

# NAENAE COLLEGE

He moana pukepuke e ekengia e te waka

14 MARCH 2025

A choppy sea can be navigated by a waka

Kia ora e te whānau

Sitting here writing this newsletter I am noticing the change in the temperature, the seasonal change to autumn has meant some much-needed cooler days and nights. With this comes a reminder that as the temperature goes down students need to be prepared with the correct school uniform. Students can wear either our hoodie, jersey or blazer. We have a wide range of clothing items and expect all students to wear our uniform with pride. Students look super smart when they wear our uniform well. At our recent Board of Trustees meeting a college vest was approved as part of the uniform. If students can not wear our uniform for any reason, we are happy to issue a temporary uniform pass but only if this comes with an accompanying note from home. We can provide financial assistance with uniform, just reach out to our Guidance Team.

On 18 and 19 March we are holding our Learning Conferences. The school closes early on those days to provide an opportunity for home, student and school to discuss our common shared goals for the year. This is an important meeting, so we can collaborate and ensure students are given every opportunity to be as successful as they can be. We already have similar numbers of bookings as last year and would like to supersede those results so encourage you to get on SchoolBridge and book. Congratulations to 118 parents of year nine students who have already booked as the highest percentage group in the kura.

Attendance at school is still a major factor in success academically. Generally, the math is simple. The more you attend the better your chances of success. While we have had some improvement in attendance rates there is still a lot of work to do. Please be conscious that even sickness, family events and overseas trips mean students are not in class. If our student's attendance is 80% that still means they have missed one day of learning a week. That can add up to over 40 days missed a year. Attendance of less than that is very difficult to catch up so I would like to encourage you to reach out to the school so we can see what support we can offer.

#### Some things to note

Ramadan a Muslim religious observation and Lent a Christian observation are currently significant events for many in our community.

We have been advised work on the "Avalon Community Connections" project by the Hutt City Council will commence on 17 March. The map below shows the affected areas down Walters Street. This may cause disruption to parking and traffic during drop off and pick up times of the college day. Please plan accordingly.

There is a message from the Board of Trustees later on in this newsletter.

#### Some things to celebrate!

Our Senior Boys Volleyball team making the final of the Regional Secondary Schools tournament for the first time in over 10 years. Unfortunately, they lost the final but played very well going down to pre-tournament favourites Wellington College who had a number of representative player's in their roster. Congratulations to Aila Meavale and Fiamalo Faitamai who were selected in the tournament team.

Over 180 students have recently signed up for music lessons ranging from singing, band, guitar, piano, drum, string and wind instruments. Our music and performing arts continue to go from strength to strength.

Every year we participate in a nationwide smoking and vaping survey for Year 10 students. I am pleased to say that 93.6% of our students reported never smoking. Regarding vaping, students saying they have tried this is less than the national average and down on last year's statistics.









REGISTER ON SCHOOLBRIDGE

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#### Naenae College Board of Trustees Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Presiding Member (Chair) Milica Zivanovic, Naenae College Board of Trustees by Friday 11 April 2025 <u>board@naenae-college.school.nz</u>

### ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY Wednesday 19 February 2025

#### NCEA Level 1 Merit- Y11

Siriam Ramaswamy Jamila Aminudeen Liana Fecteau (BOT <u>Stduent</u> Representative) Alisha Tailor <u>Manawaoho</u> Ryall-Fleming Tane Mitchell Mirza Jusuf Bishr Asfari Blessing Tafili Ankit Gounder Sophie Dulver

#### NCEA Level 1 Merit- Y11

Danielle Page Phoebe Causer Kijiana Tuatoko Serena Leuw Naomi Lepine Elim Sam Ling Lisa Dinh Risha Nagaiya Miriam Beggs Lillian Tanielu

#### NCEA Level 1 Excellence- Y11

Jamila Aminudeen Tamarau Nohotima Waiari Nohotima Sriram Ramaswamy

#### NCEA Level 3 Merit (2024)

Jemma Drahohs Caitlin Munn Malia Fecteau Emily Lim Jojo Sunia (Head Student 2024) Finn Bowbyes Alizee Chau Stella Cho <u>Mathew Schroder</u> Iona Abella Jack Brown Christian Compra Kathryn William Simeona Parma

#### NCEA Level 2 Merit- Y12

Kamila Bafigh Jasnoor Kaur Fathima Sadick Sundus Mohamud Anna Sione Kobe Gerraty Ethan Stevenson Tanisha Silan Ryan Fraser Samuel Barnes Lucie Wright Alilia Tusa

#### NCEA Level 3 Excellence (2024)

Joy Neru Skye Holditch Imogen Wilson <u>Cecillia Fetuau</u>-Uputaua Avah Vailini Logan Bracey Anna Dunford <u>Ngakaunui</u> Ryall-Fleming Bindi Parbhu Merita Tuigamala



Naenae College – VIBE PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICE

February 2025

Kia ora,

The Vibe Health Clinic is open for 2025 at Naenae College. Students and whānau can book their own appointments at student services. All services and prescriptions are free.

Clinic times available may be subject to change throughout the year but we will ensure that the school and students are well informed if this is the case.

#### THE SCHOOL BASED HEALTH SERVICES TEAM FOR NAENAE COLLEGE:

- The nurses are available on Monday-Friday (Maya and Holly)
- We have a doctor on Wednesdays, Dr. Emily Cavana

If you would like to book an appointment, you can always call through to student services or email us on <u>SBHS@vibe.org.nz</u>, with the student's name and school in the heading. The team will then book them in or contact you if needed.

#### WELLBEING CHECK IN WITH YEAR 9s

We will be seeing all Year 9 students for a "Wellbeing Check-in". This is an opportunity for students to check out the health clinic and meet the nurses. It is a place where students and their whānau can talk with our nurses about anything that may assist in the early detection of any health concerns or support with transitioning into secondary school.

The Wellbeing Check-ins are optional, and students and their whanau can decline to have these, you can contact us via email: <u>SBHS@vibe.org.nz</u> - include the student's name and which school they attend, and we won't call them through, however you, and the student can still request to be seen at any other time.

The team are available for all sorts of health interventions, this includes injuries, ACC, vision and hearing checks, brief intervention and support, physical assessments, skin infections, support with chronic conditions such as asthma and eczema.

#### SUPPORT DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

Vibe youth health service is open during school holidays and students are more than welcome to be seen by the Primary Health Team at Vibe in Lower Hutt or Upper Hutt. Please call us on 0800242828 to arrange an appointment or to speak to the Primary Health Team nurses.

Nga mihi,

The Vibe Primary Health Team



## SAVE THE DATES!

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 Monday 26 to Friday 30 May: CAA Exams Tuesday 3 June: Teacher Only Day Thursday 12 June: Parent Teacher Interviews

#### 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.naenaecollege.school.nz/information/ uniform/

#### 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