



AUGUST 06/08/2021

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 ē te whānau

Welcome to Term 3. We are still riding the high of last term's MCD, Kapa Haka and Hutt Fest. Wow!

I want to thank so many of our caregivers, whānau, and students for your presence at our **report interviews** in Week 1. This was a very well-attended opportunity for staff, students, and caregivers to engage in learning conversations that are the foundation of a partnership for academic success. We understand that many of you found it helpful to have had your child's report well in advance of the meeting and staff commented on how digesting that information in advance made for very focused and rewarding conversations. It was an unanticipated positive outcome of our delay due to regional COVID restrictions but something we will consider embracing for next year.

Tuesday evening this week also saw many of you take the opportunity to join our **Careers Expo and Subject Selection** evening. We were thrilled to have so many of you engaging with our staff and Expo stallholders. I think the police and army stalls were favourites with students who enjoyed the interactive VR goggles, the police dog and rewards for press-ups! We are grateful to **all** organizations who partnered with Naenae College to make the evening a valuable experience.

Subject selection looms large and choices are due by the end of next week. Keeping options open and following passions are key points when selecting pathways for success. Students need to follow their own pathways here rather than what their mates are doing. Changing course later on when you've discovered you're not working to your strengths is a difficult process and ill-advised. LAR teachers are working hard in this space to help students make successful decisions based on evidence and effort. Let's keep the korero going. Teachers are also working hard on the NCEA changes coming in 2023. Trials will be held next year and we await feedback from them. I am excited about the focus on engagement and quality teaching and learning rather than assessment driving learning. My view is great learning leads to great results. I will keep you informed of developments and I welcome the opportunity for greater equity in curriculum delivery and mātauranga māori in Aotearoa New Zealand. It does not mean less rigour for our students, rather it addresses historical inequities and the issues of how in the 21st century our education system can shift towards supports all learners to achieve their potential. Here is a link if you would like further information about the change that is proposed.

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/about-ncea>

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Events coming up soon

- **AUGUST 13** Non-Uniform Day
- **AUGUST 28** Senior Formal

Ngā mihi
Nic Richards, Principal

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 13 August



SHOWCASING NAENAE COLLEGE'S TALENTED ROLLER SKATER ...



The Nationals were held over the holidays, and I am delighted to let you know that Caitlin Munn won a gold medal for first place in Preliminary Solo Dance.

She also was awarded:

- a Gold medal as part of the Large Show Team, Revolution
- a Silver medal as part of the Mini Precision Team, Upper Hutt Rollers
- a Silver medal as part of the Junior Quartet, Dreamskate
- and a creditable 6th place in Preliminary Free Dance

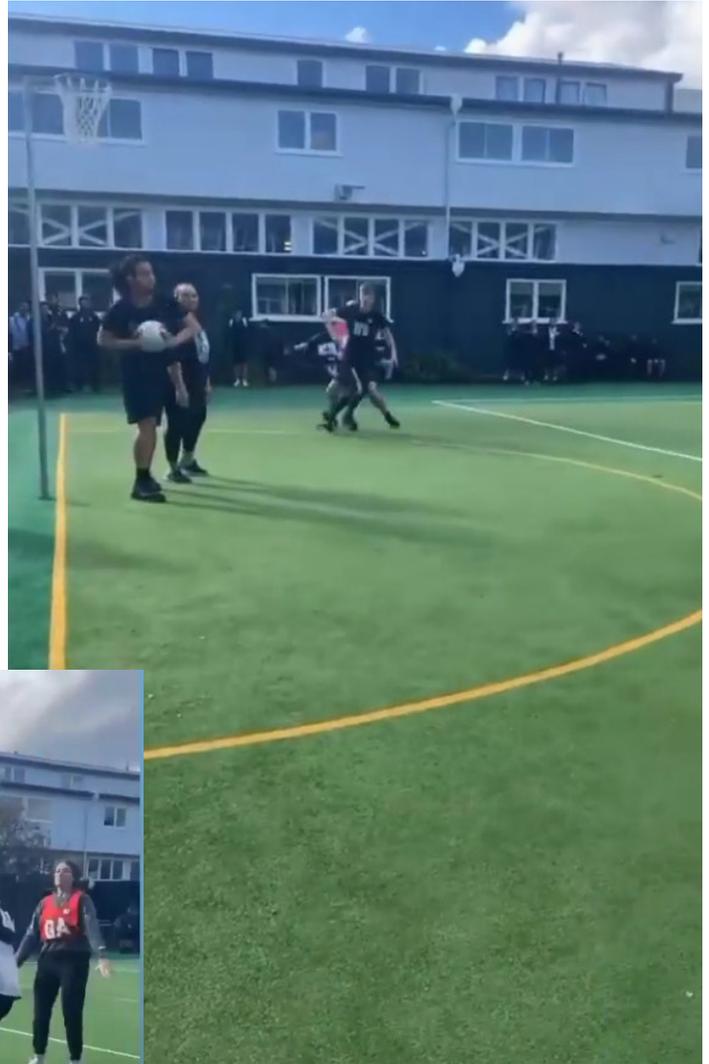
She was amazing!

Helen Nicol
UHRSC Committee

Prefects Vs Teachers - Netball Challenge



A hotly contested and close game resulting in a draw.



KAPA HAKA REGIONALS AND HUTT FEST

Our Amazing Students



































Thank you to everyone involved in these events.
You are all amazing!