



13 JUNE 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

Wow! What a busy term we have had. It's only been seven weeks but we have squashed so much into that time. Winter is well and truly here with dark mornings and evenings and plenty of wet cold days. As I sit here writing this, I am in between parent interviews and I'm so heartened by the whānau engagement in their rangatahi learning.

Engagement in the learning of our young people is crucial to their success. While as teenagers they may tell us that they have this 'life and learning thing' under control, experience tells us that they still want us around and near, even if they won't admit to it. As a parent of a teenager myself, I have struggled to find areas that I can engage in the learning of my daughter so that I am around and near.

One response to this is our community hui on Thursday 19 July at 6:30pm in our college hall. We are looking to the future and have several ways that you can get involved. Even if your involvement is only to sit, listen and feedback to us what you think we are doing well and what we can do better. In this evening, we are going to cover:

- Enrolment scheme/zone
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) to school
- Health and Sexuality Curriculum
- Board of Trustees elections
- Strategic Plan for 2026-28
- Ta'imalie programme.

All those topics provide opportunities for you to give us feedback and inform the future travel of the 'waka'. You can be involved in various aspects or just tell us your thoughts. We all care about providing quality learning opportunities for our rangatahi. However, while we have some ideas on how to do this, we need you help and your voice. While teachers understand teaching and curriculum, you as their parents provide the greatest advice on what each and all students need. You are the expert on your son or daughter and we need your help and your ideas.

This term we have had some student success that I would like to highlight:

- Kijiana Tuatoko (2025 Ministry of Pacific Peoples Toloa Scholarship winner) was interviewed for the Education Gazette on the topic of STEM: Through an environmental lens. This is the Ministry of Education flagship magazine and reaches across the country. This is a massive honor for Kijiana, her inga and community. Congratulations Kijiana we are so proud of you!
- Texas Thompson was awarded a scholarship to attend Outward Bound.

- Our senior students from the 2022 Pacific Studies class, under the guidance of Tiria Tiria, wrote poetry for a book; Pasifika Navigators. This book was released in 2023 and recently won an award for multiculturalism from the Australia and New Zealand Library Association. Great work Mr T and the students.
- Our choir Te Whānau Tahi performed at the 'Big Sing', an event for all the secondary schools in the greater Wellington area. They were excellent and a highlight of their performance was their acknowledgement of Samoan Language week. They and their families should be very proud, I know I was.

I am really looking forward to sharing with you at our community hui and hearing from you, how we can shape the kura collectively so the waka has a firm direction of travel.

Chris Taylor, Principal

Save The Dates!

- Tuesday 17 June Parent Teacher Interviews with subject teachers. Early closure, 12:30pm
- Thursday 19 June Multicultural Day
- Thursday 19 June Community Hui 6:30pm
- Friday 20 June Matariki Public Holiday
- Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 June Hutt Fest
- Friday 27 June Term 2 ends
- Monday 14 July Start of Term 3
- Friday 8 August Teacher Only Day
- Thursday 21 August Open Evening



Big Sing 2025



Pasifika Navigators: Pasifika Student Poetry Collection, won a Children's Book Award for Multiculturalism from the Australian School Library Association and the Diversity in Australia and Aotearoa Awards (ASLA DANZ) in Melbourne!
Naenae College (Senior Pacific Studies Senior Class 2022)



Working together so we can turn good into great!

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING WITH YOU AND HEARING
YOUR THOUGHTS ON SOME OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- Enrolment Scheme/Zone
- Board of Trustee Elections
- Bring your own Device (BYOD) 2026
- Strategic Plan 2026-2028
- Ta'imalie Programme.

THURS 19 JUNE
NAENAE COLLEGE HALL | 6:30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT OUR SCHOOL OFFICE

School Board Elections

The school triennial election will take place in Term 3. Our election day is 8 September. Nominations will close on 4 August. Nominations and voting all takes place online. Watch out for emails from the returning officer (returningofficer@myschoolelection.nz) to check that your contact details are correct.

The board has contracted a provider, Bernardine Vester of My School Election, to be our Returning Officer. Your name, email, mobile phone and address details are needed for the electoral roll. If you do not wish your contact details to be shared with the Returning Officer, please contact the school office.



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.

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 Board of Trustees
- 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 Monday 8 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**