

6 DECEMBER 2024

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 year 2024 has been. As we draw to a close on the school year, I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your efforts this year. I am a firm believer in home, school and student being a partnership, when all parties are working for each other we will all be successful. In my first full year as the seventh Principal of Naenae College I have been grateful for our community and the support they have shown the college.

As the whakatauki refers, I believe we have stabilised the NNC waka and have turned it in the right direction. Over the coming years we are going to need to focus on all working together to improve the performance of the college so that it can rise out of the water to fly across the waters. The primary areas of performance we need to focus on are attendance in class, improving teaching and learning in the classroom and on personal growth as citizens of Aotearoa who respect year other. These challenges are not new ones, they have always existed within education. I believe that within this community we have the solutions and answers to these challenges. I am looking forward to collaborating with you over the coming years to drive the waka so that it can fly over the water.

I want to share with you, some changes for 2025. You may or may not be aware of these:

- The landscaping work at the front of the college is on target for completion in time for the Year 9 Pōwhiri. We are excited about the positive impact this area will make to the front entrance of the college.
- The school is long overdue for some new roofs as many of the old one's leak. This work has already started and by the time we return next year the gym will have a brand-new roof and the technology block will be well underway. We do not have a fixed date for the main buildings, but the Ministry of Education is confident these will be under way by the middle of 2025.
- Our timetable is changing from 90-minute periods down to 60-minutes. This change is to allow us to increase Literacy and Numeracy teaching time as we see this as a priority for our students.
- The Thursday late start is being removed so every school day the start time will be 8:45 am. We believe this consistency will help with management of attendance and will bring more timetable contact time back into the curriculum area. Staff will still have professional learning and development, but this will happen after school.

- I am pleased to communicate that school lunches will go ahead next year. There are still lots of questions about the quality, quantity, delivery and systems required to support this. However, we are committed to giving this new supplier a fair chance as we believe having food available for our students is better than the alternative. We will keep you informed if things change.
- The Special Needs Unit is changing management. We will no longer be the managing school. Kimi Ora School is a specialist school with more resources, more funding, and a wider understanding of our students' individual needs. It was not an easy decision to make. However, we believe that our students will be better served by this change. The students in the unit will still occupy the building, most of the staff are returning, and they will still be a part of our community with access to our classes and events.

Finally, have a great Christmas and New Year. We will all celebrate in different ways in different locations. However, the constants we all share are spending time with family and friends. It is a chance to reflect on what has been and look forward to the coming year. I hope you are safe and enjoy some much needed relaxation time.

Reminder: Secondary Schools Annual Holiday Closedown.

In alignment with the Holidays Act 2003 we are required to remind the community the school will be closed from Wednesday 18 December to Monday 20 January 2025 (inclusive) as teachers take their annual leave. Teachers will not be onsite, checking email messages or working in any capacity. This includes the Principal and Senior Leadership Team. There will be administrative staff on site from 13 January if you have any queries, just be aware that if these queries require teaching staff input, they will only be able to forward these on to teachers in the following week.

CHRIS TAYLOR
PRINCIPAL

2025 DATES!

Monday 13 January - School office open.

Monday 27 January - Years 11, 12 and 13 Course Confirmation

Students to assemble in the library at their allocated time

9:00am Year 13

10:00am Year 12 students with surnames A - L

12:00pm Year 12 students with surnames M - Z

1:00pm Mentors and Prefects pōwhiri practice

2:00pm Year 11.

Tuesday 28 January - Year 9 only (Pōwhiri)

8:30am Prefects and Mentors meet in Wharenui

8:45am Year 9 students and their families to assemble at the main gate

9:00am Pōwhiri commences

10:15am Year 9 to Hall for start of year procedures

3:05pm End of day.

Wednesday 29 January - All students at school

8:45am Year 9 to LAR class, Years 10-13 to school hall

12:20pm Years 10-13 released for the day (except for Mentors and Prefects involved in Year 9 activities)

3:05pm Year 9s released for the day.

Thursday 30 January - Normal timetable classes begin for all students and school lunches begin.



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Uniform

All uniform items are to be purchased from NZ Uniforms, 92 High St, Lower Hutt. See our website for more details:
<https://www.naenae-college.school.nz/information/uniform/>

2025 Stationery List

Stationery lists for 2025 are on our website for you to access <https://www.naenae-college.school.nz/information/stationery/>

Students are required to have blue and black pens, pencil, ruler, eraser. Stationery can be purchased online from www.myschool.co.nz



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All outstanding fees are due for payment.

Payment options:

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.

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 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