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TE KARERE

A Newsletter from Aotea College

Important Dates: **Term 1 2022**

February

7th ~ Waitangi Day Holiday
8th ~ Full timetable resumes
15th ~ Y13PEO Whitireia Park activities
16th ~ Class Photos
17th ~ Y13 PEO Whitireia Park activities
18th ~ 2BIO trip to Zealandia
22nd ~ To be confirmed ~ Meet the Hui Ako teacher
25th ~ Sports Day
28th ~ 11PEO Porirua Local Outdoor exploring
Board meeting 6pm

March

1st ~ 11PEO Porirua Local Outdoor exploring
2nd ~ 11PEO Porirua Local Outdoor exploring
4th ~ To be confirmed ~ Goal Setting Day
7th & 8th ~ Y12PEO Battle Hill Camp
10th & 11th ~ Y12PEO Battle Hill Camp
11th ~ CSW Senior Volleyball Tournament
17th & 18th ~ Y13PPEO Kaitoke Leadership Camp
18th ~ PSY301 Sleep over
22nd ~ Blood Drive
24th ~ Whanau Performance Evening
28th ~ Summer Sport Tournament Week
Board meeting 6pm

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Naumai Haere mai,

Welcome back to Aotea College 2022.

Today a scaled down, carefully managed powhiri saw 273 new year 9 students welcomed to the school, in smaller groups.

The roll is looking healthy at all year levels with the school the largest it has been at nearly 1200.

A huge thank you to the team of people who have made things go as smoothly as they have so far with course confirmation completed and timetables up and running. Thank you also to parent and student who are newcomers for your part.

Another huge thank you must go to our student leaders.

“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi Engari, he toa takitini”
Success is not the work of one but the work of many

We would like to acknowledge the amazing work at the start of the year of the Kahui Kuratea students. For the last two weeks they have supported, encouraged and taught various haka and waiata to the staff and students here at Aotea College. They have impressed everyone with their leadership, passion and work ethic to connect all current and new staff and students to the kaupapa of Aotea College. We look forward to them continuing to grow as leaders this year and beyond. The students are as follows:

Alycia Capes-Parr, Rylee Herewine, Rosemarie Kokiri Scott, Kauri Leach, Blessing Mataitua-Pātu, Wanita Muldrek, Acacia-Leigh Nuttall, Erena Page, Trani Sciascia, Caleb Smith, Amelia Taatiti, Holden Talaepa, Taranaki Te Hauora, Kaea Turei, Manaia-Rain Vardey, Jayda Walters-Rangitihia, Ihaia Willis & Jahlonhye Manava

Nga mihi

Kate Gainsford
Principal
Aotea College

Principal's message continued

Please follow communications sent out, closely. There is a lot of new information people are working through each day to make sure we start the year as we mean to go on, with safety and common sense.

By doing the basics well we continue to be able to provide a safe and focussed learning environment within the context of a tricky pandemic. Team work has been a big part of this.

Please be assured that the school continues to adhere to official guidelines to provide a safe environment at school.

- Hygiene is important. Hand sanitisers and cleaning kits are accessible and used regularly throughout the school.
- Unwell people will stay at home. Anyone presenting as ill while they are at school will have parents informed and arrangements made to be picked up and taken home.
- Ventilation ~ as a recently built school our ventilation systems are good and optimal levels of good air have been confirmed by the use of CO2 monitors.
- Mask use is high. Students and teachers are making good use of the good weather outside to physically distance and exercise without a mask on at lunchtime.
- Our staff are fully vaccinated and our community has a high vaccination rate.

By having all students, from Tuesday, ready with their chromebooks or laptops to connect with distance learning resources we know we will be ready for whatever is around the corner.

Uniform

We are a uniform school and appreciate your support with having young people arrive at school with correct uniform. The uniform colours and the crest were gifted to the school by representative of Ngati Toa Rangitira when the school first opened. Our hope is students wear their school colours with pride and a sense of belonging. If, for any reason, your child does not have the correct uniform then please contact the school office. We will work with you to get your child in uniform as quickly as possible. Uniform is purchased through Argyle Online www.argyleonline.co.nz, this includes PE uniform.

