



15 August 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

This is our first newsletter for term three and there is a lot to talk about. The term started with the tragic passing of student Katie Iti, as well as ex-teacher Andrea Hay losing a battle with cancer. When such a tragic event happens, often there is a lot of time for reflection. Unfortunately, grief of losing loved ones is a part of our lives from time to time. If anything positive can come out of this it is that:

- We should live life to the full (as Katie and Andrea did) as we never know what is coming around the corner
- Our community is awesome. The love and support that wrapped up those affected by this was incredible. To everyone who prayed, supported, offered help in any small way THANK YOU
- Finally, to those family and friends who are still grieving, we send our support and love. Never hesitate to reach out to others for support, in this community you will always find the help you need.

Public notice of enrolment scheme

To avoid overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding, the Naenae College Board of Trustees has implemented an enrolment scheme that has been developed by the Secretary for Education.

Under this scheme, students will be enrolled if they live within the home zone.

The enrolment of out-of-zone students is governed by the provisions of the Education and Training Act 2020.

The enrolment scheme, which includes a precise description of the home zone, may be viewed at the school office (or on our college website).

THIS WILL NOT AFFECT ANY STUDENT CURRENTLY ENROLLED
ONLY IF THE COLLEGE ROLL REACHES 895 WILL THIS SCHEME BE APPLIED

Reminders

1. Community consultation for our strategic plan closes today so PLEASE take the time to tell us what we are doing well and what we should do to be better. At the time of writing this we had only 34 parents who have filled this out. Your voice is important!
2. The nominations for the Board of Trustees closed yesterday and I am pleased to say we have more nominations than vacancies so we will be holding an election. When it comes time for voting PLEASE make sure you have your say as your voice is important!

Recent highlights

- Naenae College 1st XV rugby team returned the Avalon cup to its rightful place with a win over Tatia College
- Congratulations to our junior 'Blue' and 'Navy' basketball teams for winning their respective divisions
- Thank you to the over 300 parents and students who turned up for our Careers Expo & Course Selection evening
- Great improvements for our literacy and numeracy results from the Common Assessments, with:
 - 22% more students passing Reading assessment than last year
 - 20% more students passing Writing assessments than last year
 - Almost 10% more students passing Numeracy than last year.

Chris Taylor, Principal



Strike Action Wednesday 20 August 2025

We have been notified by PPTA Te Wehengarua (Post Primary Teachers' Association) that all members covered by the collective agreement will take strike action on Wednesday, 20 August.

After carefully considering the availability of non-union teaching staff, the School Board has decided that we cannot provide normal instruction during the day of the strike. As a result, the school will be **officially closed for instruction next Wednesday, 20 August.**

The PPTA are also planning **partial strikes between Monday, 15 September – Thursday, 18 September.** More information to follow in due course.

If making alternative care arrangements is difficult for parents and caregivers of students under 14 years old, please contact the School Office at admin@naenae-college.school.nz for more information.

We understand that this is inconvenient for both parents and students. Thank you for your understanding.

Save The Dates!

Monday 18 August: Senior Course Selection opens (current Years 10-12 students)

Wednesday 20 August: PPTA Strike Action - school closed for instruction

Thursday 21 August: Open Evening 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday 22 August: Tertiary Open Days, Year 13 students

Friday 29 August: Senior Course Selection closes

Wednesday 3 September: Ringa Toi Arts & Foods Evening

Wednesday 3, 4, & 5 September: CAAs

Wednesday 10 September: Pasifika Success Evening

Friday 12 September: Non-uniform day - community canned food drive

Monday 15 - Thursday 18 September: PPTA partial strikes - rostering home

Wednesday 17 September: Māori Success Evening

Friday 19 September: End of Term 3

Saturday 20 September: School Formal



Congratulations to Regan Khaw who has successfully auditioned and been selected as second Tenor Sax for the Wellington All-Stars Youth Big Band! A prestigious group of the region's best young jazz musicians, Regan will proudly represent our school. The first concert is on 30 August, with three more performances to follow. Well done, Regan!



Naenae College

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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**