



OCTOBER 01/10/2021

# NAENAE COLLEGE

Hea rea here a ngā  
raumānuka e kore  
whawhati

Bind the multitudes of  
mānuka together and  
never be broken

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Kia ora ē te whānau

I'm really proud of the way we have got through the last few weeks of Term 3 since returning from lockdown. Students have committed themselves to the mahi and have responded well to the revised plans put in place by staff, programme leaders, and Heads of Faculty.

I am disappointed that the media has picked up on the fact that fewer results have been reported to NZQA by schools nationally and that there have been more not achieved results reported - this is not an unexpected consequence of online learning. Learning is a contact sport and I do not equate Not Achieved with no learning. I've found some of my most important learning occurred when 'not achieving'. The true challenge is how we respond to it and at Naenae College we don't give up - we stick to the plan.

Naenae College has intentionally reviewed the number of standards on offer as a response to COVID. This is a sensible, rational response to changing circumstances caused by the impact of lockdown. It is absolutely fitting that we revise our programmes to focus on the need of our learners, not the need to exceed NCEA requirements. At level 1, students require 80 credits, at levels 2 & 3 they require 60 to gain the National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA). Our remaining course credits are fit for purpose and I am confident that our students and teachers have got this.

21-27 September (last week) was Mental Health Awareness Week and we need to recognize that recharging is a cumulative activity. **It's all right to take some downtime.** These holidays will provide a vital opportunity for our students to take some downtime to recover in preparation for Term 4. Rest, recreation and recovery are mechanisms for renewal. Take it gently and be patient.

Today at the full school assembly we celebrated the successes of a disrupted term and I am so grateful that there were lots of things to acknowledge and celebrate. The Services Academy had a fantastic week away on Adventure Challenge and many of our sports teams have enjoyed success with some players being selected for higher honours. Our mathematicians did very well in the Otago University Maths competition with Logan Bracey achieving a Distinction. I am grateful our students have had all these opportunities despite challenges.

I am also grateful for the continued expression of our Te Whānau Tahī values and the mahi and kindness our students are committed to. We acknowledged this with the TWT prize draw at the assembly from the 498 TWT cards awarded so far this year. The Junior prize of a new Chromebook went to Mahmoud Alibrahim from 10VTM. The Senior prize of a laptop went to Victoria Cabello. Congratulations to both these students.

Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing Year 13 Formal students on 15 October to celebrate their time at Naenae College.

**Ngā mihi manaaki**  
**Nic Richards, Tumuaki**

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## What's Coming Up?

Find out what's happening  
through our website:  
[www.naenae-college.school.nz](http://www.naenae-college.school.nz)  
or our Facebook page

- Friday 1 October - End of Term 3
- Friday 15 October - Senior Formal
- Monday 18 October - Term 4 Commences
- Wednesday - 20 October, Nominations close for BOT Student Representative
- Wednesday - 27 October, BOT Student Representative Election

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or ring us at College during office hours.  
We are happy to discuss how this works  
and how we can help you.

## Careers & Transition Department News

As Term Three draws to a close Mrs Wilton (Gateway Manager) and Ms Sheridan (HOD Careers) are enthusiastically seeing students and advising on post-school destinations, Gateway and Pathways to Employment subject options for 2022.

Appointments are available and they look forward to the opportunity to assist students and their whanau with planning for exciting and rewarding futures.

Whāia te mātauranga hei ora mā koutou.  
Seek after learning for the sake of your wellbeing.





# SENIOR ART STUDENTS' HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

NNC is holding SENIOR ART WORKSHOPS over the school holidays. Dates and times are as follows;

## WEEK 1

Wednesday 6 October 9am-1pm

## WEEK 2

Monday 11 - Thursday 14 October 9am-1pm



Tamariki Ferguson  
Visual Arts Teacher



# SPORTS NEWS

## Who Should Have Won R1 This Year?

On paper the odds were stacked against us. On paper Whitby should have beaten us last week? 1st game against Whitby, they won 2-1. 2nd game was a 1-1 draw. 3rd game was a 3-3 draw. In both the draws we were ahead but Whitby (mainly through Ethan) pulled off the equalizer with very little time on the clock. In the Semis, we shut down Ethan, played an awesome passing game, and we won. Off to the finals.

