's Polyfest) and at our Multicultural Day all in Week 10 of Term 2.

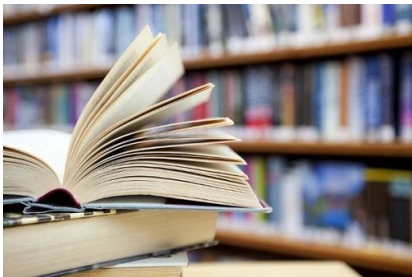
The theme chosen for this year's performance was 'Migrating Polynesia': the retelling of movement between and within spaces of Polynesia. Last year's performance theme from the Junior Discovery Performing Arts Project inspired our performance bracket this year. These stories are familiar to many people of the Pacific - whether it was leaving the ancestral homeland of 'Avaiki Nui, or even leaving home for the day to carry out chores around the island, migration stories are sewn into the Pacific narrative fabric for generations.

To portray those stories, our upcoming performers learned, memorised and complained about the intensity of the dances they from Tonga, Samoa, the Cook and Hawaiian Islands. Despite the multiple times Mr Tiria told us to get back in line after each tiny mistake (there were A LOT), we showed our determination to improve so that we could honour the stories of our Pacific navigators. The choreography and music were arranged by our students so that they could tell their stories of migration and movement across Te Moana Nui a Kiva.

On behalf of this year's senior students, we would like to acknowledge our Year 11s and 12s for taking the lead this year, and to our juniors for holding it together until the end. We would also like to acknowledge and farewell our seniors who have continued to support our cultures at school: Terra Fuihui 13MSH, Liufau Halafihi, Jamie Muiaa 13MSH, Annie Pedebone 13KHR, James Ropati 13MSH and Annatto Teni Meavale 13KHR. Last, but not least, we would also like to thank Mr Tiria for his tutoring and ongoing support to make Poly Club happen each year and Mr Mataele for supporting Mr Tiria and Poly Club as well.

By Agnes Anae and Pule Samatua

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## Library

This year saw a most welcome technology upgrade. The library now has 30 new chromebooks for students to use.

This great addition allows each student to have a computer during their class visits. Chromebooks mean students can work by themselves in a quiet space or work in groups.

E-books were an added resource this year with over 1,000 titles both fiction and non-fiction available to students. Students just need to download the Wheeler's app, use their school login and read to their heart's content. E-books are loaned for 2 weeks; they automatically return themselves meaning no overdue!

Graphic novels are a favourite of our students; the library ran a "Tokyo Ghoul", with a library theme, poster competition. The winner was J Asfari; S Parkman and N Meadow's entry great as well.

Once again thank you to our wonderful student librarians, we would be snowed under without you all.

Remember reading levels drop over the summer break so keep reading – download one of our e-books or head down to your community library.

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## Creative Writing - 'Two is better than one'

The sun glistened on the golden sands as I walked towards him. Avery's eyes shone like dirty blue crystals and crinkled more and more with every nearing step.

"Hey, babe," he said with an infectious grin.

I reached up to run my fingers through his honey-brown hair. "Hey yourself," I replied, returning the smile.

Up close, Avery looked like he was made with God's hands himself. Long dark eyelashes, chiseled cheeks, full lips, and those heart melting eyes. Wanting more, I leaned in as close as I could get.

He smirked, like he loved the attention. "Okay, babe. I'm just going to say this right now, 'cause if I don't, the nerves will get to me." His cheeks blew up and a gush of warm air hit my face. Was that strawberry lip gloss I smelt?

Avery brought his hands to my face. They were soft and big, almost like cushions. I felt myself relax.

"Serena Myold," he said softly, slowly getting down on one knee. "Will you make me the happiest man in the world and marry me?" With those words lingering in the air, he reached behind his dark wash denim, pulled out and opened a small mahogany box, around the size of a matchbox.

It contained a beautiful ring.

My hands flew to my mouth. I was shocked, though mostly surprised. It had only been six months! Did I really love this man?

