



16 MAY 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 term is a very busy one. Winter sports have started and to date we have many students engaged. I want to thank all the parents (taxi/uber service), coaches, managers and volunteers who make it possible for our tamaiti to participate. The music department and senior students kicked off May Music Month with lunchtime concerts and we are blessed to have some quality performances from our students. Kapa Haka is up and running with over 60 students involved. This year we asked students from Hutt Valley High School, Taita College, St Orans and Sacred Heart if they would like to join and make a combined team for Hutt Feast. It is wonderful to see students from all over the Valley coming together to celebrate and take part in a valuable part of their cultural tradition. Our Polynesian club is also up and running to prepare for Hutt Feast. We have over 60 students practicing twice a week. It is inspiring to see the dedication that students are putting into learning dances that reflect their cultural identity. It is Terms like this when our students show we have a rich and vibrant cultural identity and I am proud of our tamaiti.

I would like to acknowledge the passing of Sir Bob Jones (November 1939 to May 2025), a former student of the college. Bob was a businessman, politician and author. Those who met him said that with Sir Bob you took the good with the bad. Extremely generous, he was also outspoken, eccentric and sometimes rude. Jones and his family grew up in state housing in Lower Hutt and he was only one of six students in his year group at Naenae College. After a rocky start to his school years, he found a teacher 'Guy Bliss' who helped influence him to become a high achieving student with an avid love for boxing. Sir Bob Jones credits Guy Bliss with providing him with two very important life lessons – 'always ask questions' and 'everything is interesting'. This caused Sir Bob to devote many hours a day to reading throughout his life. We wish his whanau all the best and hope that he finds eternal peace.

Some important information that I would like to draw to your attention to, a couple of up-and-coming events. It is crucial to ensure that we have your correct contact details, especially your email address and cell phone number, if you have these.

- Enrolment Zone Scheme: We have been advised by the Ministry of Education (MOE) that an enrolment scheme (zone) is to be applied to the college. We have seen significant roll growth over the last few years (from 705 students in 2021 up to our current 831). There are plenty of new building developments in the area and we have become a school of choice in the Hutt Valley. All of this suggests we will soon be at capacity in our classrooms. The MOE will only consider funding extra classrooms for a school with a zone.

"An Enrolment Scheme is a means of preventing overcrowding at a school, ensuring fair and transparent processes are used to determine enrolment eligibility, and enables the Ministry of Education to make best use of the current schools in the surrounding area. Each enrolment scheme for a State school must contain a home zone with clearly defined boundaries. An enrolment scheme gives students who live in the home zone a guarantee that they can go to that school." MOE

There are many questions still to be answered such as the size of our zone and what the geographic zone will look like. The MOE will soon be reaching out to the community to consult over what this will look like. One of the reasons for your up to date contact details is so that you can receive any relevant news and provide feedback. I want to assure you that this will NOT affect anyone currently enrolled at the college. The target timeline for the zone is for new enrolments from 2026. Also, it is worth noting that ONLY if/when we reach the target student roll will this scheme likely become a factor.

- Board of Trustees (BOT) Election: This year in September the next BOT elections will be carried out. The details about the process will come out closer to the event. The information and voting process are carried out electronically. This is another reason for your contact details to be up to date with the college. Voting will be carried out via email with a cell phone number required for verification so, we will need both details to be correct. There will be a backup paper-based process for those who do not wish or who are unable to provide these details.

Finally, this is a great Term for whānau to engage in mahi at the college. We have Pasifika and Māori community events, Parent Teacher Interviews, Hutt Fest and our own Multicultural Day as well as multiple sports teams, our college drama production, and the choir at 'Big Sing'. I will be out and about at many of those events and look forward to catching up with you.

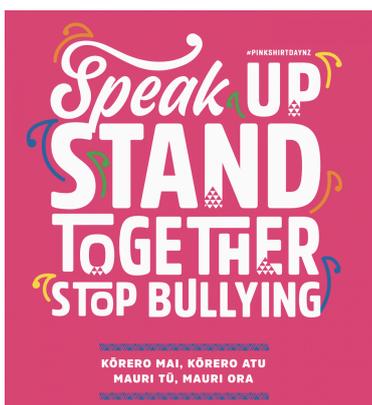
Chris Taylor, Principal



Save The Dates!

