



JUNE 04/06/2021

# NAENAE COLLEGE

Hea rea here a ngā  
raumānuka e kore  
whawhati

Bind the multitudes of  
mānuka together and  
never be broken



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Talofa lava

This week we celebrated Samoan language week. Students wore traditional dress and embraced the festivities of the week. My thanks to Ms Auvaa for all the work she put into organising this week's events.

Sadly, this week was marred by an incident on Wednesday which precipitated a lockdown and was upsetting for all staff and students. It hurt our school and potentially damaged our institutional reputation within the wider community. It does not represent who we are nor what we stand for and we feel a deep sadness at the response of some students. However, we are resilient and our values of caring and working together as a family that embraces all our members will be affirmed by how we move forward together to put right the harm done.

I wish everyone a good Queen's Birthday weekend and I hope that, as a short mid-term break, it allows rest and recuperation for both students and staff. I know that groups performing at the end of this term have been working extremely hard to learn and master their performances. As with many whānau and pacific aiga, I am really looking forward to performances that celebrate Naenae College and its wonderful diversity.

We also enjoyed hosting Wilford Primary School's production last night in the Naenae College hall which gave us a chance to trial our new lighting and sound system in preparation for Multicultural Day. It looks fantastic.

Next week we close early on Wednesday 9 June to host our open evening for the 2022 Year 8 prospective students and families. This will mean that students will finish school at 12.45 pm.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Events coming up soon

- **June 7:** Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (school closed)
- **June 9:** Early school closure, 12.45 pm
- **Note: SNU will remain open for the full day.**  
Open Evening, 6 pm
- **June 15 & 17:** Open days, 9 am - 12.30 pm
- **July 2:** Multi-cultural day
- **July 2 - 10:** Matariki
- **Term 2 Ends:** 9 July

**Fa'afetai lava**  
**Nic Richards, Principal**

 In support of  
**White Ribbon**



# NNC OPEN EVENING AND OPEN DAYS



## Open Evening

**Wednesday 9 June**  
**6.00pm in the College Hall**

We welcome you to our Open Evening for a chance to get to know Naenae College and hear about our exciting journey.

**6.00pm** Hall opens, with a slideshow of the College in action and a sausage sizzle.

**6.30pm** Principal's talk.

**7.00pm** Tours of the College with an opportunity to talk to teachers and see students at work.

**8.30pm** End of evening.

## Open Day

**Tuesday 15 June**  
**Thursday 17 June**

Experience life at Naenae College first hand with short introductions to Year 9 Maths, English, Science, Social Studies and Physical Education.

**Time: 9.15 am to 12.15 pm**  
**Parents are welcome too!**

**FREE**  
uniform to the  
value of \$250!  
Raffle to be drawn  
on Open Evening

'Dynamic and highly  
effective teaching staff'

'Our teachers encourage us to be strong in our own identity  
and help us to open up our eyes to big possibilities'

- » **Selected by ERO** in 2014 as one of 7 highly effective schools serving Decile 1-5 communities. The case study revealed how high-achieving lower decile schools are bucking the trend and producing excellent results.
- » **Strong student leadership** focus and a very settled and productive learning environment.
- » **Big Picture Schooling model** which connects our **Heart** commitment to our core values, our **Head** commitment to academic achievement and our **Hands** commitment to attendance and engagement in a full range of activities to ensure we all live, learn and grow together.

- » **Innovative Learning Pathways** which cater for students at all levels. A senior and junior Service Academy, Catering Academy, options such as Well-being, Performing Arts and Digital Tech, and an accelerated learning pathway from Year 10 focussed on achieving excellence in NCEA.
- » **Huge range** of high performing sports and cultural programmes with excellent participation rates and significant success.
- » **Restorative practice** is at the heart of how we work together with staff, students and families.
- » **Absolute commitment** to working in partnership with families to ensure no student leaves Naenae College without a minimum of NCEA level 2 and a meaningful future pathway defined.



