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NAENAE COLLEGE

Hea rea here a ngā
raumānuka e kore
whawhati

Bind the multitudes of
mānuka together and
never be broken

Principal's message



Kia ora e te whānau

It has been a brisk start to the year and great to see everyone back this week. Timetables are settling down and we are doing our best to accommodate new arrivals and students who did not do their option choices last year. It does mean that if options are full, they are not available to additional students - the early bird gets the worm!

Starting with Public Health mandates has been challenging and we are doing our best to keep students safe and to mitigate the impact of COVID. However, COVID is now in our community and many of you will be aware of cases in Lower Hutt and in the greater Wellington region. Close contacts have been identified and appropriate self-isolation measures are being observed.

I can say at this moment, and things are changing moment-to-moment, that no student or staff member at Naenae College has returned a positive test result. However, it is only a matter of time before we will have to advise you that it has reached us.

We will follow the Ministry of Education's advice and will be contact tracing so it is imperative that we have your correct and current contact information. Please use the parent portal to confirm this or simply give us a call.

The staff are working really hard at present in preparation for providing learning in an asynchronous way - that means learning available to students anytime not only at one time, via **online learning** and hard materials where this might be applicable.

It is likely that students will be away for periods when they are self-isolating due to COVID and it is vital that they can keep their learning going. Google classroom is going to be our platform of preference. All courses at Naenae College will have access to a google classroom where your child can continue learning if they are at home. It is unlikely that there will be learning recognition credits this year so learning has to continue if students are away and well enough to engage with their online classes.

It is going to be tricky and we again are asking a lot of our teachers and you as parents and caregivers to ensure that learning continues. We will also be advocating for you to get access to the internet and access to devices from the Ministry of Education. Our superb results from last year tell us that we can do it with your support.

Please remember to stay connected to our website, facebook page and our new Instagram for updates and important announcements.

Ngā mihi manaaki
Nic Richards, Principal

What's Coming Up?

Find out what's happening
through our website:
www.naenae-college.school.nz
or our Facebook page or Instagram

All upcoming events are subject to
change due to Ministry of Education
advice around school events. At present
scheduled dates are as follows:

Email: admin@naenae-college.school.nz
or ring us at College during office hours.
We are happy to discuss how this works
and how we can help you.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR BEING BACK AT NAENAE COLLEGE UNDER **RED**



Nau mai haere mai Te Whānau Tahī!

1

Masks on at ALL times inside, unless eating

2

Physically distance: 1.5m where possible

3

- Seating Plans for classes to help contact trace

4

- Hand sanitiser in classrooms

5

- If you have a cold, flu or any COVID-19 symptoms please stay home and get tested

<https://covid19.govt.nz/traffic-lights/life-at-red/education-at-red/early-learning-schools-and-kura-at-red/>

Check the Government guidelines for further information



Pūmanawatanga

The BIG BOOST opportunity

Kia ora koutou kotoa

Kei ngā whānau, kei ngā kaitiaki tokomaha o te motu e poipoi ana i ngā tamariki mokopuna, tēnā rā koutou katoa.

[Interpretation: To whānau and caregivers around the country who are nurturing the younger generation, our leaders for tomorrow, greetings to you all.]

‘The Big Boost’

I just wanted to share information about ‘The Big Boost’ and how to book your booster.

You may be aware ‘The Big Boost’ is happening during February, and everyone in Aotearoa is being asked to get their boosters as soon as they are due.

To make it easy, pop-up vaccination centres and extended opening hours are open for you to get your booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

Evidence has shown that the Pfizer vaccine provides a higher level of protection against severe disease or hospitalisation from the Omicron variant, than the two-dose course. Being fully vaccinated with two doses provides greater protection against Delta, however, the booster is the best way to fight Omicron.

If you want to know more about the booster – you can get the facts about COVID-19 vaccinations.

Who can have a booster?

Anyone in your whānau over the age of 18 and has had their second dose at least three months ago.

You can check when you are due for a booster by visiting mycovidrecord.nz or calling the Covid Vaccination Healthline on 0800 28 29 26 (8am-8pm, seven days a week).

You can book your booster at BookMyVaccine.nz or for whānau bookings call 0800 28 29 26

Ngā manaakitanga,

Nic Richards
Tumuaki

Text provided by the Ministry of Education.



Welcome back Principal's and Head Students video

Term dates - 2022

- Term 1 – Tuesday 8 February to Friday 14 April
- Term 2 – Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July
- Term 3 – Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September
- Term 4 – Monday 17 October to Thursday 15 December

Public holidays

- 7 February – Waitangi Day
- 15 April – Good Friday
- 18 April – Easter Monday
- 25 April – ANZAC Day
- 6 June – Queen's birthday
- 24 June – Matariki
- 24 October – Labour Day

Information for 2022