- Wednesday 28 May bookings open for Parent Teacher Interviews in June (more info out next week)
- 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 in the CAA exams will be working from home. Standard lunches available on Friday
- Monday 2 June King's Birthday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 3 June Teacher Only Day
- Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 June Big Sing
- Thursday 5 June Māori Whānau NCEA Evening 6pm
- Thursday 12 and Tuesday 17 June Parent Teacher Interviews with subject teachers. Early closure, 12:30pm both days
- Thursday 19 June Multicultural Day
- Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 June Hutt Fest
- Friday 27 June Term 2 ends.

Pink Shirt Day
16 May 2025

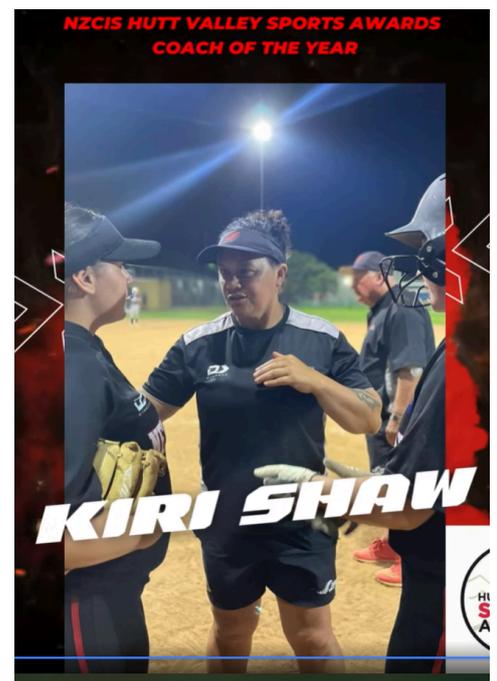


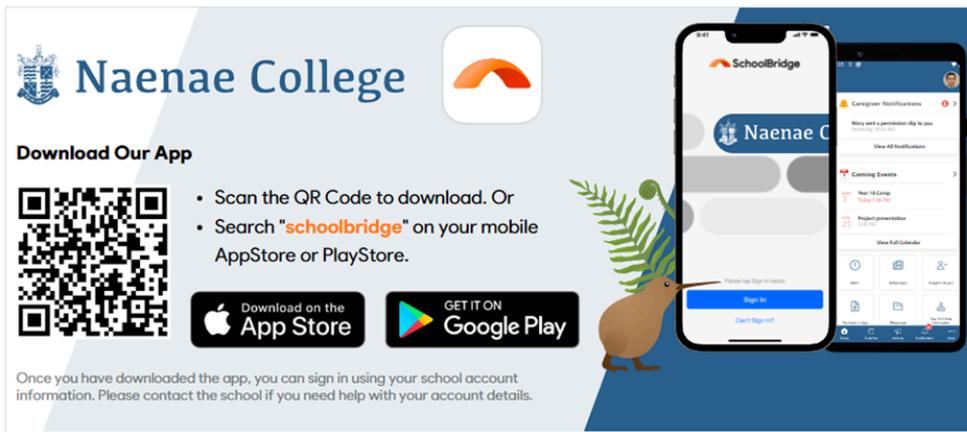
RED WEEK Monday 19 to Friday 23 May 2025

At Naenae College we have recognised that sometimes we need to remove all disruptions and focus on our learning in class. Red week is a concept that we use to focus on our learning and usually happens prior to assessments or at key moments in a year. Each Term we have at least one red week. In a red week we do not allow trips, events or extra curricular activities that mean students miss valuable class time. Our next red week is Monday 19 to Friday 23 May. This week was chosen because the following week are our very important Literacy and Numeracy exams, and teachers need all the class time they can get to help prepare for these. Unfortunately, on Wednesday the Girls Rugby and Football teams were due to play away. College Sport schedule these games for a 4pm start. Normally we allow students to leave class early to travel for these games. However, this week we need students to be in class. Therefore, students will not be released. This may seem unfair but we are committed to the important mahi of teaching and learning as our first priority. I trust that you will understand this decision and support our students to understand that sometimes we have to prioritise that which is important.



Congratulations to our very own Kiri Shaw. Hutt Valley Sports Awards Coach of the Year!





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Uniform

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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.

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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

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