I looked out to the west, gazing at the ocean, hoping to buy a little time. The sun had started to set, causing the sky to become a mixture of mangoes and raspberries and lilacs. I had made up my mind.

Turning my head to face his, I let out a breath I didn't know I'd been holding. "Yes, Avery Carr, I love you," I whispered.

The sides of his mouth suddenly lifted like they were pulled by puppet strings. Avery drew me in close, but instead of smelling his usual aftershave, that sickening strawberry scent filled my nostrils once again.

I gave him a little shove. "C'mon, do you really have to go? What could be more important than your newly-wedded wife?" I moaned, frowning like a five year old.

He chuckled and pecked me on the cheek. "Babe, you know you're my number one. But this is a really, really important work meeting, you know that," he replied.

My eyes followed him as he sped towards the door. I checked the *Disney* themed clock on the wall. It read 8:57am. "Babe, it's only 8:57, why are you in-----"

The door closed shut with a click and a string of words in his absence. "Love you, honey, see you soon."

I sighed. Pushing off the bed, my hand brushed against a piece of card. *What is this?* I thought.

Picking up the little business card, I skimmed through the tiny bubble font. ROSESTROM HOTEL, it read. I gave a mischievous smile.

It was 5:29pm and the sun was setting, coating the room in a soft honey glow. *He'll be here any minute*, I thought excitedly. *He'll be so surprised to see me!*

Right on cue the door burst open, banging against the coffee table, letting in a gust of wind. Laughter suddenly filled the room. A deep, raspy chuckle, followed by a high pitched squeal. Sounded like a pig.

I looked up from where I lay on the bed and almost choked from the shock.

There he was, my day-old husband, hands that once touched my face intertwined with another girls. I couldn't believe this.

I leapt off the bed like it suddenly was crawling with maggots. As I did this, Avery and his "friend" became aware of my presence. His face was priceless.

"How could you, you bastard?" I screamed at him.

The worst thing was, he still hadn't let go of her hand. Storming towards the door I stopped right in front of him for one last look.

Stuttering, he cried, "Babe, w-wait! Don't go!"

My face scrunched up like I had eaten a really sour lemon. "Don't you DARE call me that," I spat furiously. At this rate I could feel steam coming out of my ears.

"C'mon, two is better than one," he said.

That was my breaking point. Using my rage as strength, I brought my leg up and kneed him in the gut. Avery doubled over. This was when he finally let go of her hand.

I sucked in my cheeks and spat, disgusted.

Sauntering out of the hotel room, dignity still intact, I called over my shoulder, "Oh, and I'm keeping the ring."

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## Spanish

2017 has been another busy, exciting and successful year of learning Spanish at Naenae College. In this article, let us look back and reflect on the year.

During the year Spanish teacher, Ms Henderson won a scholarship to study at the prestigious Salamanca University during the Spanish summer semester. It was fantastic to return to New Zealand with new teaching inspiration and greater cultural knowledge.

Thanks to the trip to Spain, Ms Henderson returned with a book full of recipes for the students to taste and try their hand at cooking. Indeed, food was recurring a theme this year. Both the senior and junior Spanish students created Spanish food festivals where they prepared, cooked and ate a variety of Spanish foods such as tortilla española, chocolate con churros, croquetas, arroz con leche and other Spanish traditional foods.

This sharing of food and cultural knowledge has been a fantastic experience for us in the Spanish Department and has allowed us not only speak another language, but to understand the culture of Spain.

Anna Henderson

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## Samoan Language week

Talofa Lava, Samoan language week was held from Sunday May 28th until Saturday 3rd June 2017.

Before the Samoan Language week, our Samoan senior class prepared three items of what we call a "ma'ulu'ulu" which is a traditional dance only performed by girls to show how elegant and sophisticated our Samoan girls are, a "sasa" a traditional slap dance that can be performed by males or females in a seated or standing position mainly seated, this dance requires a lot of hand movements that are used to depict activities taken by everyday life, and "taualuga" considered to be the centre of all dances within the culture and is reserved as a grand finale in many entertainment line up.

