



7 JUNE 2024

NAENAE COLLEGE

He moana
pukepuke e
ekengia e te waka

A choppy sea can be
navigated by a waka



Tēnā koutou katoa

I would like to start by taking the opportunity to thank you for your support with our recent rostering home of students. Asking students to stay home is never a decision that is taken lightly, and I want to reassure you that we thought long and hard about whether this was the appropriate action. We had, at times, up to 25% of our teachers out sick and with a limited pool of relievers to be called in, managing teaching and learning can be a struggle.

Your willingness to work with us to manage this period of time is very much appreciated. We hope that because of this approach, we have been able to minimise the impacts upon teaching and learning for the long-term benefit of all within our community.

I also want to mention how pleased I am with the attitude of students to our recent literacy and numeracy assessments. Sitting assessments as a student is always a stressful time, and I am proud of the application and hard work our students have shown. We are very happy with how these online assessments were managed and eagerly await the results from NZQA. These results often take a while to come through as students throughout the motu sat these exams and there will be thousands of exams to mark. We will notify students and the community as soon as we can. If, for some reason, your son/daughter did not attend because they were sick, or they did not get the results they wanted, we have another opportunity to pass these assessments at the end of term three.

Winter sport has well and truly begun with up to 30 teams competing each week in Badminton, Rugby, Football, Netball, Basketball and Table Tennis. Sport has many benefits and I am pleased to see so many participating and representing their kura.

The Choir is performing this week in the Big Sing Competition. The students in the Kapa Haka and Poly Club are putting in hours of practice for the up-and-coming HuttFest. I am so grateful for all those who coach, manage, support and drive our young people around. The kura is in a very fortunate place to be able to offer students so much variety and opportunity.

CHRIS TAYLOR
PRINCIPAL

**FATHIMA,
DEBORAH
AND LIANA
SELECTED TO
PARTICIPATE
IN THE
INNOVATIVE
YOUNG
MINDS (IYM)
RESIDENTIAL
IN JULY
2024.**



WELLBEING ALERT INITIATIVE

Our kura opted in to a new wellbeing focused initiative lead by the Ministry of Education and Police across the Lower Hutt area.

The purpose of the initiative is to notify schools in a timely manner when one of its students has been affected by a family harm episode.

The Ministry of Education will manage and monitor alerts from Police and send a notification to the enrolling school or kura with no other detail other than the student's name. As a result of these notifications the school or kura is then aware that a child has experienced an event within the last 24 hours and is then better able to assist these students through more appropriate and sensitive behaviour management and the provision of additional supports when required.

This programme fits within our Child Protection policy requirements and supports a small number of selected staff to support tamariki who may require a little extra care. The school has created a process to ensure information is kept private and safely stored.



TWT CHOIR



TWT KAPA HAKA



SAVE THE DATES!

Thursday 13 June:

Wednesday 19 June:

Thursday 27 June:

Friday 28 June:

Monday 1 to Friday 5 July:

Friday 5 July:

Monday 22 July:

Māori Community Evening

Early closure 1:00pm for Parent Teacher Interviews

Multicultural Day

Matariki Public Holiday

HuttFest

End of Term 2

Term 3 starts.

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.



Naenae College

Download Our App

Scan the QR Code to download. Or
Search "**schoolbridge**" on your mobile AppStore or PlayStore.

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

Once you have downloaded the app, you can sign in using your school account information. Please contact the school if you need help with your account details.

Reminders from Accounts:

Winter Sports Fees due 17 May.

Summer Sports Fees now overdue, if not already paid.

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 Thursday 12 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**