Families can support the school by ensuring that school shoes are black, leather or leather look shoes. No hoodies are a part of the uniform. Jackets are to be plain black. Please ensure students wear school caps or hats only outside the school buildings. Thank you.



Daily Timetable

Please note the slightly early finishing time on Tuesday and Thursday

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	8:50	8:50	8:50	8:50	8:50
Period 2	10:10	10:10 Hui Ako	10:10	10:10 Hui Ako	10:10
Interval	11:30	10:40	11:30	10:40	11:30
Period 3	11:50	11:00	11:50	11:00	12:00
Lunch	13:10	12:20	13:10	12:20	13:20
Period 4	13:50	13:00	13:50	13:00	13:50
End of Day	15:10	14:20	15:10	14:20	15:10

Term Dates for 2022

Term 1	31st January to 14th April
Term 2	2nd May to 8th July
Term 3	25th July to 30th September
Term 4	17th October to 8th December

Face coverings

Masks should be worn when inside at school. Faces masks can be single-use disposal masks or three-layered fabric masks. Scarves and bandanas are not acceptable as they do not provide sufficient protection to keep people safe. Face masks must also be worn on all public transport and school buses. Please ensure your student brings a face mask to school each day. Here is some advice from the Ministry of Health on [how to wear a face mask safely](#).

School Routines

We have put some new routines into our day to help keep us all safe while at school. We are asking for the students help and support with these and if we all work together as a team these small measures will help to keep us all safe.

- Face masks to be worn in school by all staff and students inside
- Face masks to be worn on public and school buses
- Staff and students are encouraged to walk around the building when going to or from classes
- Keep rooms well ventilated by opening windows and doors
- Keep in your allocated seating plan where it is practical to do so. This will help with tracing should we need to do so
- All Singing will take place outside with 2m distancing
- Wind instruments are not to be shared and are limited to home or outside use
- Physical exercise to take place outside. Shared equipment will need to be cleaned at the end of the lesson
- Classroom tables need to be wiped down at the end of each lesson
- Classroom tables need to be wiped down at the start of lessons when a lesson follows interval or lunch

He waka eke noa - we are all in this together.

Confidential Vaccination information request - Kamar.

Although it is not a requirement for the school to collect vaccination information about students, we know that students wanting to register for Sports teams will need to be fully vaccinated and some venues we attend on school trips will require you to show proof of full vaccination. We have asked that parents and caregivers help us make this process as smooth as we can, by providing evidence of your vaccination status. Parents can upload vaccination information to the [Whānau Portal](#) on the school website.

Now to IMPORTANT other information

Well done to all our 2021 year 11, 12 and 13 students who worked hard to achieve their NZQA qualifications last year. Papers will be returned to you digitally through the NZQA Learner Log in. Further information on this can be found [here](#). If you completed digital exam information, viewing your answers can be done [here](#).

Reviews and reconsiderations

If you think a paper has been marked incorrectly then you can have it reviewed or reconsidered. students can talk to subject teachers for advice on this.

- Information on reviews and reconsiderations and how to apply can be found [here](#).
- The reviews and reconsiderations links appear in the Learner login on January 27th and February 10th for Scholarship.
- The last date you can send the online application is
- NCEA: Friday, 25 February 2022
- Scholarship: Friday, 4 March 2022