These items were prepared and performed at St Patricks Town on Monday the 29th of May, to celebrate our culture with other schools in the Wellington region. The day was an absolute blessing for all the students and staff. We begun the day with a prayer, sang the Samoan anthem then straight into zumba where one person from each school goes up to conduct the session and James Ropati was the volunteer from our school. We then had breakfast, Samoan games then lunch (islanders best friend) then finally the moment of truth where each school performs the items they have prepared for the day. It was truly a heartwarming feeling to watch everyone show their passion about the Samoan culture.

On Thursday of the same week, our Samoan Class (both seniors and juniors) assembled in the Marae to perform all three items for the staff and parents to showcase how passionate our students are within our culture. Not only we performed these items we also prepared a traditional feed for the staff and parents to thank them for their support and to acknowledge their acceptance of our beautiful Samoan culture.

The finale of the week was the speech competition where three students represented Naenae College, at Mungavin Hall, Porirua. They were Samuelu Ioapo, Agnes Vaafusuaga and Jannett Tafili. Sam was placed 2nd overall and Agnes in 4th place equal for yr 12 and Jannett was placed 6th for yr 11. It was a great learning curve for all 3 competitors with high hopes that next year, more students will compete in this annual contest. Our LAR classes were also given Samoan basic greetings and phrases and it was great fun listening to our fellow Pakeha and Maori students giving it a go..hahaha. All in all, i believe that this week celebration is a good way for us Samoan students to continue to live and celebrate our identity and culture as Samoans. I would also like to convey our sincere gratitude to Mr Nofoaiga, our Samoan teacher for all those long hours of practice and long lectures (LOL) so that we get our dances right.

Faafetai lava,

Victoria Slade

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## Speech Competition - Year 9 & 10

English Department

This event took place in our Marae on November 9. Students settled themselves in to become a wonderful audience for members of each class, perhaps future politicians, to expound their views on an interesting range of topics.

The presentation started with Year 9 representatives speaking on a range of topics from Cultural Diversity, Social Media and Cyber Bullying, to "How Sports Builds Lives".

Following the high standard set by Year 9 speakers, the audience enjoyed Year 10 presentations on topics such as Gender Equality and Bullying.

Mrs McClutchie, or Koka adjudicated the presentations and awarded prizes to the top speakers from each year level.

The place getters in Year 9 were:

1st Chris Zhou of 9W

2nd Jessica Sam of 9U

3rd Jack Grant of 9I

Year 10 winners were:

1st Cindy Zhu

2nd Christina Tuug'a

3rd Ellie Wright

Our congratulations go to all speakers.

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## Creative Writing - 'Remorse'

Diana Battoon

*I really wished I had done something.* I thought to myself. But I hadn't; and that has made all the difference. It haunts me every night. As I lay myself in bed accompanied by the eagerness to start a new day, a new beginning and a new life, something hinders me. It creeps through the room, nothing but excitement motivates it to crawl its way towards me in a blink of an eye. I can feel it now. I opened my eyes in a heartbeat and readied myself for the tears that would

eventually flow out of my bloodshot eyes. Except nothing happened.

The epiphany came to me as I realised that I've shed an overwhelming amount of tears well enough to last a lifetime. I glance around the room and study its features when I came to a thought. *I was alone. I AM alone.* I awkwardly shift myself in a sitting position: my rather short arms gladly embracing my thinly, freezing legs. It's imminent and no existing kind of preparation could ever ready me for what's forthcoming; the one thought that doesn't shy away from my mind no matter how hard I try; and it all leads to one person who I guarantee would be embedded in both my mind and heart forever.

The memories came rushing back faster than the speed of light. It was exactly a year ago on a stormy Thursday morning. I've just finished eating my weirdly-mixed lunch and was preparing my things when I heard it. At first, I decided it was no more than the continuous rustling of leaves, but it grew louder. I found myself walking towards what was producing the sound. Only I didn't find what made it, but rather who it was coming from.

