



JULY 8TH 2022

NAENAE COLLEGE

Hea rea here a ngā
raumānuka e kore
whawhati

Bind the multitudes of
mānuka together and
never be broken



Alex Maehe, Acting Principal

Kōrero Timatanga

Introduction

Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki

Hail the rise of Matariki

Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi

Hail the lord of the Sky

Mānawa maiea te mātahi o te tau

Hail the New Year

This term heralded the rising of Matariki and the New Year according to Māori tradition. Naenae College celebrated this event over the last 3 weeks. Matariki is based around three principles:

- Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki
- Giving thanks for what we have
- Looking forward to the promise of a New Year

It was great to have students reflect on these principles and share their responses at LAR times. We completed this celebration at Te Pō Angitū, a night to celebrate Māori student success. It was brilliant to have a good turnout of whānau which was also the case at our open evening and report interviews. It felt like a community again hosting everyone. Thank you for your interest and attendance. Our students have done remarkably well this year to bounce back and reports would have echoed these sentiments.

This term we farewelled respected staff members Sinapi Taeao, Jacqueline D'Ath, Judy Waenga and most recently Mrs Fiona Crawford our Assistant Principal who will take up her new position as Deputy Principal at Queen Margaret College next term. Fiona will be sorely missed for her dedicated work with our Years 9 and 10 students as well as the junior curriculum among many other things. Always willing to learn Mrs Crawford leaves us with a 'cultural toolkit' that should serve her well into the future. 'Ngā moenga a ngā rangatira' is a proverb from my iwi which literally means 'the breeding ground of chiefs' and is appropriate to Naenae College as an educational institution that builds and grows its people for higher responsibility and leadership. These former staff members have served Naenae College extremely well and I along with the board, staff and students wish them all the best for the future.

The last week of term saw senior students returning to their normal timetable schedule after three weeks of rostering home. This relieved a lot of pressure due to the increasing staff illnesses on a daily basis. However, I am mindful of the impact rostering home may have had on families and offer my gratitude and thanks.

As we settle into the school holidays I am aware that ongoing winter illnesses and omicron variants will bring some uncertainty going into Term Three. Be assured that our ability and agility to respond to change has never been greater. We will keep you all informed of any updates.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr Nic Richards and the board for giving me the opportunity to lead Naenae College for Term Two. It has been an amazing experience, largely due to having strong and collegial support from Mr Chris Taylor, Mrs Fiona Crawford and Mrs Sarah Calcutt. All staff have worked tirelessly throughout a busy and often stressful term. Students are at the heart of what schools are about and attending the Matariki hāngi in SNU was delightful. I was impressed with the effort put into unpacking the spirit of Matariki.

It has been awesome to end Term Two on a high note, honouring students, celebrating their successes with acknowledgment, waiata and kai. Wishing you all a safe and restful holiday break.

Kia noho haumaru!

Alex Maehe
Acting Principal

Photos from Māori Success Evening, 7th July



Message from the Board of Trustees Chair:

Kia ora tātou, talofa lava, kia orana, ni sa bula, fakaalofa lahi atu, malo e lelei, fakatalofa atu, mālo ni, namaste, chào, mingalaba, asalamu alaykum, nǐ hǎo.

I hope that this message finds you well.

My name is Rome Vailini and it is my privilege to serve as the presiding member, or board chair, on the Naenae College Board of Trustees – alongside my fellow board members. Just a little bit about me and my 'āiga. My wife Megan works for the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, our daughter Avah is in Year 11, our son Rome is in Year 12 at Naenae College, and our youngest son Jet will join them there next year. I work for Open Polytechnic and have been on the board as a parent representative for the last three years – it's been a great experience. I've learnt loads and have gained a great respect and appreciation for all the mahi and the people who contribute to the governance and management of Naenae College.



Quick plug for the upcoming board elections in September

If you're interested in being part of this important mahi and the board – I encourage you to put yourself forward in the upcoming election in September! Everyone has a perspective and that's the strength of the Naenae College community – its rich diversity of people and cultures.

Survey results and the board's decision

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the results of the survey that went out to you all in May about whether masks should be worn at school, and if unvaccinated staff should be hired. I appreciate that the following information may seem like a lot to digest – but I am motivated by transparency. I would also like to thank those who completed the survey. Essentially, our community, students, staff, and the board are mostly in favour of people making their own choices about wearing masks. Some other schools have introduced a mask wearing mandate this week, and we will regularly review the situation. The vaccination results are a little more complicated because some results are tied.

The following table illustrates the overall results from the surveys.