**Nic Richards**  
Principal

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## POLY CLUB NEWS

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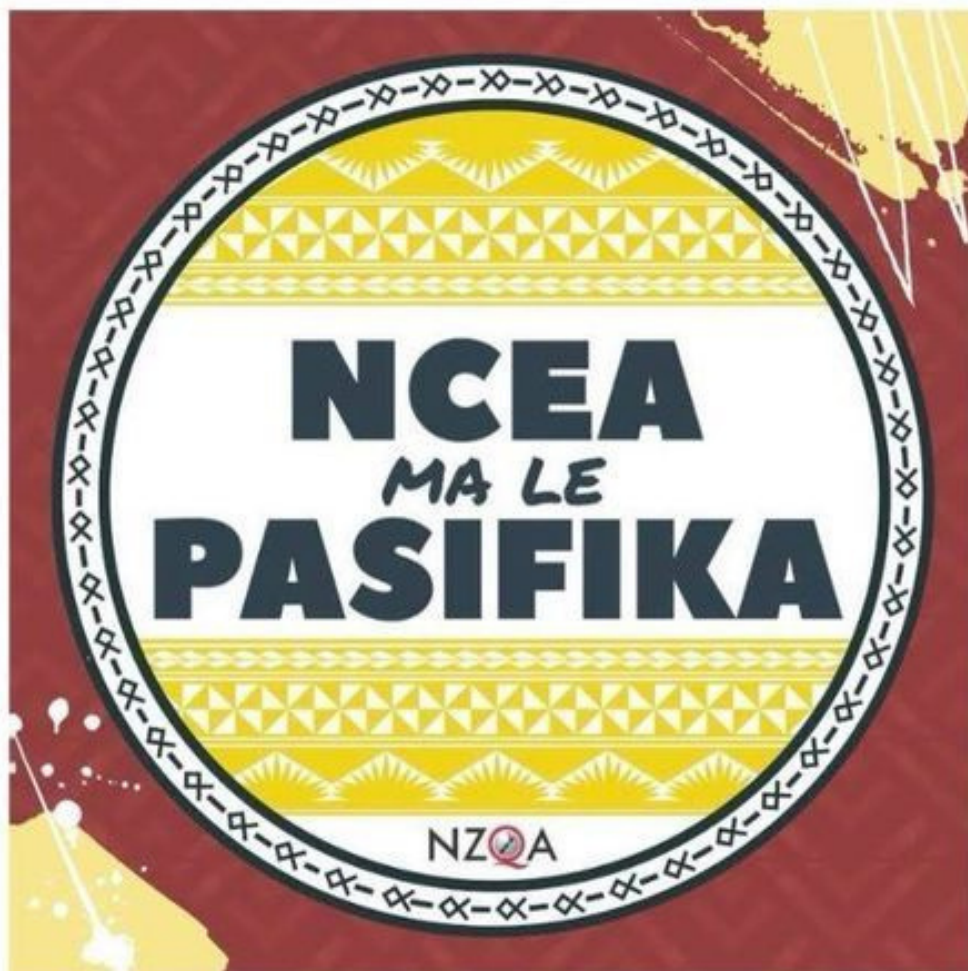
### **NCEA ma le Pasifika NCEA Evening** **By Anita Va'a**

Naenae College hosted the NCEA ma le Pasifika workshop for our wider Pasifika community. The workshops help Pasifika families to better understand NCEA and are designed specifically for our parents and their families. When parents and family are engaged in their children's learning journey, they are more likely to succeed in school.

Christina from NZQA presented the workshop and did a great job. She explained NCEA really well to our parents and even got us to own up to some of our aspirations and dreams that we hadn't said out loud to anyone! I'm glad she was able to help start that conversation for us.

Afterwards, the parents met with our Pasifika teachers to talk about how our school can better support their children. All our attending parents participated in the talanoa and gave some valuable feedback.

Fa'afetai lava to Christina from NZQA for the valuable information, Ms Taeao and our students for helping with the ipu kī service, and our parents for their attendance and valuable perspectives they gave at the talanoa.



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## **Hutt Valley Secondary Schools Poly Club Leadership and Dance workshop #2 By Auauna Saolotoga 13RS**

Our Poly Club hosted the second Hutt Valley Secondary Schools Poly Club Leadership and Dance workshops on Saturday 22 May in our school hall.

This term's Dance Workshop was a follow up to our last workshop in March, with the aim of developing our young people's Pasifika dance choreography repertoire and Poly Club leadership, management and operations. The boys were taught by Tofi o Tamatane Movement (an all-male Samoan dance collective) and the girls were taught by members of Whitireia's Pasifika Performing Arts. We learned new choreography that we are going to perform alongside the other Hutt Valley Poly Clubs at the end of term. We can't wait to show you our collective performance!

The Leadership Workshop was a great space for our Hutt Valley Poly leaders and teachers to reflect on our journeys so far with our own Poly Clubs. We learned that we all shared the same highs and lows no matter what school we went to. It was a great time to fellowship with other Poly leaders over pizza and talanoa.

This term we invited our Poly Club aiga from Makoura College in Masterton to come and learn how we do Poly Club in Te Awakairangi. We met this Poly Club on our trip to ASB Polyfest in Auckland in March. Despite their early drive that morning to the Hutt Valley, they enjoyed themselves at the dance workshop and took in loads of information about Poly Club management at the leadership workshop.

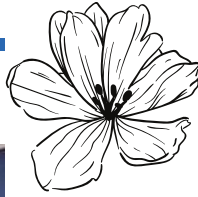
Poly Club would like to thank Ms Taeao and Mr Tiria for organising this event. Special thanks to Tofi o Tamatane Movement and Whitireia Performing Arts for providing us with your time and expertise in Pasifika cultural dance. Also to the Hutt Fest Komiti for sponsoring our mea 'ai.



Poly Club Student leaders from Naenae College, Upper Hutt College, Taita College, Makoura College



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Poly Leaders workshop, with Mr Tiria facilitating our talanoa.



# SPORTS NEWS

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Congratulations to Luka and Joel Dunwoodie on their well deserved recognition at the Hutt Valley Sports Awards!

The brothers received the Young Volunteer of the Year Award for their dedication in coaching and umpiring at Naenae Junior Hockey Club. Without them, the junior hockey programme would have folded.

Joel coached the Naenae/Rata St School Year 5-6 team, while Luka coached the Naenae/Rata St School Year 3-4 team. Both also umpired Saturday morning games for their own Club and for others to allow coaches to concentrate on coaching. During the 2020 season they were both umpires at the Wellington Hockey Association U11 Development Hub Tournament.

In 2020, Joel in Year 11 captained the Naenae College 1st XI whilst Luka who was only Year 9 played in the same team.

Their dedication to hockey in the Hutt Valley and the Wellington Region has been truly invaluable in making great hockey happen.

Great job Luka and Joel!

