



14 FEBRUARY 2025

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 the start of the 2025 school year. This is our first monthly newsletter of 2025 and there is much to celebrate. Firstly, I want to take the opportunity to welcome all our new whānau to the kura. The reference to the waka in our whakatauākī is symbolic of our journey together. The destination is to educate our tamariki and to help them become the best they can be so they can have a positive impact upon this world. As with every journey there is the potential for things to go wrong. But with open communication and a willingness to work together we can see the waka rise above any choppy and turbulent times that may come our way. If you have any concerns or need help with navigating any issues, then please don't hesitate to reach out to our very capable staff. On a personal note, as the tumuaki of this kura I am always willing to receive feedback, suggestions or receive visits from our community, so don't hesitate to reach out by contacting either the front office or my personal assistant.

Some things to note

There has been a change in the provision of Google apps, with students under the age of 18 requiring parental permission to use those applications. There is a quick permission form on SchoolBridge that we require all parents to submit.

We have an academic assembly on Wednesday 19 February at 11:45 which whānau are welcome to attend. We will be officially acknowledging our NCEA Merit and Excellence certificate endorsements, as well as awarding leadership badges.

Some things to celebrate

Check out and enjoy our new atea out the front of the school.

Academic results from last year are very encouraging. Our NCEA Level 3 pass rates were equal to the national average and our University Entrance results were higher than similar EQI band schools in the country.

Our students at NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 gained higher Excellence and Merit certificate endorsements (rates by percentage) than similar schools around the country in every aspect. In one of our Year 11 math classes all 27 students gained more than 15 credits and all passed the external exam they sat at the end of the year. This was achieved through the extra work of those students and the teachers at homework club after school. Success comes from hard work!



Our attendance statistics have improved with those attending more than 90% of the time up by 4% from the same time the previous year. Of those students who are at school more than 80% of the time we have an extra 50 students compared to the same time last year. And finally, we have seen a 6% reduction in students attending less than 70% of the time. These statistics are very encouraging and show we are a kura with much to be proud of. I am encouraged by the improvements at the start of the journey on the waka and look forward to seeing a further lift in performance from the Naenae College waka this year.



2024 Year Book

Available now on our website:
www.naenae-college.school.nz/student-life/school-magazine/





**YEAR 9
WHANAU
WELCOME
EVENING**



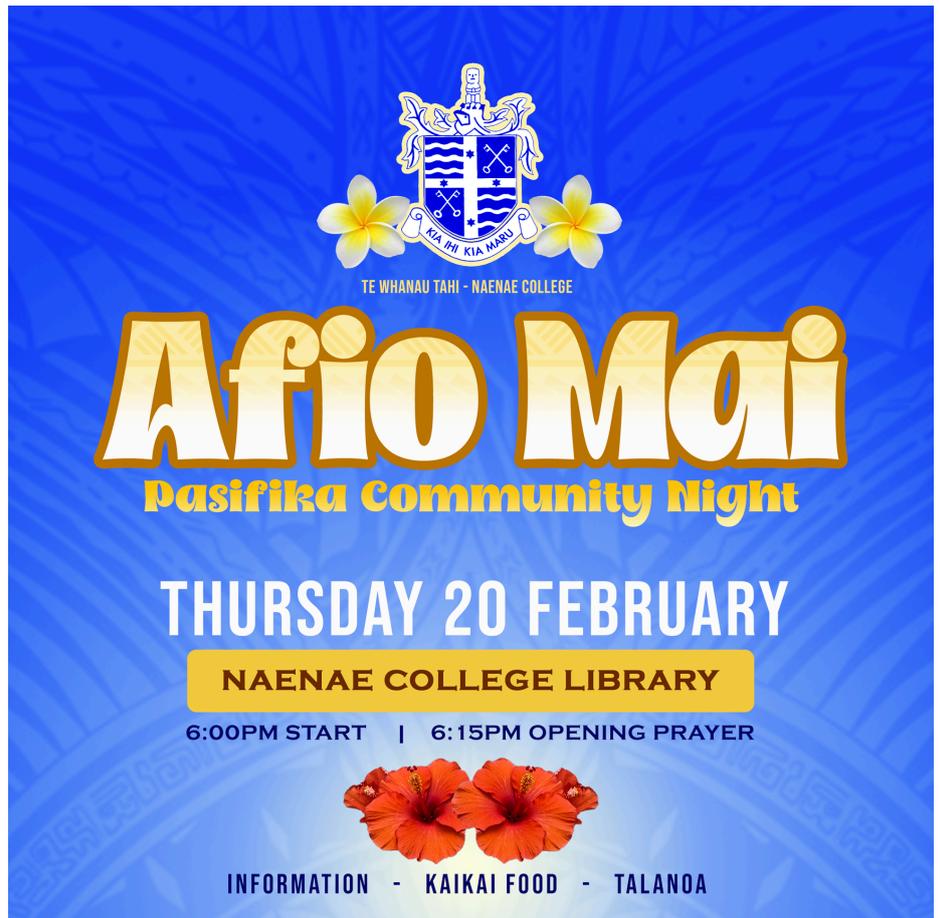
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Next Thursday, 20 February we will be having school photos taken. All new students and Year 9 and 12 students have their ID photos taken. LAR class photos are taken as well, outside our Marae, Te Whānau Tahī. LAR class photos will be available from your LAR teacher at no cost.

