



February 2023

Naenae College

He 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.

Welcome to 2023. What a wonderfully frantic start to the year we have had. Our Year 9 cohort peaked at a record 221 in the first week of this year. Our team has worked frantically to accommodate more students than anticipated and certainly more than the Ministry forecasted. We have been singularly focused on ensuring that we have students in classes and options without numbers getting out of control. This has meant that we have been very focused on the job at hand and the immediate and urgent changes necessary to ensure that our students are getting the best start possible, have coherent timetables, and are engaging in building relationships and learning. This has meant some forced choices and hard work in the unenviable space of systemic constraints meeting individual desires.

Our Year 9 Pōwhiri was simply the biggest and most enjoyable in a number of years. Thank you to all parents and whānau who attended and helped us begin this year of the 'new normal' with a positive wairua.

We came together this week as a school on Wednesday to welcome new staff, celebrate prefects by awarding their badges, and generally acknowledge the whanaungatanga of our kura in a way that we have not felt comfortable doing for what seems like an age. I am delighted to have been able to start this week with a full complement of quality teachers even though we are still waiting on Immigration NZ to approve a visa for a colleague joining us from Fiji. It has been a very tough job appointing teachers for 2023 and this is evident across the country and closer to home in some local schools that still have vacancies.

Tentative results from 2022 are very pleasing and we will report on these in more detail in future newsletters. We celebrate three students receiving \$50,000 scholarships to Victoria University and news that a recent graduate (2021) has been accepted into Medical School at Otago University.

We welcome Taneora Ryall to the parent representative position on the Board of Trustees and look forward to his contribution in this space. I know that Taneora and I are looking forward to seeing Year 9 parents at our evening event next Thursday. At this event, we will talk more about the importance of our Board Attendance goal of 90% which is vital to our students' success. Students who are **Present and Participating** will be **Progressing** and that is what we are all about.

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

Whakatauki:

Iti rearea, kahikatea tei tei, ka taea

*Even the small rearea bird can ascend to
the great heights of the
Kahikatea tree*

General Enquiries:

Email: admin@naenae-college.school.nz
or ring us 04 567 7175 during office
hours. We are happy to help you.

Absent from school or running late?
Email: Absent@nnc.school.nz

Attendance and Engagement Strategy

JUNE 2022



Te Kāwanatanga
o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

Societal and whānau factors that impact on engagement

Capability:

- Poor health (mental and/or physical)
- Foundational skills

Opportunity:

- Material deprivation
- Lack of transport
- Lack of affordable and stable housing

Motivation:

- Experiences of racism and discrimination
- Intergenerational experiences of school
- Value and priority that whānau place on education
- Peer influence

Barriers, both within and outside of school are removed, or mitigated

Ākonga and their whānau are supported to contribute and take part in learning

Ākonga are progressing and meeting goals relevant to them, their whānau, teachers and schools

Progressing

Learning is relevant and reflects identity, language and culture

Belonging

Ākonga feel that they belong and that their contribution is valued

Thriving

Ākonga are equipped to thrive as citizens and are resilient, active members of communities.

Māori participating in te ao Māori, Aotearoa and the wider world.

Education system enablers

Curriculum
Education Workforce
Schooling Network
Wellbeing initiatives
Learning Support

Fig 1: The engagement process

REMINDER

Term 1, 2023

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
One		Year 9 Powhiri	Yrs 9, 11, 12, 13		
Two	Waitangi Day		Principals Assembly		
Three				Yr 9 Meet the parents evening	
Four					Tokomanawa Assembly
Five	Maihi Assembly	Koruru Assembly	Amo Assembly		TABLOID SPORTS DAY
Six	Services Induction Interim reports				Reports completed
Seven	Services Induction	Academic Conferences 2 – 5pm, 5.30pm – 7.30pm	Academic Conferences 2 – 5pm		
Eight				Winter sports registrations	Daylight Savings Ends
Nine	Tournament week				
Ten				Final day of Term 1	Good Friday



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The Naenae College Board is pleased to announce the selection of coopted member Mātua Taneora Ryall to the vacated position of parent representative on the Naenae College Board of Trustees.

