

4 NOVEMBER 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

This newsletter marks the end of our senior students' classes for the year. They are on study leave to prepare for their very important NCEA exams. We are running tutorials, exam revision sessions and in some cases some re-assessment opportunities. All the details for this can be found on our website. We wish our students well for these important exams. Often students don't now how to get started for their studies. We advise that they start by planning out their week, write it down and display this somewhere so that it shows you are committed to the mahi required. Make sure to add in lots of breaks, walking and getting fresh air as this sets the brain up for healthier study habits.

Over the last few weeks, we have had some amazing events in the kura to celebrate our students. There was a sports awards, service academy end of year celebration, merit assemblies and of course the big one, senior prizegiving. Perhaps the one thing that shone through with all these events is how amazing our students are. We have some great students here and the community should be proud of all our young people. When I reflect back on my first year here as Principal I can see a huge increase in two key areas. The first one is the increase in student participation in both extra-curricular and in classroom efforts. The second is in the increase in positive student engagement as a cultural norm. I am pleased to see such growth in our students and hope that this trend continues as we look for continuous improvement over the coming years.

In my letter to the community at the start of the term I mentioned the landscaping and re-roofing projects that were starting. These have been moving along at pace and while I appreciate the disruption this has caused; I look forward to the positive impacts this will have once that work is completed.

On the issue of school lunches I can confirm that we have been allocated a new provider with a contract for 2025 and 2026. This is a positive move as we will have free lunches for our students. However, this issue is far from resolved as there are now question marks about the quality and quantity of the meals that will be provided at \$3 per head. I am not confident that with this amount we will get the correct nutritional requirements our students need. There are also questions being raised about the delivery and pick up process for these meals. It looks like to cut the cost of this program the government is forcing the schools to manage the logistics of this at their own cost. I am currently asking some questions of the government and hope to have some more answers soon.

Finally, we have had exciting news about the re-opening of the Naenae Pool. The official date is 4 December and we have been invited to be a part of the opening and blessing. I will provide more details when I have more information.

CHRIS TAYLOR
PRINCIPAL



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SAVE THE DATES!

- Friday 15 November: Teacher Only Day
- Wednesday 27 November: Senior Graduation
- Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 December: Junior EOTC
- Thursday 12 December: Junior Prize Giving and last day of Term 4 2024
- Monday 16 December 2024: Te Ara-taki (school office) closed.



Reminders from Accounts:

All fees are due for payment.

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 fees if required. Please see our accounts 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**