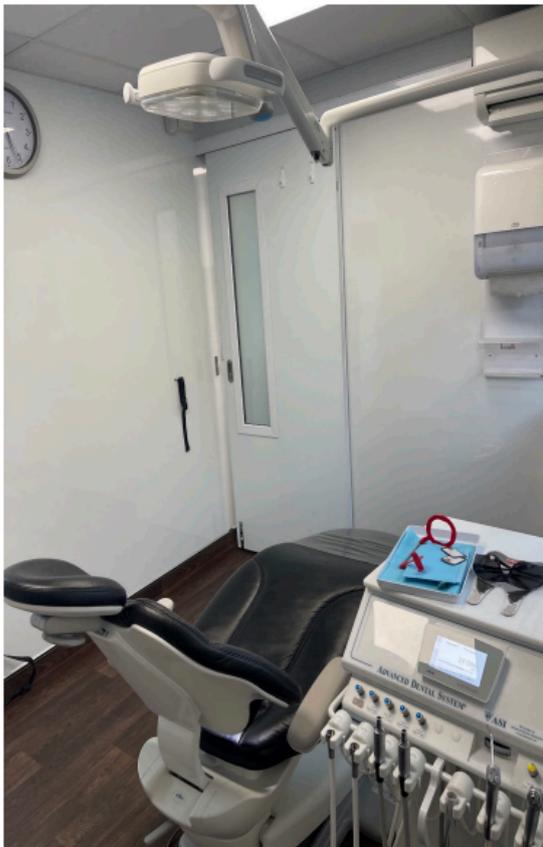
The photo schedule will be shared for your information.

SCOOTERS

If you bring an electric scooter to school it will now need to be locked up at the bike racks. You will need to bring your own lock and take full responsibility for your scooter.



The poster features the Naenae College crest at the top, flanked by two yellow flowers. Below the crest is the text 'TE WHANAU TAHI - NAENAE COLLEGE'. The main title 'Afio Mai' is in large, bold, yellow-outlined white letters, with 'Pasifika Community Night' underneath in a smaller yellow font. The date 'THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY' is in large white letters, followed by 'NAENAE COLLEGE LIBRARY' in a yellow box. Below that, the start and opening prayer times are listed: '6:00PM START | 6:15PM OPENING PRAYER'. At the bottom, there are two red hibiscus flowers and the text 'INFORMATION - KAIKAI FOOD - TALANOA'.



The **Capital Dental Mobile Clinic** annually visits Naenae College in Term 2-3, where we will provide free basic dental care under the **Ministry of Health Service Agreement** for school students below 18 years of age

We provide a comprehensive range of dental treatments and services such as:

- Full dental examination including radiographs (xrays) as required
- Fillings (restorations) in baby & permanent teeth
- Cleaning/scaling - to remove plaque
- Fissure sealants for the prevention of decay
- Extraction of teeth as required
- Oral health education - helpful information for maintaining healthy teeth
- Referrals for specialised treatments, such as dentures/crowns, bite splints for Bruxism (habitual grinding of teeth), root canal and orthodontics.

If you would like your child to be seen by the Capital Dental team, simply click the link below and you will be directed to our website. Please choose **MOBILE** as the preferred practice.

<https://www.dentistwellington.co.nz/form/patient-medical-history>

(Please note that this website is completely secure and your information will remain confidential.)

If you have any questions or concerns on the above feel free to contact us on:
02102974020 /045667008/ mobile@capitaldental.co.nz

Naenae College

Download Our App

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

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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.

SchoolBridge App

Please download the SchoolBridge App to receive the latest news and communications from the College, advise us of absences and book learning conferences.

Uniform

All uniform items are to be purchased from NZ Uniforms, 4 Jackson Street, Petone. See our website for more details: <https://www.naenae-college.school.nz/information/uniform/>

SAVE THE DATES!

- Thursday 20 February: Afio Mai Evening
- Thursday 20 February: LAR class and student ID photo day
- Thursday 27 February: Māori Whānau Hui
- Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 March: Learning Conferences (early closures)
- Friday 4 April: Tabloid Sports Day
- Friday 11 April: Last day of Term 1
- Monday 28 April: Start of Term 2.

From Accounts:

For any school payments required during the year.

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 - 2025

- Term 1 – Monday 27 January to Friday 11 April
- Term 2 – Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June
- Term 3 – Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September
- Term 4 – Monday 6 October to Thursday 11 December

Public holidays 2025

- 6 February – Waitangi Day
- 18 April – Good Friday
- 21 April – Easter Monday
- 25 April – ANZAC Day
- 2 June – King's birthday
- 20 June – Matariki
- 27 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