The person was a girl: a sickly-looking, petite, stick-thin girl who was sobbing uncontrollably in the corner of the empty corridor that seemed to have no end. I took an unsure step backwards as I processed my subsequent motion. It was evident I had never met this girl; nor had she met me. "Are you alright?" I muttered. *What an idiot.* I mentally swore to myself. She was nowhere near being okay. I looked up at both sides of the corridors hoping to find someone and ask them courteously for assistance. But no one in this school ever dared to stroll along the dimly-lit, tedious corridors in lunch or interval. I lowered myself to a kneeling position and held the girl's face that has been filled with tears.

I steadily studied her furrowed face. She had bony cheeks, thin lips, slightly crooked nose that looked as though it had just been broken moments ago and eyes so dark they seemed soulless from the distant. I went over what I was going to tell her. "Come with me," I requested slowly yet surely. I didn't want her to feel pressured and mostly scared. I reached to my pocket and handed her my damp, crumpled, old handkerchief but felt no disgust whatsoever. This lass needed every help she can be offered right now.

"Th... thank y... thank you," she responded as I wiped away the tears on her face. She was slowly beginning to look less like a mess. "I'm Dany by the way," I introduced myself; inwardly panicking as I made the situation less uncomfortable by thinking of something to say. But even before I said something idiotic, she opened her mouth and made a sound, "I... I'm Arya." And from that moment on, I felt something stir and change.

I gladly toured Arya around the school, keeping her company after she revealed that this was her fourth school this year. She was a curious person, Arya. Her mind full of inevitable conundrums that seemed to be asking for more. I didn't say anything for a good half an hour. I couldn't. Not after she had unintentionally divulged how her father mercilessly beats her. Lonely and alone she was, without her mother (who gave her life giving birth to her) to calm her reckonings at night, she was left with her drunken father who thought no more and much less of her and prioritizes two bastards of his own.

As lunch came to a halt, I extended an offer to amble Arya to her class. She was a year younger than me. I surmised I might trouble her with my unwanted presence towards the rest of the week, but decided otherwise. She was going through a lot and I wished nothing more than to uncomplicate her situation by giving her fewer things to worry about. We went to a halt as we reached the fourth door on the west side of the school. I positioned myself to look at her and manifested a warm smile.



"If you need anything else, you only need to look for me in the library," I reminded her. Had I known that would've been the last time I'd get to see her, I never would've turned around and walked away blissfully and without regret.

*"Remorse" by Diana Batoon*

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## Kapa Haka

Te Roopu Kapahaka o Te Whānau Tahi 2017

Transferring from a Kura Kaupapa Māori to Naenae College I have always had a passion for Kapa Haka and so without a second thought I joined the school's Kapa Haka Roopu, Te Whānau Tahi. This year, I was lucky enough to be selected the female leader for our Kapa Haka Roopu. I never thought

I'd be Kaitātaki Wahine (Female Leader) because I'm not one for putting myself out there but I had amazing tutors who pushed and supported me all the way. It had been a long and hard campaign, attending all the Noho Marae and practices for the Secondary Schools Regional Kapa Haka Competition which was held at the Walter Nash Stadium in July. Over those months I learned new skills, new songs and got to know the new members that joined. I was able to guide and help the juniors with whatever they wanted to learn. We share some unforgettable memories. I am thrilled with all our achievements that we made this year and I'm proud to call them my brothers and sisters because we're Te Whānau Tahi.

Toli-Reina Reupena

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## Food Technology

2017 has seen another very full year of activities in the Food Technology Department. Students have participated with enthusiasm in classroom programmes and practical events as well as gaining credits towards NCEA.

Junior Classes

Year 9 Food Technology classes have fully engaged in the practical work at this level. In the Better Breakfasts, Muffins

and Fast Family Meals units students learnt to work cooperatively to produce good food while developing their practical skills in the kitchen and their knowledge of hygiene and safety.