On paper Onslow should have beaten us last night. 1st game against Onslow, they won 3-0. 2nd game 3-3 draw. Whitby results against Onslow 1-1 draw, Onslow won 5-0, 4-0.

Arguably Onslow played with more skill last night, but we played with more grit. They went up 1-0, but we didn't give up, we kept fighting, chasing, stretching, hustling. The second half goal brought us to 1-1. In the pressure of 14 apiece strokes to achieve a game result, the 5 guys kept plugging away under immense personal pressure. As Lachie gained in confidence with each stroke, the other keeper became increasingly nervous.

Against the season's odds (Heading into the final Onslow was on 19 points for the season and we were on 10), we played an awesome match to seal our names in the history books and our memory banks.

**We are the champs!**

**GREAT WORK TEAM!**

Tim Dunwoodie



# SERVICES ACADEMY ADVENTURE CHALLENGE 2021

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## **Okataina Outdoor Education Camp Rotorua**

The aim of the adventure challenge was to apply all of our previous skills that we had gained and developed through Induction, bushcraft, basic and advanced leaders course and put them to the test.

Adventure challenge gave our advanced leaders the opportunity to take control and command of their academies and for each academy to build on team dynamics and resilience.

We travelled to Rotorua, Okataina outdoor education camp where adventure challenge was based. There were 12 academies across the central region that attended the course. Our academy had an early arrival so we were able to spend a day at the Rotorua skyline to ride the luge and gondola.

We participated in various activities which included the Rotorua tough guy/girl challenge, an 18km tramp, white water rafting on the Kaituna river and mountain biking in the Redwood forest. Depending on how long we took to complete our activities, we would go to Lakes Ranch for a much needed soak in the hot pools. Our Academy placed third in the overall adventure challenge. By the end of the week we were more than ready to get home.

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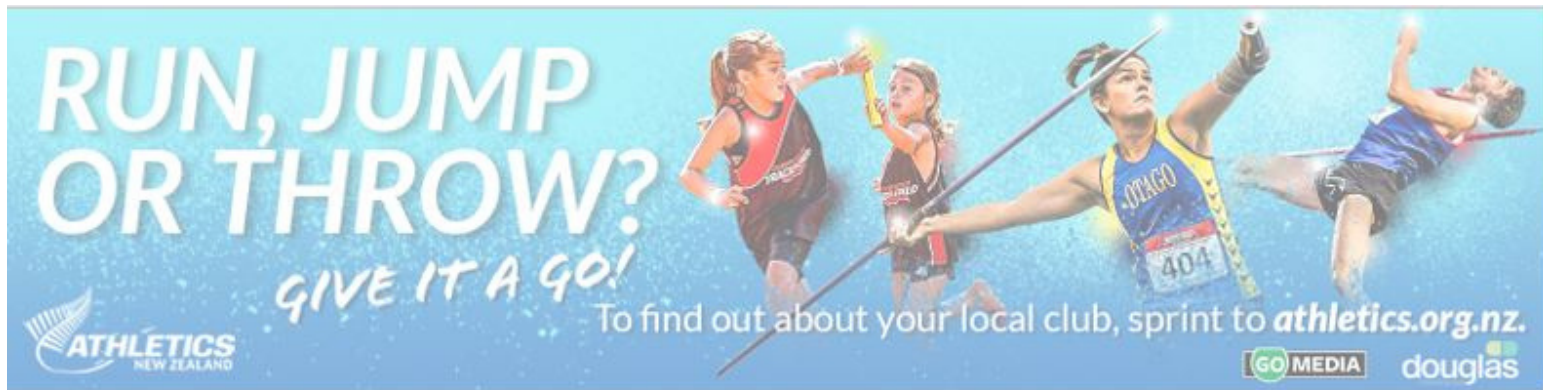


## SERVICES ACADEMY ...



## INTERESTED IN ATHLETICS?

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Want to learn how to run, jump or throw? The skills you learn in athletics are the perfect foundation for almost any sport.

Every student can give athletics a go. Our local athletics club Lower Hutt Amateur Athletics Club Inc. is welcoming new members now and we encourage students to get involved and get active.

Contact details for all athletics clubs nationwide are available here [athletics.org.nz/FindaClub](https://athletics.org.nz/FindaClub) and become a member.

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