Following NZSTA Casual Vacancy governance guidelines the Board has completed the requirements under this process and now has filled all the parent representative positions on the Board. (<https://www.nzsta.org.nz/>)

The Board is also establishing and reframing historical committee structures so that the Marae and Community Engagement Committee, the Wellbeing Committee, and the Board itself provide key levers for Board initiatives in 2023.

We wish all students the very best for 2023 and the year ahead and support you in being present, participating, and progressing.

Please regularly check the school's online portal to look for the latest news updates.



Naenae Kahui Ako presents:

A Cyber Safety Evening

With Rob Cope - Author, Parent & Filmmaker
of
the 2020 documentary: 'Our Kids Online'

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to predators, pornography, gaming, fake news, social media access, and the 24/7 switched on effect on the developing brain.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.
- This talk also includes an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs.

NAENAE COLLEGE HALL

THURSDAY 9TH MARCH 2023 | 6.30PM - 8.30PM

910 HIGH STREET, AVALON, LOWER HUTT

To find out more about Rob's work
visit www.ourkidsonline.info

Karearea Spotted on College Grounds!



A local photographer snapped one of our rear and threatened national birds hanging out in one of our College trees. These birds feature on our \$20 notes and are also known as the New Zealand Falcon. They can fly up to 200 km/ph and have a wing span of up to a metre long

They are generally found in the forests south of Waikato and the West Coast of the South Island

Kia ora koutou

The beginning of the term is fast approaching! This advisory contains steps to check that your SchoolDocs content is up to date for 2023.

The key actions are:

- Check your login details.
- Check your school contact information.
- Check your school-supplied documents.
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- Read and share the resources for understanding SchoolDocs.

We'll send another advisory next week with this term's board assurances and instructions for this term's scheduled review.

Noho ora mai

The SchoolDocs Team

In this advisory:

- **Login details**
- **School contact information**
- **School-supplied documents**
- **School-supplied information**
- **Resources for understanding SchoolDocs**

CHECK YOU'RE UP TO DATE FOR 2023

Login details

Go to the **My SchoolDocs** tab on your dashboard and check the information under **Login details**. Everyone who knows the admin password can access the dashboard – if the shared password is changed, other admin users need to be informed. The start of the year is also a good time to remind staff and your school community (parents/caregivers/whānau) about the community login. There's information about **Sharing SchoolDocs** under the **Helpful Info** tab.

Action

Remind staff and your school community about the community login.

School contact information

Go to the **My SchoolDocs** tab on your dashboard and check the details under **School contacts**. This shows the people who receive these advisories and have authority to request updates. These are also the people who may have admin access to your dashboard if they know the admin login.

Let us know if any of your contacts need updating.

Action

Check your school contacts on your dashboard and [email us](#) as necessary.