Meet the Team for 2022

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM		TEACHERS	
Kate Gainsford (GD)	Principal	Nilseh Adip (ADP)	Mathematics
Jamie O'Connor (OC)	Deputy Principal	Ilse Bester (BX)	Mathematics
Rachel Parsons (PAS)	Deputy Principal	Adam Birchmore (BIE)	Health & Physical Education
David Cournane (COE)	Assistant Principal	Julia Brenchley (BNY)	Science
David Kallahar (KLR)	Assistant Principal	David Brooks (BZ)	Itinerant Music Teachers
Brad Williamson (WN)	SLT & Kahui Ako	Melissa Campny (CAY)	Social Sciences
Tui Brunner (TB)	Business Manager	Bernice Cavanagh (CV)	Mathematics & Guidance
HEAD OF FACULTIES/LEARNING AREA		Subhag Chand (CHD)	Technology
David Amrein (AMN)	Mathematics	Danesha Chetty (CTY)	Science
Todd Woods (WOD)	Health & Physical Education	Rowan Clark (CK)	The Arts
Hamish Davidson (DN)	Learning Pathways	Catherine Dawson (DWN)	Technology & The Arts
Katrina Hudson (HN)	English	Beth Draper (DPR)	Integrated Studies & The Arts
Maria Kecskemeti (KMI)	Guidance	Elianna Drummond (DRD)	Integrated Studies
Rachid Lahgazi-Alaoui (LI)	Languages	Sabrina Falefatu (FAU)	The Arts & Languages
Sarah McBride (SAM)	Learning Support	Lara Fort (FOT)	Health & Physical Education
Rowan Taurima (TMA)	Social Sciences	Steffen Goeres (GZ)	Itinerant Music Teacher
Richard Thomson (TN)	Science	Anna Greaney (GNY)	Science
Jennifer Warren (WRN)	The Arts	Kevin Greig (GG)	Technology
WHANAU LEADERS		Lennox Grootjans (GRS)	Itinerant Music Teacher
KERERU		Andrew Hamilton (HAN)	Technology
Tricia Warren (WAN)	Science	Tarryn Higham (HGM)	Technology
Anthony Urwin (UN)	Languages	Jacob Huntington (HUN)	Science
Tarryn Higham (HGM)	Technology	Nicola Jackman (JC)	English
KOTUKU		Patrick Jacobs (JA)	Mathematics
Elianna Drummond (DRD)	Social Sciences	Shelley James (JS)	Social Sciences
Kevin Greig (GG)	Social Sciences	Liam Kelly (KEY)	The Arts
David Amrein (AMN)	Mathematics	Ben Koloto (KOO)	Integrated Studies
KORIMAKO		Irena Krchnavy (KY)	Technology
Tamati Ratapu (RAU)	Languages	Laura Laing (LNG)	Mathematics
Jennifer Warren (WRN)	The Arts	John Lambert (LT)	Science
Ilse Bester (BX)	Mathematics	Carlo Lee (LE)	Mathematics & Social Sciences
PUKEKO		Kirsty Lewry (LEY)	The Arts
Beth Draper (DPR)	The Arts	Aymie Lim (LDD)	Languages
Laura Laing (LNG)	Mathematics	Andrew Mackenzie (MAE)	Science
Amanda Wilson (WSN)	Health & Physical Education	Amelia Martin (MAN)	Currently on leave

Meet the Team for 2022

TEACHERS		SUPPORT STAFF	
Charlotte Martin (MTN)	Currently on leave	Brooke Dean (BD)	Payroll
Reuben McDonald (MDD)	English	Jennifer Drummond (DMD)	Guidance
April McLaughlan (MCN)	Health & Physical Education	Rebecca Gracie (GRE)	Co-curricular administrator
Rory McNamara (MCN)	Social Sciences	Lisa Groos (GS)	Technology support
Stacey Morgan (MGN)	Integrated Studies	Lyn Hagai (HAI)	Accounts
Richard Morpeth (MPH)	Mathematics	Dene Harris (DEE)	Learning Support
Pauline Muncy (MY)	Pathways	Trish May (MZ)	Office Supervisor
Laura Murgo (LMO)	Science	Chad Moffitt (MOT)	Guidance
Jordan Murray (JMY)	English	Andrea Moretti (MOI)	Learning Support
Tamati Ratapu (RAU)	Languages	Ria Nathu (NAU)	Sport
Stavros Rekatsinas (RES)	Science	Catherine Pask (PAK)	Sport
Oliva Rumbal (RML)	Science	Peter Peri (PEI)	Property Team Leader
Peter Russell (RUL)	Integrated	Ursula Petersen (PEN)	Learning Support
Jennie Scott (SZ)	Science	Sophie Rattanong (RTG)	Learning Support
Carey Straayer (STR)	Integrated Studies	Glennis Richards (RIS)	Learning Support
Jane Sun (SUN)	Mathematics	Glen Robinson (RON)	Property
Matt Taylor (TYR)	Social Sciences	Paloma Santamaria Sanz (SAZ)	Learning Support
Rachael Thompson (TSN)	Currently on leave	Jaymi Singson (SIN)	Learning Support
Joy Tualima (JT)	Technology	Karl Smith (SMH)	Guidance
Jay Twedde (TWE)	Languages	Lynley Smith (LSH)	Staffroom Assistant
Anthony Urwin (UN)	Languages	Ilse Snyckers (SNS)	Pathways Administrator
Johanna Vannathy (VY)	English	Cathie Strachan (STN)	Library
Michael Wallace (WLE)	Technology	Anne Taylor (TR)	Gateway
Michael Walters (TS)	Health & Physical Education	Kevin Tierney (TIY)	Property
Tricia Warren (WAN)	Science	Kim Walton (KW)	Learning Support
Scott Wesney (WEY)	Health & Physical Education	Karl Williams (WLS)	Technology Technician
Amanda Wilson (WSN)	Health & Physical Education	Kirsty Wilson (WIN)	Librarian
Farida Zuber (ZUR)	Mathematics	Deslee Wrathall (WRL)	Director of Sports
SUPPORT STAFF		<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">To email a staff member please use their staffcode@aotea.school.nz, for example Brad Williamson is wn@aotea.school.nz. All contact information for staff is on our website www.aotea.school.nz</p>	
Farah Abed (ABD)	Laboratory Technician		
Debbie Allan (ALN)	Principal's P.A.		
Magdalena Arlar (AR)	Learning Support		
Susan Cowan (CWN)	Office – Student reception		
Tricia Cox (COX)	International programmes co-ordinator		
Carl Dawson (DAS)	Property		

