



1 May 2026

# NAENAE COLLEGE

He moana  
pukepuke e  
ekengia e te waka

A choppy sea can be  
navigated by a waka

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome to our first newsletter for this Term. I hope that all students had a good break and have returned ready to learn and embrace all the opportunities that will be on offer. In the Principal's Assembly to the school, we spoke about our key value for this term, Rangatiratanga. At its heart, this value is about leadership on self. It's a reminder that we need to look to do the right things first before looking at others. It was a reminder that success is many little steps of 'rangatiratanga – doing the right things', such as turning up to class, on time and ready to learn.

One of the key aspects of Term 2 every year is the celebration of our various cultures. We celebrate music month, language weeks, Kapa Haka and Polynesian Club performances at HuttFest and our own Multicultural Day. These all provide valuable opportunities for students to celebrate their own culture and to learn about other cultures. This is also a reminder that Rangatiratanga is also about taking up the opportunities that are offered to learn. As well as the responsibility to manage all the extra time commitments with classwork, wider sports, Church, and other family responsibilities.

We have had some student success that I would like to highlight:

- Kobe Smith has been chosen in the New Zealand U19 mixed indoor netball team
- Our senior mixed touch rugby team for being back-to-back Wellington champs in CSW regular competition and regional championships
- Kelly Mapendere for qualifying for the national athletics championships
- We had seven teams enter the 3V3 basketball tournament which was the highest student participation rate of any school
- Faatiti Meavale, Sanny Metuli Tuluauau, Jet Vailini, Isaac Tua and Julius Sione for being chosen to attend the Wellington Rugby high performance camp for co-education colleges.

## Save these dates!

- Friday 1 May: May Music Month starts
- Monday 4 May: NZ Sign Language Week starts
- Thursday 7 May: Pasifika NCEA Evening
- Sunday 10 May: Rotuman Language Week starts
- Thursday 14 May: Whānau NCEA Evening
- Thursday 21 and Friday 22 May: CAA exams
- Monday 25 May: Non-uniform day for Relay for Life
- Sunday 31 May: Samoa Language Week starts
- Monday 1 June: King's Birthday, School Closed
- Tuesday 2 June: Teacher Only Day
- Thursday 11 and Tuesday 16 June: Parent Teacher Interviews

**Chris Taylor, Principal**





Our students represented Naenae College at the ANZAC Memorial Service.

It is so great to have the small gym back in action! Thank you to our contractors for their hard work - it is great to see it back to a space where our students can run around and grow in their physical education.



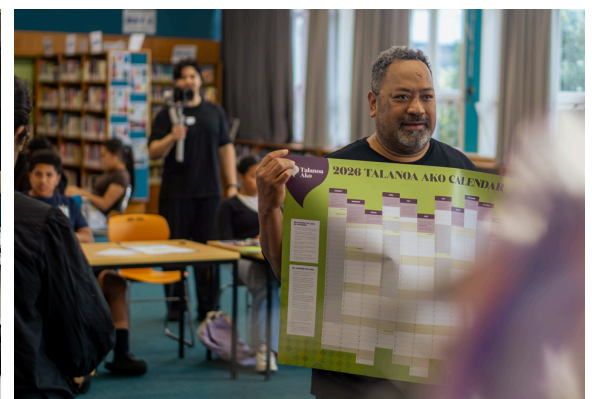
## Talanoa Ako Learner Support Programme

Last term, our Talanoa Ako Learner Support Programme (LSP) provided a valuable opportunity for senior students to reset, refocus, and strengthen their learning. The full-day sessions supported Year 10 –13 students, with a strong presence of learners from our Pasifika and Māori communities, offering targeted support for NCEA preparation. This included Literacy and Numeracy CAA workshops, credit tracking, study skills, and academic tutoring.

Students also explored future pathways through career guidance and wellbeing support, helping them build confidence, develop positive study habits, and take ownership of their learning. It was encouraging to see such strong engagement and commitment from our students throughout the programme.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the staff who contributed their time, energy, and care to make this programme a success. Their support played a vital role in creating a positive and empowering learning environment for our rangatahi.

We look forward to continuing this support in the future as we work alongside our students and whānau to achieve success together.



Want to learn more about NCEA, University Entrance, STEM, and Careers and Pathways? We are hosting an NCEA ma le Pasifika Workshop next Wednesday 6 May for our Pasifika parents, families, and community. We hope to see you there!

Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia orana, Ni sa bula vinaka, Talofa ni, No'oa, Halo ola geta and Warm Pacific greetings!



Mano Tohu Mātāuranga o Aotearoa  
New Zealand Qualifications Authority

## NCEA ma le PASIFIKA Workshop

**WHAT?**  
LEARN ABOUT NCEA & CHANGES, UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE, STEM, CAREER & PATHWAYS

**WHEN?**  
Wednesday 6 May 2026  
6:00pm-7:30pm

**WHERE?**  
Naenae College  
910 High Street, Avalon  
Lower Hutt


**WHO?**  
ALL PASIFIKA PARENTS, FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES FREE OF CHARGE



SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO



For enquiries and more information please contact us by  
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We said farewell to Brenda Morrison at the end of Term 1 and thanked her for her 15+ years of service to Naenae College and our community. Best wishes in your retirement Brenda!



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## Term dates - 2026

Term 1 – Monday 2 February to Friday 2 April

Term 2 – Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3 – Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4 – Monday 12 October to Monday 14 December

### Public holidays 2026

6 February – Waitangi Day

3 April – Good Friday

6 April – Easter Monday

25 April – ANZAC Day (observed Monday 27 April)

1 June – King's birthday

10 July – Matariki

26 October – Labour Day

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SchoolBridge App (absences) or  
call Student Services on  
04 5677175 or 0800 662 655**