



Taku Mana
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A Newsletter from Aotea College

Important Dates: Term 1 2022

April

13th-14th ~ Reports emailed
14th ~ Non uniform day ~ Food
Donation for local community
groups

14th ~ Last day of Term 1

May

2nd ~ First day of Term 2

5th-6th ~ 11PEO Rangatuhi Mt
Bike Trails
11th ~ NCEA me te whānau
evening 6-7pm
11th-13th 12PEO Cycle Tour 1

18th ~ Teacher only Accord Day

19th-20th ~ 12PEO Cycle Tour 2
23rd -24th ~ 11PEO Rangatuhi Mt
Bike Trails
26th NCEA Information evening
6:30 to 7:30pm
27th ~ Tough Girl Tough Guy
Challenge
30th ~ Samoan Language Week
13PEO Mountain Biking 9-1pm
Board meeting 6pm

June

3rd ~ NPKA Teacher only day
6th ~ Queens Birthday holiday
24th ~ Matariki Public Holiday

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Kia ora e te whānau,

We have worked well together to look after each other this term. Each person has taken individual actions and made sacrifices of comfort and convenience to keep the worst of Omicron away. Mask wearing and hygiene measures have been a big part of this. Thank you.

You'll be aware that Minister of Education Chris Hipkins has announced the move to Orange at 11:59pm on Wednesday 13th April.

The decision to move to Orange has been made on public health advice and reflects that we are moving past the peak of cases and our health system is able to cope. We are seeing that cases are declining due to high levels of vaccination and natural immunity after infection.

I wanted to give you an update on what the move to Orange means for our school.

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that **masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors**. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we strongly encourage students and ask visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, to wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds. We will continue to keep a supply of masks in the school to support parents and students with mask wearing in the school grounds.

We also ask that your young person continues to bring a mask to school every day. There will be times that mask wearing will enable us to hold our larger assemblies in safe ways. If there are a high number of cases at school or in the community, we may ask that masks are worn in classrooms and of course we need to be ready for any Covid resurgence and the use of stricter health measures.

It is important to know that at Orange, students aged 12 and above are required to wear a face mask on school or public transport.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

We are looking forward to a few less restrictions and returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal. It's uplifting to see the excitement amongst our students and staff with the closer prospect of getting into Sports, Cultural activities and closer connections with whānau groups in term two.

Ngā mihi, Kate Gainsford, Principal

Year 9 Out of zone enrolments 2023

Aotea College enrolments are controlled by an enrolment scheme which helps us to manage the growth of the school. This means that students who live in our zone are guaranteed acceptance if they choose to enrol with us.

Aotea College Home Zone:

All of the northern ward of Porirua City, boundary (encompassing Pauatahanui, up to the summit of Paekakariki Hill Road and Paremata and Haywards Road (SH58) to Mount Cecil Road). This includes the neighbourhoods of Aotea, Ascot Park, Camborne, Mana, Papakowhai, Paremata, Pauatahanui, Plimmerton, Pukerua Bay and Whitby.

The Ascot Park area of the eastern ward with the eastern boundary following the Kenepuru Stream south from the point of intersection with the northern ward to where it meets with SH1 and runs into Porirua Harbour (Mephram Place is not in zone).



All out of zone enrolment applications for **Year 9 2023** students **must** be received at Aotea College by **Monday 25th July 2022** to be included in the ballot.

A ballot will be held on Monday 1st August 2022. All applicants will be notified by Thursday 4th August 2022.

Please note that if your out of zone application is received after the closing date, it cannot be included in the ballot. Your application would then be added to the waiting list.

Farewells

Today we held an end of term whole school digital assembly to reflect back on the term's challenges and achievements and to look toward the newness and excitement of term two's possibilities. As we do that we took some time to acknowledge some of our number who will leave us for their own new beginnings.

Mr Tweddle

We acknowledge Mr Tweddle and his work in the languages and Social Sciences faculty and as Hui Ako teacher. He was thanked for his work in almost single handedly creating the Japanese language pathway that so many people are now continuing on with success at senior level qualifications. We wish him well as he returns in term two to a smaller role supporting Japanese teaching while he embarks on the building of his new house.

Matua Ratapu,

Tamati Ratapu was thanked by his students and the school for the high levels of expertise and expectations he has brought to the learning of Te Reo in his classes. We recognise the care with which relationships have been built with students, staff and whānau and this is reflected in the wonderful work as a whanau leader. We congratulated Tamati on his new role as a RTL teacher and know that the relationships forged at Aotea will serve him well in his new role and that our students will continue to benefit from the opportunity of working with him in this different role.

Mr Hamish Davidson

Mr Davidson was acknowledged for this work in the college over the last seven years and the different roles he has taken up at different times, including International Director, senior and whanau leader and head of faculty. Each of these roles has seen Mr Davidson search for and create new and strong ways in which young people can make the connection between secondary school and the next stage of work, training and further education. The care with individual students was acknowledged along with his team-work with parents and outside providers in workplaces, and polytechs. Mr Davidson takes up a position for the start of term two at Wellington College and we wish him all the best as he brings the same drive and mahi to his Pathways work there.

Aotea College Non-Uniform Day Food Drive

The Food Drive held today as a part of our Non-Uniform Day was a huge success. Thousands of items of food have been delivered to Challenge 2000 who will ensure it ends up with the families that are most in need at this time.

Their response is below:

Thank you SO much again to Aotea College. The amount of food you have donated it absolutely

INCREDIBLE  !

Well done to the Aotea College community. This is on the back of the \$1000 we were able to donate last week to UNICEF for our recent Ukraine Children fundraising event.

Kōtuku Student Lead year 9 Relay

Student leaders: *Kyle Gardner, Samuel Lee, Michael Tierney, Merroo Tofilau & Samuel Fui-maono*

Class winner: 9GNY



Aotea College – Examination Centre Manager

Aotea College is seeking an Examination Centre Manager to run the NCEA and NZ Scholarship examinations in 2022.

The smooth and successful running of an exam centre is important for all students participating in these examinations.

The position requires you to complete an online training programme and attend a one-day training session with NZQA in August. The position requires you to complete several administrative tasks to plan and prepare for the exams from August to October. You must be available to work for the entire exam period (Monday 7 November to Friday 2 December).

A high level of organisational skills with great attention to detail, strength in following processes precisely, confidence leading people of all ages, proficiency in using a computer and learning to use new computer programmes are essential qualities for this role. Would suit an ex-teacher or someone who has worked within a secondary school environment.

For further information, please email Rowan Taurima tma@aotea.school.nz

Please send your CV and cover letter to Principal's PA Debbie Allan aln@aotea.school.nz

Applications close 27th April 2022

Year 10 Hospitality

Year 10 Food Technology. Each group cooked a different food from around the world, traditional to a particular cuisine. Here they're trying and evaluating their different food products



Gateway

Jesse Kibblewhite has found his own builder and was busy mixing and pouring concrete into piles ready for a deck build when I visited him in Tawa on site last fortnight. He is completing his BCITO carpentry unit standards in partnership with the Gateway programme onsite learning.

Max Calvert is working at Nish Cafe in Whitby where he is working in the kitchen and picking up hospitality skills; they enjoy having Max and make sure he is getting the most out of the professional side of catering.

Fern Gough was working last week at the 'growing on line' shed. Taking cuttings of a Hebe and placing them into growing medium. The plants are essential for helping prevent silt falling into our local stream beds and also provide nectar for native birds. PCC Nursery truly appreciate the help that Fern is giving them.

