



5 JULY 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

Wow, it's hard to believe that term two is over. We are halfway through the school year, and this term has been action-packed. I want to thank you for your support over this term with the rostering home and the excellent turnout for parent/teacher interviews. It is pleasing to see such a positive response with the highest turnout of parents at this event in years. Some other highlights from the term are:

- Multi-cultural day was epic this year. The hall was packed; we had over 60 different national flags being flown in the parade and the cultural performances were some of the best I have seen. Culture counts here at Naenae! It was great to see so much pride from students for their country of origin and the families they represented on the day.
- The catering students have continued to cook and sell food to the staff to raise nearly \$400 for the Pink Ribbon Society. This is a great example of students and staff collaborating in service to the community and one we can be proud of.
- The community and school collaboration has again been something to celebrate with NCEA information evenings for Pasifika and Māori whānau. Attendance at those evenings was excellent and the presentations were very engaging, so I hope parents and caregivers gained some valuable insights into how NCEA works.
- HuttFest was a huge success again this year. What an awesome celebration of students and culture. Our Polynesian Club had over 60 students performing on stage and this was a credit to the student leaders who taught, trained, encouraged, and motivated their fellow students to achieve such a high level of performance. Te Whānau Tahī Kapa Haka was incredible. Their brackets were excellent, our young wahine fierce and our tamaiti strong. A special mention goes to our teachers, Tiria Tiria and Whaea Verna Kohunui, who put in so many hours with our students to provide them with an awesome opportunity to celebrate their culture.
- I had the privilege of hearing our Te Whānau Tahī choir perform at the big sing competition in the Michael Fowler Centre. They were awesome and were a real credit to our kura. A special thanks to Victoria Ferguson, who spent so many hours with our students to again provide this opportunity.

I would like to finish off this newsletter by discussing the students' response to our locking of the bathrooms a couple of weeks ago. I have been very pleased with the students' response. We have seen a significant improvement in attitude and respect towards our facilities. Therefore, at the start of the term, we will go back to the bathrooms being unlocked throughout the day. We will still be insisting on students only being out of class for valid reasons, as the priority should always be on students in class getting on with their schoolwork. I will be thanking our students for their efforts and encouraging them to keep up this level of respect in our end-of-term assembly.

Finally, after more than one year of Mahi, our administration refurbishment is almost completed. We have a blessing ceremony on Saturday, 7 July, so when students return in term three, we will be back in our new buildings. As a whānau, when you come to visit, we will be back in the main building. I want to thank the students, staff and community for your patience during this time as we undertook this important work.

CHRIS TAYLOR
PRINCIPAL

LOST PROPERTY

Please report and claim lost property at the school office.



SAVE THE DATES!

Friday 5 July:
Monday 22 July:
Wednesday 7 August:
Thursday 22 August:
Monday 9 September:
Wednesday 18 September:
Wednesday 25 September:

- End of Term 2
- Term 3 starts
- Course Selection and Careers
- Opening Evening
- CAA exams
- Māori Success Evening
- Pasifika Success Evening



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

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Account number 02-0540-0044653-00

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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

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