Aotea College School bus service

- 1) Details of all Aotea College School Services can be found at [Metlink](#)
- 2) The same bus routes and bus numbers will be in place for 2022
- 3) Buses will depart at 3:18pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 2:28pm on Tuesday and Thursday.
- 4) School staff will be present at the buses in the afternoon to support with boarding and assist people getting on the right bus.
- 5) Because of increased pressure from roll growth, we advise people to familiarise themselves with all alternate public transport options and timetables, and look at options to take advantage of good weather by biking or walking.
- 6) While at Red Alert Level, masks will be required on all school and public bus routes. It would be wise for any student with an exemption to have an exemption pass to be able to easily communicate with a range of drivers.

Lockers

Lockers are now available for students to hire. Please see Susan at student reception if you would like to hire one.

- Lockers are hired out for one year at the cost of \$50 – this must be paid before locker is issued.
- Students can only use the locker allocated by the college main office.
- Students can only be allocated one locker.
- The locker must be cleaned out at the end of each term.
- Should you require a locker for another year, you must reapply.
- Only the padlocks provided can be used to secure your locker.
- Any problems with the locker or padlock must be reported to the college main office immediately.
- In the event of damage, the use of a locker may be forfeited, with liability for any damage caused through lack of care, including \$75 replacement cost for the padlock.
- Upon issue of your locker, you must notify the office of your padlock code, this is securely held on file should you forget your number or the padlock needs to be re set

.Lockers are strictly limited, you may be placed on a wait list.

Library request

The Aotea College library would like to request that students return any books that were issued last year that are as yet unreturned. This helps others share our valuable collection of books. Thank you for your support.



Pathways

Want to keep up-to-date with opportunities for short courses or work exposure, events, tertiary information, scholarships and more?

Follow @aoteacollegepathways on Instagram and don't miss out!



Aotea College teachers leading the way with NCEA changes

Our National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) has been undergoing some exciting changes since 2020, in response to a detailed review where New Zealanders told the Ministry of Education that this qualification needed to better support the inclusion, success and wellbeing of all students.

Some of our own teachers at Aotea College have volunteered to participate this year in a pilot of new achievement standards that have been developed as a result of the review, including internal and external assessments. This means that Level 1 Science, Art, DVC, Jewellery, History, Commerce and Drama students will be assessed by new achievement standards in 2022.