School-supplied information

Keeping your SchoolDocs content up to date

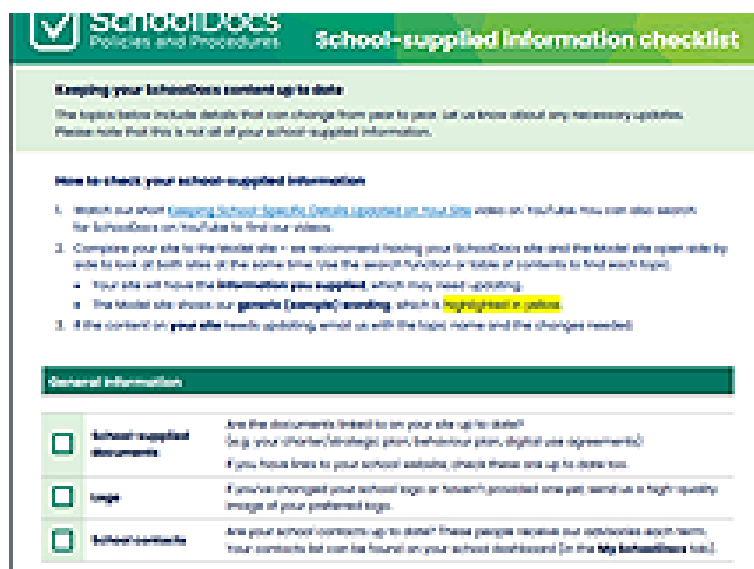
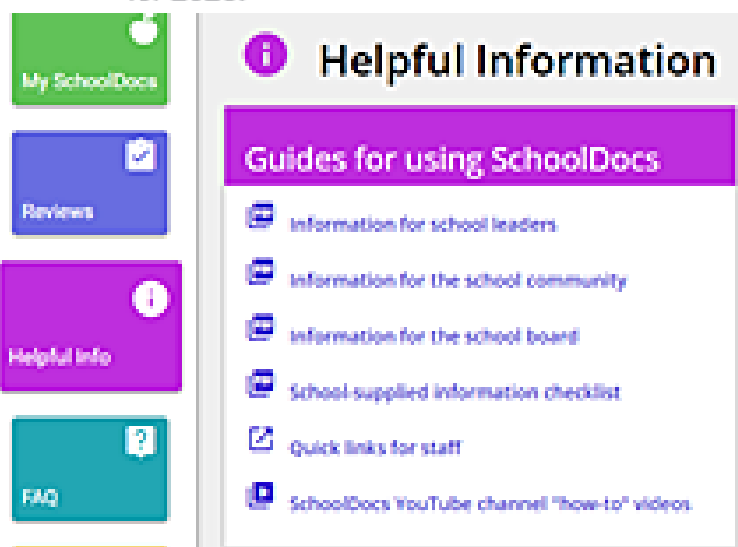
Schools supply information specific to their school during the questionnaire stage and these details can become out of date over time. Options for school-supplied wording can also change as a result of review updates. Our **School-supplied information checklist** helps you find and check details that might need updating. Some entries in the checklist might not apply to your site.

How to check your school-supplied information

1. Go to the **Helpful Info** tab on your dashboard to access our **School-supplied information checklist** (PDF) under **Guides for using SchoolDocs**. We suggest printing it.
2. Watch our short [Keeping School-Specific Details Updated on Your Site](#) video on YouTube.
3. Compare your site to the Model site – we recommend having your SchoolDocs site and the Model site open side by side to look at both sites at the same time. Use the search function to find each topic.
4. Your site will be tailored with the information you supplied, which may need updating.
5. The Model site shows our generic (sample) wording, which is highlighted in yellow.
6. If the content on your site needs updating, email us with the topic name and the changes needed.
7. The SchoolDocs team will update your site and you'll be ready for 2023!

Action

Using the PDF on your dashboard, check your school-supplied information and [email us](#) as necessary to make updates.



Resources for understanding SchoolDocs

In our January 17 advisory last week, we directed you to resources on your dashboard that give an overview of SchoolDocs for school leaders and for your school community (staff, parents, whānau). We have now added a resource for board members – see the **Helpful Info** tab of your dashboard, **Guides for using SchoolDocs**, for:

- Information for school leaders (PDF)
- Information for the school board (PDF)
- Information for the school community (PDF)