Year 10 students completed the popular Burger Competition unit. They researched the cuisine of several major international food cultures and prepared and sampled the food of India, Japan, France, Italy and Germany. Several students also assisted with the Open Evening on 20 June and catering for the Leavers' Reception on 7 November.

Senior Classes

This year the Year 11 FDS102 Food and Nutrition class has enjoyed the programme of practical work as well as the theory. This has been displayed in their improved skills in knife use, baking cakes, sponges and scones, frying and grilling and preparing hot finger food. They have also learnt about the nutritional benefits of fruits and vegetables as well as preparing egg and cheese dishes and basic sauces and soups.

The Year 12 Catering and Hospitality class worked on mainly Level 2 Unit Standards on Jam Making, Knife Use, Salads, Grilling and Food Safety, as well as making Soups and Sauces and learning about Boiling and Baking as methods of cookery.

A highlight of the year was their **Restaurant Day lunch** on 28 September. They treated 20 staff guests to a 3 course lunch of Soup, Quiche and Salad followed by a delicious lemon or chocolate platter for dessert.

Students assisted with a number of school catering events as part of their programme: Open Evening, and **the Leavers' Reception**. They were proud to display their skills in catering and hospitality. Several Year 12 students also had the opportunity to attend block courses at WELTEC to gain further credits and learn more about food service.

This year 13 Catering and Hospitality students completed their Level 3 Unit Standards by working with the Naenae Kai canteen providers, learning how to produce and sell café food in a real end user situation. Two students: Apolonia Iosefa and Lice Tuinasau were accepted for the **Dine Academy** programme held during Terms 2 and 3. These students then showcased their skills in the Dine Academy Dinner held in the Banquet Hall at Parliament on 25 August attended by over 300 family, teachers and VIP's.

Another highlight of the year was the visit by chefs from WELTEC on 8 June who worked with our students in their annual **"Chef for a Day"** programme. This year students prepared Lamb and Lentil Patties served on toasted Ciabatta rolls with Risoni and Quinoa Salad and Red Cabbage Slaw accompanied with Tzatziki Dressing .

They learnt how to garnish and present their dishes attractively. Students were very proud of their finished dishes which were of a very high standard of presentation.

As the year ended several Year 9 and 10 students were involved in the **Cake Decorating Discovery Project** where they learnt to make and decorate cupcakes with buttercream and make and ice a special occasion cake.

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## James Reynolds

James joined the Science Department at Naenae College in January 2012 when he relocated with his partner Sarah to the region.

He arrived with a glowing reference from his previous school and it soon became clear why James constantly challenged the students, the department and himself to improve and was instrumental in introducing more engaging subject matter to the junior curriculum and improving result in senior subject areas. The respect James was held in professionally was apparent when he was asked to become whanau head for Maihi a role which he carried out with great diligence and care until he left to live nearer his family earlier this year. James is also a keen football player and coached the senior boys 1st 11 and the schools Futsal teams his two young sons often coming along to help him out.

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## Len Lea (1978-2017)

After giving Naenae College 40 years of loyal service. Len is retiring.

Len came to New Zealand from Liverpool in 1974, having worked in the trade as a fitter and turner. After a number of years in the Engineering Industry in Wellington. He signed up to train as a teacher, ending up with a fulltime position at Naenae College in 1978.

Len has taught Graphics and Hard Materials and has been the Head of this Department now known Design and Visual Communication for the last 20 years. His expertise and knowledge of this Curriculum area has also led him to be a valued member of the Design Technology Moderation Team that assessed student work over the lower North Island.

He has also been a Dean for 10 years (now known as Whanau Head) over his time here.

A big time supporter of his hometown soccer team, 'Liverpool' and also a Croquet player, which is a sporting and social activity he shares with his wife, Len has been heavily involved with these two sports over the years and he has been Coach of the Naenae Soccer Team, is Teacher in-charge/Coach of our Croquet Team and has also been Teacher in-charge of a volleyball team.

Len will be remembered for his strong Leadership, humour and for his ability to relate and communicate with learners of all ages and abilities. He is a highly regarded member of our staff and a valued teacher by former and current students.