Piloting of all new NCEA Level 1 achievement standards and materials was originally intended to be carried out nationally this year, but as with all sectors of our society, Covid has had a significant impact on education in Aotearoa New Zealand. As a response to teacher and community feedback around the pace of the implementation of the new NCEA achievement standards, the Minister of Education has agreed to slow down the timeline in secondary schools. This means that all Level 1 subjects will still be piloted but in a smaller number of schools, including ours. The nationwide pilot of all Level 1 subjects will now take place in 2023.

Slowing down the timeline will mean our own students will experience the positive changes within the new NCEA Level 1 and will then engage in NCEA Level 2 in its current form in 2023, as opposed to continuing through to the Level 2 piloting programme. Students being assessed by the new standards in Level 1 will be fully eligible for NCEA credits and course endorsements.

Our school is being well-supported by the Ministry of Education and NZQA. All our lead teachers recently attended workshops in Wellington to meet with other teachers from all over Aotearoa New Zealand, engaging with new NCEA subject material and working together to plan programmes for the year. The support we and our students will receive throughout the year means no-one will be disadvantaged by engaging in the pilot but will instead benefit from being a lead school in the Review of Achievement Standards.

Regards

Rachel Parsons

Deputy Principal Aotea College

Canteen

Please find below the Café menu for Term 1. A selection of counter food, sandwiches, salads and baking will vary each day. You can pre order online via www.mykindo.co.nz. This has a cut off time of 9:30am. We will still be able to take over the counter orders for lunch.

Anna, Nicki and Olivia
Waitoa Catering.



Pre-order lunch menu

Beat the queues. Perfect for
students with lunch time
activities, sports
or just time savvy.

In addition to daily hot and
counter counter food, lunch
items from this menu can be
ordered in advance, before
9:30am same day.

Order from
www.mykindo.co.nz

Daily Specials

MONDAY: MAC N' CHEESE

CHOOSE BETWEEN CLASSIC OR WITH BACON BITS
\$5

TUESDAY NACHOS

CRUNCHY NACHO CHIPS, MILD CHILI BEANS, CHEESE AND SOUR CREAM
\$6

WEDNESDAY: HOT PASTA SPECIAL

\$

THURSDAY: SUSHI

SELECTION OF FRESH SUSHI
\$6.50-\$9.50

FRIDAY: PULLED PORK & SLAW BUN

SLOW COOKED SHREDDED PORK, SMOKY BBQ SAUCE AND FRESH SLAW IN A SEEDED BUN
5.00

AOTEA BURGER

Choose from oven baked Angel Bay Beef,
crumbed chicken or Veggie pattie. Comes with
lettuce, tomato, tomato relish, cheese and aioli
in a seeded bun.

5.00

WRAPS, our bestseller!

Choose from oven baked crumbed chicken,
falafel (v) or bbq meatball with fresh lettuce,
slaw, cheese, sour cream and sweet chilli
sauce.

5.00

TOASTIES *

Choose 2 : Cheese, Ham, Tomato, Pineapple,
Spaghetti, Lettuce, tomato relish, Egg, Mayo,
Chicken

GF bread available on request.

4.00

PIZZA

Topped with tomato sauce, cheese and a choice
of ham, Hawaiian, BBQ bacon or veggie topping.

4.50

QUESADILLA

Choose from cheesy beef and bean or chilli
beans and cheese between 2 crispy tortillas.

4.50

CHICKEN OR VEGGIE PESTO PASTA SALAD

5.50

SPAGHETTI MOUSETRAP

WATTIES SPAGHETTI AND GRATED CHEESE ON A
ROLL, BAKED IN THE OVEN UNTIL TOASTY.

2.50

OVEN BAKED POTATO WEDGES

with tomato sauce.

3.50

PANINI

CHICKEN, BRIE AND CRANBERRY OR ROASTED
VEG AND PESTO

5.00

CHEESE SCONE-FRESHLY BAKED

3.00

BACON & EGG ROLL

4.50

LOADED WEDGES *

with cheese, sour cream and sweet chilli sauce

5.00

FRESH FRUIT SALAD CUP

360ml cup full of freshly chopped chunks of fruit

3.00

Waitoa catering is committed to providing good quality, nutritious and affordable lunches. We have a variety of items that are allergy friendly. If you have any special dietary requests or questions please get in contact and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We choose where possible to use environmentally responsible packaging.

nicki@waitoacatering.co.nz