



1 MARCH 2024

NAENAE COLLEGE

He moana
pukepuke e
ekengia e te waka

A choppy sea can be
navigated by a waka



Kia ora E Te Whānau

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2024. I want to take the opportunity to welcome any new whānau to our Kura. From those who have joined as caregivers of year nine students to all those who have joined us in other year groups, welcome!

The Whakatauki above speaks to the need for all to be on the same waka if we are to achieve great things. When the College, the staff, home and the students are all on board and moving as one, the waka will sit up out of the water and glide effortlessly towards its destination. The word 'expectation' encapsulates how I believe we need to raise the wake-up out of the water. When we all expect students to be on time and in class, when we all expect students to give 100% effort in class, and when we expect that everyone in the class has the right to get the best education they can, then we will have the waka flying.

In two weeks' time, we will have learning conferences to set up those expectations so we can all get on the waka for great success. Please jump on the Schoolbridge application (instructions below) to book an appointment so we can have a discussion about our rangatahi and how we can all support them.

I want to take the time to thank the staff, students and our community for your responses to the 'lockdown' this week. These events are always stressful and very disconcerting for all involved. We were instructed by The New Zealand Police to go into a lockdown and I am pleased with our response; from the phone call to complete lockdown was only seven minutes and for 930 staff and students to do this that fast was excellent. As with all things, we are conscious that there are things we can improve on with this type of emergency. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please email them through to us. The following day, a fire alarm detected smoke in one of the science classrooms. To complicate this emergency, it was raining outside, and I acknowledge that it was not ideal for students and staff to endure these conditions.

Whānau Head Prefects

Amo	Koruru	Maihi	Tokomanawa
Fin Bowbyes	Iona Abella	Dion Conroy	Madison Huaki-Robinson
Mya Telea	Merita Tuigamala	Linda Sunia	Caitlyn Munn
Ngakaunui Ryall-Fleming	Emery McDowell	Bindi Parbhu	Kyros Repia
Avah Vailini	Ben Wright	Logan Bracey	Ifra Jusuf

Head students:

Linda Sunia and Ben Wright



In situations like this, the community must understand our first thought is for the immediate safety of those we care for. While it was not comfortable being out in the rain, or being down on the floor of a classroom, the alternative is worse to consider, and we make no apologies for prioritising the safety of students in this way.

Once again, our roll has grown to over 850 students, up from 680 in 2021. This is a testament to the exciting growth in the Hutt Valley in general and shows that, as a kura, we are on the right track in many areas and can be pleased that we are becoming a college of choice. However, as with all things, this growth also brings challenges, which we will embrace and look to turn into further positive changes.

Chris Taylor
Principal



SchoolBridge App

If you haven't already, please download the SchoolBridge App to receive the latest news and communications from the College, advise us of absences and book learning conferences.

1. Simply follow the instructions above to download the app
2. Sign in as a caregiver using the email address you provided on enrolment or as a student using your school email address.

2024 Board of Trustees

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2023 NCEA academic endorsements

	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Merit	Divine Adeniran	Iona Abella	Naire Bugler-Scherp
	Samuel Barnes	Finn Bowbyes	Daviam Gandhi
	Shyla Browne	Logan Bracey	Jared Moodley
	Ryan Fraser	Jack Brown	Assumpta Nayituriki
	Kobe Gerraty	Alizee Chau	Eric Parker
	Lenuja Kajenthirathas	Stella Cho	Kataraina-Whi Tahana-Reese
	Lochlan Mather	Anna Dunford	
	Sundus Mohamud	Emily Lim	
	Herald Rasendriya	Iain McKissack	
	Darla Ruiz Yepes	Bindi Parbhu	
	Savayas Salanoa	Ngakaunui Ryall-	
	Tanisha Silan	Fleming	
	Anna Sione	Mathew Schroder	
	Nathaniel Spotswood	Linda Sunia	
	Ethan Stevenson	Merita Tuigamala	
	Ben Symons	David Vole	
	Texas Thompson	Kathryn Willans	
Excellence	Lani Vaeluaga		
	Lucie Wright		
	Kamila Bafagih	Malia Fecteau	Bridget Austin
	Tayla Mill	Skye Holditch	Zara Bracey
		Avah Vailini	Ingrid Sims
		Imogen Wilson	Lucy Taylor
			Rome Vailini
			Fiona Varun
			Isla Wikstrom

Reminders from Accounts:

Service Academy uniform - 50% deposit is due by the end of Term 1.
Summer Sports Fees - Due 1 March 2024

Payment options:

A. Eftpos/Cash - can be paid directly at Reception

B. Automatic/Online payment - Naenae College

Account number 02-0540-0044653-00

Please remember to put your child's name in the reference.

You can make your payment in one lump sum or spread your payments by term, monthly or fortnightly with automatic payments. Fundraising options are available to help pay your sports fees if required. Please see Mrs Manual at the sports office for more information.

Term dates - 2024

Term 1 – Monday 29 January to Friday 12 April

Term 2 – Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

Term 3 – Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

Term 4 – Monday 14 October to Tuesday 10 December

Public holidays 2024

6 February – Waitangi Day

29 March – Good Friday

1 April – Easter Monday

25 April – ANZAC Day

3 June – King's birthday

28 June – Matariki

28 October – Labour Day

**If your child is away from school,
please advise us via the
SchoolBridge App (absences) or
call Student Services on
04 5677175 or 0800 662 655**