**We wish him all the very best for a long and happy retirement.**

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## Mr S Perry

Although we are saying goodbye now I have a feeling it will not be the last and we shall see him again in the future.

Stephen started at Naenae College a long time ago doing relief work which has become both a habit and his field of expertise. Most of this work was done in SNU, but halfway through term three last year, he started in the social sciences in a fixed term position which he held until the end of 2017.

Stephen has the ability to work very well with our students and always maintain positive relationships with them. He is able to motivate them and get them to remain after school to complete their internal assessments. He should write his recipe for this strategy as we could all benefit from it. One Friday at the end of term two staff had a nibbles after school and Stephen was missing in action. Mr Richards ask me to see where Stephen was and I found him in his class room with six students working on their assessments to completion, all while one of the parents were waiting for their child. Amazingly this parent was quite happy to wait for his child to finish their work.

Mr Perry, if you carry this positive attitude and the ability to inspire students with you, you will go places in your teaching career.

Kia kaha Mr Perry and go well. We'll miss you and wish you well with your future endeavours.

From: The Social Sciences

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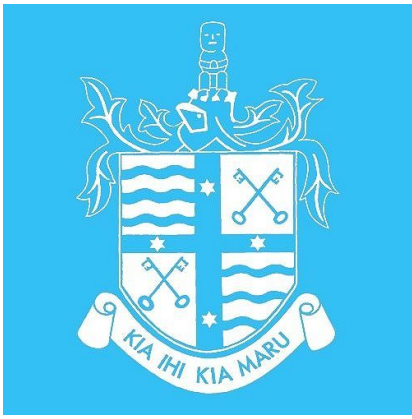
## Rajnish Prasad

Rajnish has been a valued member of the Mathematics Faculty over the past two years. He has gone on to take up a position teaching Calculus and Physics at ACG Pathways.

We appreciate the contribution Rajnish has made over his time at Naenae College. He was instrumental in setting up the E-velocity programme that saw students using their Physics and Maths knowledge in practical design challenges. Mr Prasad also helped out with the junior football team for part of the time he was at Naenae College.

Students will miss Mr Prasad's way of teaching, his sense of humour and his ability to explain mathematical concepts. We wish him well in the new position he has taken and look forward to hearing about his continued success.

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## Ms Shani Els

Ms Els started at Naenae College in January 2015 as a PRT1 and skillfully worked her way to a permanent position in 2017.

Ms Els possess a special ability that many of us are envious of. She knows how to perform very well during interviews as she always manages to obtain the job that she applies for. I am very sure she will be a valuable diplomat should she choose to follow a career in that field and she will be an asset to her new school, no doubt.

Ms Els use to take the Y10 girls class for social studies and always referred to them as 'my girls'. This is proof of her positive relationships with students which she kept up throughout her time at Naenae College without compromising her authority. During faculty meetings she participated and contributed positively, and added many great ideas. Wherever she goes she takes great excitement with her which is evident in her teaching. This is quite contagious and inspiring and is a trademark that is to be admired of her. Ms Els' positive attitude will serve her very well into the future.

Kia kaha Ms Els and go well. We'll miss you and wish you well with your future endeavors.

From: The Social Sciences

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## Game Design

Ethan Munn comments on his experience combining Design and Digital Technology subjects.

Switching into Design 301 this year was quite daunting. It was my first year stepping into unfamiliar territory having never made a three-board portfolio. When I found out I was required to code a program for one of my Digital Technologies 301 - basically asking me to make a video game, which is what I want to do for a living - it brought up a serious question. Would I have enough time? I suddenly had the idea of merging the two projects together. I'd heard someone had done this in the past when they made a website in the DIT course with some of their designs from the Design course. I needed to create two characters, a logo, a website, an instruction manual and the cover art for a

video game - I would be programming these in another class.

Designing 'Steampunk' characters, one "good guy" and one "bad guy", while also creating original appeal was very challenging. Drawing up characters by hand, scanning and tracing them in Photoshop, then colouring and detailing the majority of them took most of Term 3. Creating a logo which got across both the industrial aspect and the gimmick of the game - merging your character's abilities with gooey G.E.L.s (genetically engineered liquids) to solve puzzles - took the rest of Term 3. When I finished coding and testing for bugs in the first week of the holidays for the game, there were about five different versions, each dealing with 3D movement, cloning the character, and menu interactivity. At this point, I had about four weeks to develop designs for a website, manual and cover art. After many late nights, lack of sleep and many days of staying stuck inside the Design classroom, the folio boards were completed a few days before the due date.

The reason why I am writing about this, is because as students in 2018, you may also be able to use ideas like mine to gain credits across the Curriculum. If you see the potential to merge some internals from different school subjects together, such as creative visual piece in English and any art related internal, it makes it more meaningful and the workload more manageable. I feel privileged to have this opportunity here at Naenae College and I'm so pleased with the outcome of my efforts.

*Ethan Munn*

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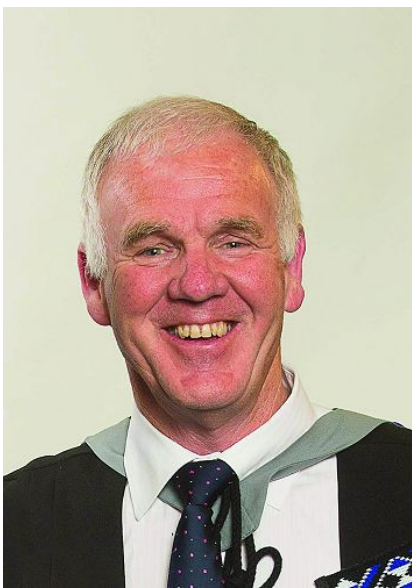


## Senior Business & Retail

This year our Senior Business class took part in the Deloitte's "GROW" programme.

Each group of 4-5 students were given \$5 and a Mentor (an Accountant from Deloitte's) to give them financial advice on how to increase their \$5 through various business ventures.

At the end of the 3 week business venture, they should be able to give some of the profit (if there was any), to a Charity that Deloitte's supports called "The Graeme Dingle Foundation". This Foundation provides programmes such as Outdoor Pursuits and a range of other confidence building programmes for school students. Also as part of this programme, the students learn about Financial Literacy. This year most groups made a profit and were able to return some of that to Deloitte's plus the original \$5. We had the privilege to visit Deloitte's Board Room where students presented their Business Ventures to some of Deloitte's Managers and their Mentors. We were also given an insight into the range of business functions that Deloitte's carries out and a talk by a Forensic Accountant.



## Board Review of 2017

Kia ora koutou

As a relatively new Board this year we've worked with the Leadership team to help ensure the smooth running of the school and the adoption of a Charter and Annual Plan that tracks our strategic goals right through to what is taught in every department.

Our Mission – Naenae College, working together as Te Whanau Tahi, aims to provide a balanced education that promotes intellectual development and growth in personal and social maturity for all students, regardless of ability, ethnicity or gender.

When we look back on the year we've been pleased to be able to invest in the upgrading of our back driveway, and our

courts and astro turf, which has been significantly slowed by the huge amount of rain we got over winter. We are looking forward to seeing progress in all those areas including the building of the new music block and the opportunities that will bring, as well as painting of the school over the summer.

Our conversations as a Board often come down to a focus on inclusion and culture. That our community matters, and that everyone has talents and can achieve in different ways. We know the importance of the school as a community hub and the leadership role that Naenae College has to play in our Community of Learning. We do believe that we can do more together than we can do apart.

We've also been looking at how we can be progressive and take flexible approaches that allow more opportunities for our students. How do we ensure our students can get the skills and experiences they need to find their path within school and then transition into a changing world where they need to be adaptable and resilient?

One thing we know is that change is constant. When one chapter ends another one begins. With the end of every year not only do we celebrate shared experiences and achievements, we also make our farewells as students and staff move on to the next exciting chapter of their lives.