To provide some further context, the vaccine mandate ended for the education sector on 5 April 2022. This means that all workers and volunteers in early learning services, schools, and kura are no longer required to be vaccinated to work with children or students. This also means that boards are now able to hire unvaccinated staff. As there is legally no vaccination mandate for staff, as the presiding member of the board I have a casting vote to break a tie or any voting deadlock for the board. The Education Regulations contain no directions as to how a casting vote must be exercised, so I have used the generally accepted governance approach, which is to vote in favour of the status quo. Therefore, taking into consideration the results from all the surveys, the board has decided that:

- All employees and staff at Naenae College are NOT required to be vaccinated, unless they are in a role identified as high risk.
- Mask wearing continues to be strongly encouraged for students and staff while indoors – but it's not mandatory.

Risk assessment

It's important to note that, as part of the vaccination condition above, to keep the most vulnerable members of our community safe, Naenae College will undertake a risk assessment to determine our level of risk and consider what controls could manage that risk. When we do this risk assessment, we'll think about how things have changed at Naenae College, alongside any new advice about covid from the Ministry of Health. The risk assessment may also identify specific roles where vaccination is needed, for example, staff working in our Te Whare o Te Atawhai Special Needs Unit.

Acknowledgement

This is a delicate situation we are navigating our school and community through – let alone ourselves and our whānau. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members, kaimahi and ākonga at Naenae College, and you for your careful consideration and responses throughout this consultation process. On behalf of the board, I hope you and your whānau are staying safe and warm this winter. As we move through the season of Matariki, it is a time for remembrance, peace, and togetherness so I'd like to end this message with a whakataukī.

Kua haehae ngā hihi o Matariki.

The rays of Matariki are spread. People say this whakataukī when Matariki can be seen bright in the night sky. The rays of its stars are thought to carry messages for the people. Matariki is a time to share stories, reflect on the past, and plan for the future. (Explanation from tepapa.govt.nz.)

Ngā mihi nui,

Rome Vailini
Presiding Member Naenae College Board of Trustees

Naenae College community survey results

Survey respondents	Survey regarding mask wearing	Survey regarding employee vaccination status
Community (50 responses)	40% be allowed to choose to wear masks or not indoors 34% wear masks indoors 26% strongly encouraged to wear masks indoors	44% yes, the board should require employees to be vaccinated 44% no, the board should not require employees to be vaccinated 12% undecided
Staff (52 responses)	48.1% allow personal choice for staff and students to wear masks 17.3% mandate staff and students to wear masks 34.6% strongly encourage staff and students to wear masks	34.6% yes, the board should require employees to be vaccinated 44.2% no, the board should not require employees to be vaccinated 21.2% maybe
Students (353 responses)	80% choice to wearing masks 9% yes to wearing masks 11% no to wearing masks	N/A
Board (10 responses)	9 yes to encouraging mask wearing indoors 1 no to encouraging mask wearing indoors	5 yes, the board supports employment of staff regardless of their vaccination status 5 no, the board does not support employment of staff regardless of their vaccination status

Board of Trustees Elections 2022:

Nominations are open until 3rd August

click the link!

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Naenae College Student Success

CALEB TAITUA HAS BEEN SELECTED TO COMPETE IN THE NEW ZEALAND
JUNIOR AGE GROUP GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP LATER THIS YEAR

HE ALSO REPRESENTS WELLINGTON AND IS BEING MENTORED BY PGA
COACHES, PLAYING IN VARIOUS TOURNAMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



Hutt Valley Secondary School Premier Netball League

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PREMIER NETBALL SQUAD WHO PLACED 3RD



Ngā mihi to ANZ for giving our team a Netball Grant, we were able to purchase new training gear and cover the costs for the Lower North Island Tournament to be held in the Hawkes Bay later this year.



NMC Wahine 1st XV

WON IN THEIR SEMI FINAL
VS KAPITI COLLEGE 27-12



Final to be played in Term Three!





Naenae College Student Success

CONGRATULATIONS TO THREE OF OUR STUDENTS WHO WROTE A BOOK AND HAD IT PUBLISHED THIS TERM

'A WALK THROUGH NIGHTMARE STREET' SUCH A BIG ACHIEVEMENT!

KA MAU TE WEHI
SOPHIE, LILLY AND MARIA



Nau mai haere mai

WELCOME TO MS ANH-DAO PHAM WHO IS JOINING US TO
WORK IN THE AWHI CENTRE



UPCOMING KEY DATES: TERM 3

1st-5th August	Cook Islands Language Week
20th August	NNC Formal
25th August	Waiopahu Winter Sports Exchange
29th Aug- 2nd Sept.	NZSSS Winter Tournament
31st August	NCEA Teacher Only Day
5th-9th September	Tongan Language Week
12th-16th September	Māori Language Week
21st September	Pasifika Success Evening
26th-30th Sept.	Tuvalu and Chinese Lang. Week
28th September	Hutt Fest
30th September	Multicultural Day

Term dates -

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

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