



9 APRIL 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

We've had a fantastic start to the year and Term 1 has been a resounding success! We extend our gratitude to all students, staff, and whānau for their contributions and commitment to making our school a vibrant place of learning.

This term and into the coming weeks, we have had opportunities to celebrate and honour occasions that hold special significance for many in our community.

- Ramadan: We acknowledge the month of Ramadan and extend our best wishes to those who observe this occasion.
- Relay for Life: Our school's participation in Relay for Life is a testament to our community's spirit and commitment to supporting those affected by cancer. This event provides a platform for us to live our school values of Te Whānau Tahi while contributing to a worthy cause. Our combined efforts have seen over \$10,000 raised.
- Easter: We recognise the importance of Easter for Christians and wish everyone a peaceful and reflective time.
- Anzac Day: We will commemorate Anzac Day and pay our respects to those who have served our country.

These events offer us a chance to connect with something greater than ourselves, whether it be faith, service, community, or compassion. They encourage us to reflect on our values and consider how we can contribute positively to the world around us.

Speaking of positive contributions to our kura:

- Congratulations to our Mixed Touch Rugby Team for winning the Wellington Mixed Touch Championships
- Congratulations to Kobe Smith on selection in the NZ Youth 17's Mixed Netball team.

Finally, I would like to mention Kyros Repia a prefect from last year. I had the pleasure of attending and reading out a citation for him at the Victoria University Nga Kupe Pathfinder scholarship award ceremony. This is a \$50,000 scholarship that is in place to assist students in their ambition to study at university. At the event we took a photo of Kyros, along with Katarina Whi (last year's winner) and Shekynaa Lolouta (who after getting her scholarship has since returned to Naenae College as our teacher of Samoan) and the family of the whānau who gave the money for this award. This financial contribution from this whānau is significant as it comes from a foundation that was formed by an ex-student who attended the college in the 1930's and 1940's. Thank you to all those who help our students with opportunities to become the best they can be.

As we move forward into Term 2, let us continue to uphold our school values and strive to create a supportive and inclusive community where everyone feels valued and respected.

Chris Taylor, Principal

Save The Dates!

- Friday 11 April 3:05pm Term 1 ends
- Monday 28 April Term 2 starts
- Thursday 1 May start of May Music Month
- Thursday 29 May CAA exams, early closure 12:30pm for the exams that happen in the afternoon
- Friday 30 May CAA exams all day, students not involved will be working from home
- Monday 2 June King's Birthday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 3 June Teacher Only Day
- Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 June Big Sing
- Thursday 12 and Tuesday 17 June Parent Teacher Interviews with subject teachers
- Thursday 19 June Multicultural Day
- Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 June Hutt Fest
- Friday 27 June Term 2 ends.



Prefects vs Staff Futsal



**CSW Naenae
Mixed Touch
Champions!**

**Tabloid Sports
Day winning
whānau
KORURU!**







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- A. Eftpos/Cash - can be paid directly at Reception
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- Account number 02-0540-0044653-00
- Please remember to put your child's name in the reference.

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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

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