



27 SEPTEMBER 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

In this newsletter I want to celebrate some of the amazing things that have occurred in the second half of this term.

One of the real strengths of Naenae College is our diversity. We have over 60 different nationalities in the student body and our Te Whānau Tahī values seek to find common ground for everyone, no matter their culture, so that all are welcome and can learn.

Culture counts here at our Kura, and we have had some amazing examples:

- Māori success evening was based on the Mātariki stars with each award category a reflection of the value or virtue associated with that star. The musical items, kapa haka, Wairoa and celebration of student success was something to behold. Our most recent ethnicity statistics show our Māori students now number over a quarter of the student population. The students and the whānau who attended enjoyed a special evening.
- Pasifika success evening was also a great event. The theme of Tū Toa (a Cook Island Māori term) was “stand strong”. The turn out for this event was great, our Inga really came to celebrate and ‘stand strong’ with their young people. The speakers on the night talked of service and how important it is to give back to God, your community, village and whānau.
- Te Ha Puoro music concert was another great event to celebrate the music culture. We have seen a real growth this year in student performance. The number and quality of student performances has significantly increased.
- The Whānua Haka Competition was a fitting end to Te Wiki o te Reo. The four houses in the college spent weeks learning our college haka and each performed this in front of the judges and other houses on a sunny Friday afternoon. The winners this year were Tokomanawa Whānau. What I was most pleased with was the improvement across the whole school. Last year was the first time we held this competition and there was a definite improvement this year. There were far more students involved this year and overall performances showed more students capable and confident with our haka.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to a couple of key messages that you will receive via email over the coming weeks. Each email will contain important details on the following issues:

- Derived Grade exams and early closures
- Prizegiving and other celebration events
- Disruption around the school with roofing and landscaping work commencing
- Changes to Kai Ako lunch program for 2025
- Changes to the school timetable for 2025.

CHRIS TAYLOR
PRINCIPAL



SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday 29 September:

Monday 4 October:

Tuesday 15 October:

Wednesday 16 - 23 October:

Wednesday 23 October:

Tuesday 29 October:

Wednesday 30 October:

Daylight Saving starts

Term 4 starts

Non Uniform Day - Cultural Attire

Derived Grade exams and early closures

Sports Awards

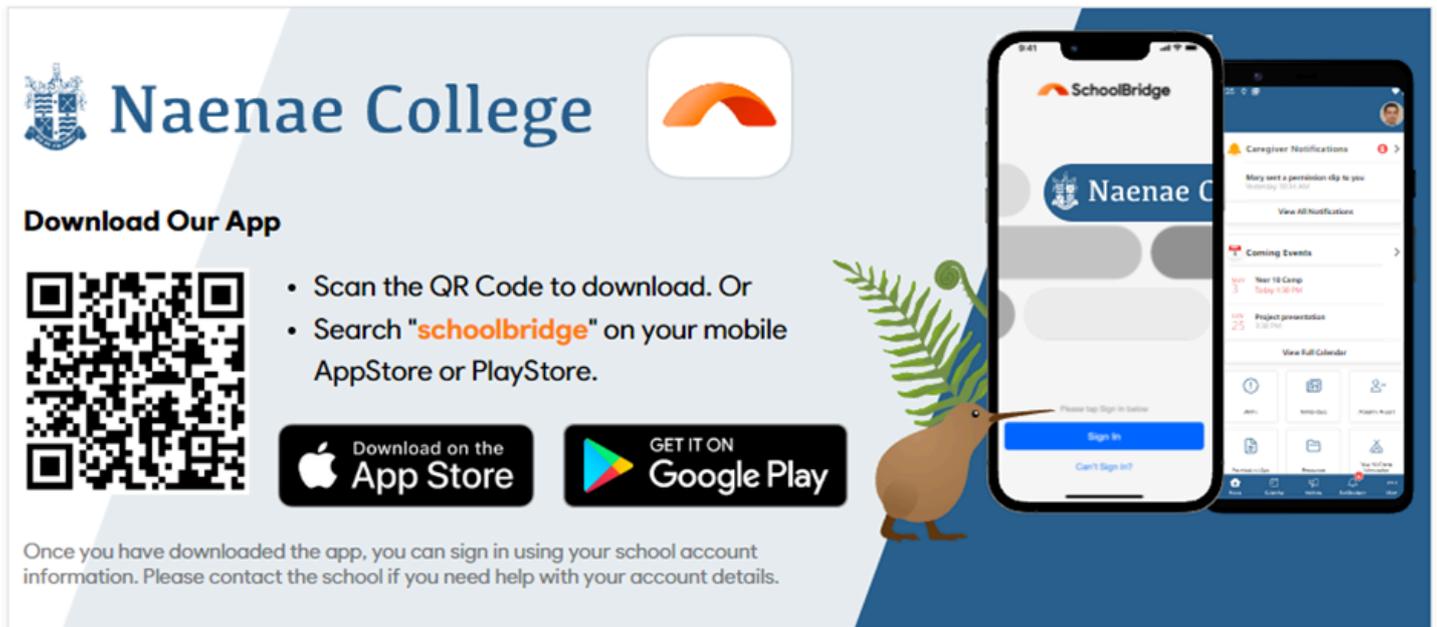
Services Academy March Out

Senior Prizegiving



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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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