This year we have had to make two other significant farewells. Firstly, to our principal John Russell, who is retiring from teaching and moving on to a consultancy role next year where he will mentor new principals.

One of the most important tasks that a Board undertakes is the appointment of a Principal. It is a responsibility we all take extremely seriously to ensure we will have a new principal to lead Naenae College into its next exciting chapter. Our plan is to have that person in place by Term II of next year.

The other farewell that we would like to make mention of is to Mr Len Lea, who is retiring after 40 years of service at Naenae College. Len has taught generations of students and has been a trusted, talented teacher and colleague. We are grateful for all Len has done for Naenae College and we congratulate him for this wonderful milestone.

As parents and whanau of our students the Board would like to thank you for your support and encouragement as we aim to do the very best for our students, our staff and school community.

And to our students we wish you all the best. For those of you who are leaving, we hope that you will take fond memories, friendships and experiences from Naenae College that will stand you in good stead for the fun and adventures that lie ahead of you.

On behalf of my Board colleagues, we wish everyone a peaceful Christmas holiday time and a happy and rewarding 2018.

Nga mihi nui

Robyn Cormack

Chair Naenae College Board

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## English Language Learning

Students have written about the importance of learning English, and their year of English learning.

As one of our students wrote of life in the New Zealand education system, "Education is the key to success. English is the key to education." This year learning English with us have been students from twelve different home countries and

with proficiency in many more languages than that.

Some of their comments:

### *Why I want to learn English*

"When members of my family who have lived in Australia, America and other countries come to our house, they all speak in English but I can't speak it. Whatever I say they mock and then I cry and feel shy."

"When I was young English people spoke to me and when they were speaking I was staring at them the whole time. It was funny but it sucks!"

### *What I've learned and enjoyed this year*

"I like ESOL class because both students and teachers are nice."

"The thing I learned most this year is understanding. To understand what others were saying was difficult for me. Now I understand 70%. When I came to New Zealand I needed a translator wherever I went, but now I go everywhere I want without a translator."

"This class helped me to not be shy, and to share my ideas."

"I have learned a lot. Now I can read and write a little bit."

"I liked when we learned about vocabulary and grammar and when we worked in groups and when we played Kahoots and worked on chromebooks and when we read and when we spoke and when we talked about our situations and when we watched movies and when we wrote."

"My favourite thing was conversation, when we talked together in English."

"I read different books like 'Chinese Cinderella', 'Princess Te Puea' and 'No Good'. I got interesting stories in these books, and new words also."

"The thing that I liked the most was Daily Dash because that will help you every time you write and when you read."

"I used to hate the work but now I feel it is better to do work because I will learn many things and my English will get better."

Our trip to Matiu/Somes Island in November was a highlight for many students from both ELL123 and the reception/transition ESOL class. Mr Elliott was unable to make it but the rest of our staff contingent – teachers Mrs Goguel and Mrs Sellwood, tutors Betsy, Lah, Reuben and Sara, and our volunteer Jenny - accompanied the group of 48 students. We were blessed with perfect weather and with a cheerful friendly group of young people who perfectly illustrated our Te Whanau values and the saying 'unity in diversity'.

Students' thoughts about the trip included: "I loved going somewhere in the ferry. It feels so nice and relaxing looking at the beautiful mountains and the calm water." "I liked all the places that we went on that day but my favourite place was the beach with the rocks at Matiu/Somes Island." "I'll always remember this trip in my mind and my whole life. It is because it was my first time on the train and on the ferry." "When we got there, a man explained everything to us like we're not allowed to touch the penguins' houses where their eggs hatch." "In the museum I saw birds' skeletons and some tools the Maori people used on the island ages ago."

'Unity in diversity' was also on display at our multicultural celebration earlier in the year. This day provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their cultures and languages. Some were flagbearers, some performed at the concert, and all contributed to their LAR investigation of their assigned culture.

To all the students and adults who have been part of our learning this year – thank you for all you have done and been, and all you have given us.

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## **Samoan Day 2017**

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