Action

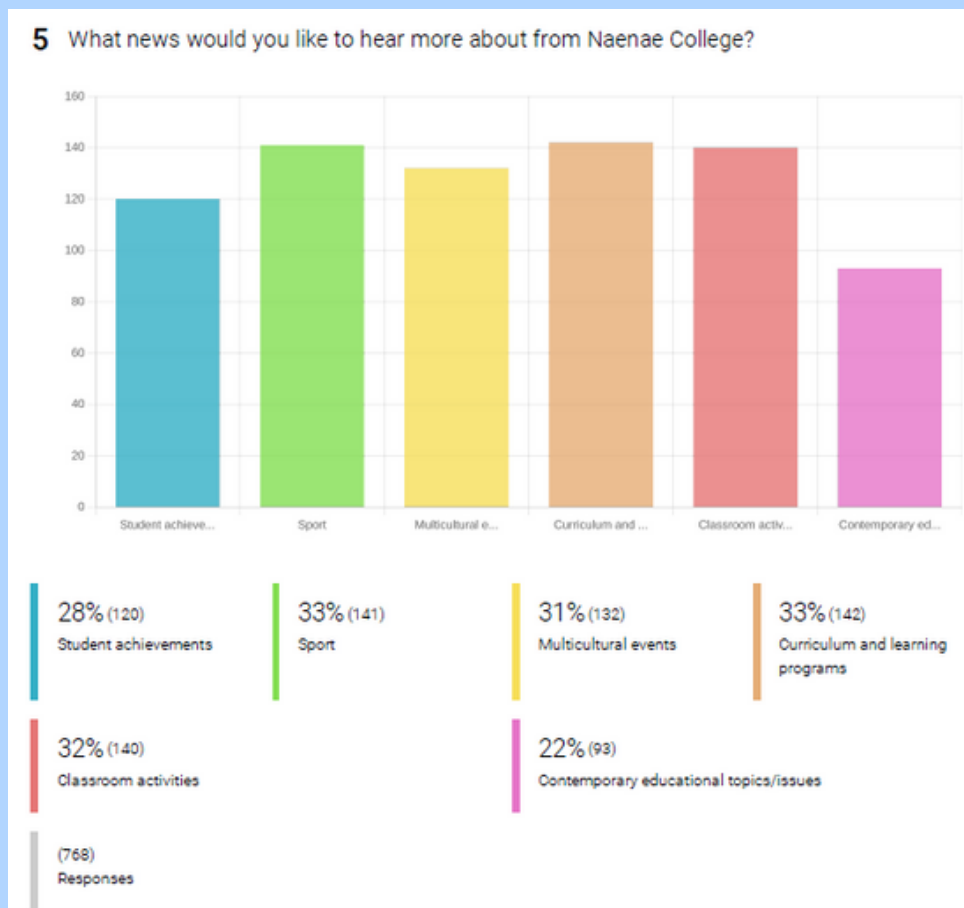
Read and share the resources for understanding SchoolDocs with your management team, school board, and school community as appropriate.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our community for participating in our communications study!

Your feedback has helped us to ensure that we passing on the right information, at the right time and in the right places.

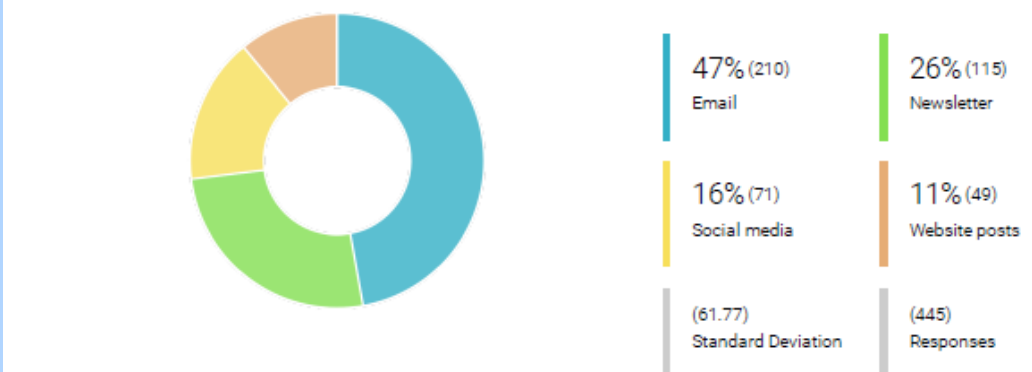
Summary of Results:



1 Which online avenues do you use the most to hear about news at Naenae College?



7 How would you like to receive this information?



9 My preferred method of communication for vital information such as teacher only days is:

