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# TE KARERE

A Newsletter from Aotea College

## Important Dates:

### May

10th ~ Parent Report evening 1-7pm

11th ~ NCEA me te whānau evening 6-7pm

11th-13th ~ 12PEO Cycle Tour 1

### 18th ~ Teacher only Accord Day

19th ~ Parent Report evening 1-7pm

20th ~ Non-uniform day

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  
PEO300 Mountain Biking 9-1.50pm

Board meeting 6pm

### June

3rd ~ NPKA Teacher only day

6th ~ Queens Birthday holiday

7th & 8th ~ PEO300 Mountain biking—10.40-2.20pm

15th ~ Open Evening 3.30 to 5pm & 5.30 to 7pm—Enrolments for 2023

23rd ~ PEO301 Triathlon Training

### 24th ~ Matariki Public Holiday

27th ~ PED300 Mountain biking assessment 11.30-3pm

Board meeting 6pm

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Kia ora e te whanau,

It's a real pleasure to see everybody getting back and into all the things we have missed with the disruption of Covid over last term.

We know we still have Covid in the community but with much reduced numbers. High levels of immunity and good precautionary measures mean we continue to have good numbers of well people at school and getting on with their learning. Qualifications in the senior school will be a strong focus for Term 2, and getting on with other important aspects of school and community life with sports, the arts and generally growing leadership at all levels.

It will be so good to meet whānau kanohi ki te kanohi, face to face next week to review learning progress. We understand the importance of strong family connections to support good educational pathways and plans for when students eventually leave school to join the workforce or continue with further education. We welcome Zoe Miller as Head of Pathways, and know the good work already underway to support our students as they navigate this space.

We also welcome to the Aotea whānau Matua Hamuera Scott, who brings considerable experience and knowledge in Te Ao and Te Reo Maori to support our akonga. Nau mai haere mai.

This edition of Te Karere contains a lot of information about the start of term two and opportunities everyone has been waiting for over the last two years to re-engage with and get on with. Engaging with whanau is an important part of this. Thank you for your part in this.

Ngā mihi,  
Kate Gainsford  
Principal

## Parent Teacher Interviews

This year parent-teacher interviews will take place on Tuesday 10th May and Thursday 19th May. We have listened to feedback from parents and teachers and made some changes to our usual afternoon interview. We have kept the longer interview time of 10 minutes, increased the number of meeting slots and introduced a mixture of online and in person meetings.

We will be holding online interviews in session 1 on both days between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm, if you book one of these appointments, a Google Meet invitation will be sent out to you by the teacher for your time slot. Session 2 on both days will take place between 4:50 pm and 7:00 pm, these will be in person interviews held at school.

We hope that the changes we have made will make it easier for everyone to meet the teachers they wish to see and allow for more flexibility in making appointments. Teachers will be unavailable to meet between 4:00 and 4:40 pm on the days of the interviews and school will finish at 12:20pm on these days. Buses will arrive at school at 12:20 pm and leave at 12:30 pm on these days.

Please use the booking code which has been emailed to you to book an appointment with your child's teacher. If you have any difficulties or wish further help please contact your child's Hui Ako teacher or the school office who will be happy to help.

Times	Information
Monday 9 May 1:00pm	Bookings for Tuesday 10 May close
Tuesday 10 May 12:20pm	School closes
Tuesday 10 May 12:20pm	Buses leave
Tuesday 10 May 1:00 pm - 4:00pm	Online Parent teacher interview only
Tuesday 10 May 4:00 pm - 4:40pm	Teachers unavailable for meetings
Tuesday 10 May 4:50pm - 7:00 pm	In person parent teacher interview at school

## Returning Officer ~ School Board elections

The triennial school board elections will be held between 5 September and 23 September 2022. If you are interested in being employed as the returning officer for the Aotea College triennial school board elections, please send your letter of interest to the Principal's P.A on [aln@aotea.school.nz](mailto:aln@aotea.school.nz)

### ***What is the role of the returning officer?***

The role of the returning officer in school board elections is critical to a smooth-running election process. It includes preparing the electoral roll(s), calling for and accepting nominations, running the elections (when one is required), counting the votes and declaring the results. More information on the [returning officers' responsibilities](#).

## Textile Students

Textile Workshops will be held in KM11 on Thursdays 2.20 to 3.30pm and Saturdays 9.30 to 1.30pm to support students to complete costumes for Showquest.



## NCEA Information evening

Nau mai, haere mai ki NCEA me te Whānau!

We are excited to be hosting an NCEA me te Whānau workshop for our community. The workshop is delivered by NZQA and aims to break down the NCEA system as well as explain how you can support your tamaiti at school. The workshop will cover:

- How NCEA works
- NCEA endorsements and how to get them
- University Entrance (UE) and how to achieve it
- Choosing NCEA subjects and creating career pathways
- The importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) subjects, and,
- How you can support your tamaiti to succeed.

If you think you could benefit from this free workshop or have any NCEA questions you want answered, come along with your whanau, Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. If you want more information check out the event below and contact NZQA directly.



The poster is for an NCEA me te Whānau Online Workshop. It features a dark background with green and white text. At the top, the title 'NAU MAI HAERE MAI' is written in a stylized, hand-drawn font. Below it, 'NCEA ME TE WHĀNAU ONLINE WORKSHOP' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. The main text says 'Join us for a workshop designed to help whānau understand NCEA.' The date and time are 'WEDNESDAY 11 MAY' and '6PM'. A circular logo on the right contains the text 'NCEA me te WHĀNAU'. Below the date, it lists 'What we will cover:' followed by a list of topics: Aspirations of your tamaiti, NCEA Endorsements, University Entrance, Choosing the right subjects, The importance of STEM, and Tips for supporting your tamaiti. At the bottom right is the NZQA logo with the tagline 'FOR THE FUTURE WORLD' and 'KIA HOKU TAKATŪ KI TŌAHUA AŌI'.

We hope to see you there. <https://fb.me/e/1AQmZl2c1>

## Polyfest - Samoan Dance Group Tutor

We are seeking a tutor to help our fantastic student leaders get ready for Polyfest 2022. This year Polyfest has two themes:

### THEME ONE: Loss Of Language

**English:** To us, it's not just words or phrases, it's the native tongue of our ancestors

**Kiribati translation:** Nakoira, tiaki Te taeka n aki akaka, aia taeka ara bakatibu

### THEME TWO: Climate change

**English:** We may not be the problem, yet we face the consequences

**Tuvalu translation:** Toku Feuna Kaati SE iai Se Fakalave Lave Kae Panaki Faeloa Mo Pokotiaga

If you are interested in helping out our group please contact Rachel Parsons ([pas@aotea.school.nz](mailto:pas@aotea.school.nz))

## Vacancy

Aotea College is looking for a teacher aide to support students who require learning support in the classroom at Aotea College. This is a fixed term part time position of 27 hours per week term time only until December 9 2022, starting as soon as possible.

Our vision is that Aotea College provides an inclusive environment for all learners to enable successful engagement in their learning. Teachers and support staff create a strong team working together to support our students.

Applicants must have:

- strong oral and written communication skills
- strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work in a team
- some experience and/or empathy with secondary school students

You must also be confident and adaptable as tasks will vary depending on student needs.

Remuneration is Grade B-C of the NZEI Support Staff Collective step dependent on experience. Applicants will be subject to Police Vet and Safety Check.

A copy of the job description and a Support Staff application form is available on the college website [www.aotea.school.nz](http://www.aotea.school.nz). If you have any questions, please contact: Sarah McBride HOD Learning Support by email [sam@aotea.school.nz](mailto:sam@aotea.school.nz)

**To be considered for the position send your completed Support Staff Application, CV and covering letter to [sam@aotea.school.nz](mailto:sam@aotea.school.nz), or deliver to the receptionist at Aotea College before May 17th.**

**Applications will be considered as they are received and may result in an earlier closing date**

## 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.**



## Library

### Porirua Public Library Membership sign up - Thursday May 12

Students can sign up for free public library cards at the school library on Thursday May 12. With a public library card, students can borrow books from any of the Porirua Library branches and access the library's digital offerings.

Digital access is simple and free with a library card number and PIN to:

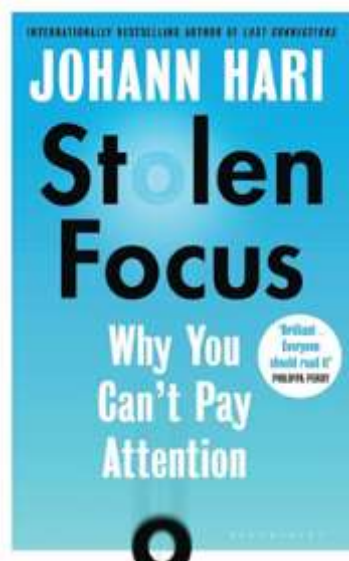
Ebooks & audiobooks through Libby and Borrowbox

PressReader - newspapers and magazines in over 60 languages.

LinkedIn Learning - thousands of online courses to learn in-demand skills from real-world industry experts.

Beamafilm - independent films, and documentaries

### Book Spotlight



#### **Stolen Focus: Why You Can't Pay Attention by Johann Hari**

An accessible read full of fascinating facts and figures about Big Tech stealing our precious time and focus.

Why have we lost our ability to focus? What are the causes? And, most importantly, how do we get it back?

Uncover the reasons why our teenagers now focus on one task for only 65 seconds, and why office workers on average manage only three minutes. Johann interviewed the leading experts in the world on attention, and learned that everything we think about this subject is wrong. We think our inability to focus is a personal failing - a flaw in each one of us. It is not. This has been done to all of us by powerful external forces. Our focus has been stolen. Crucially, he learned how - as individuals, and as a society - we can get our focus back, if we are determined to fight for it.

Listen to the Radio NZ interview [here](#)

### Positive Behaviours Recognition Platform

This week we have launched the Aotea College Positive Recognitions Platform. This platform allows our teachers to quickly and easily recognise and acknowledge positive behaviours from our students. When a staff member recognises a student displaying one of our College Values in a positive way they can choose to both let that student know with a positive affirmation and also enter this acknowledgement on the Platform. The student will receive an SMS message immediately to let them know their positive behaviour has been recognised. When recognitions start to accumulate parents/caregivers will receive an email to let you know about the wonderful things your young person is doing here at school. Further strengthening our focus upon the positives here at Aotea College will enhance the culture of manaakitanga of which we are so proud.

## Pathways

Our new Head of Pathways is pleased to bring to your attention the following opportunity.

Looking to find out more about a career in Agriculture or Primary Industries?

Taratahi Agricultural Training Center and the Ministry for Primary Industries have invited us to a Taster Pilot to the Taratahi Campus in Masteron.

Taratahi Agricultural Training Center is a tertiary provider offering full and part-time agriculture training courses.

This pilot is aimed at mainly Maori and Pasifika students who are interested in an agricultural pathway.

You will have the opportunity to experience two hands-on skills at the following rotations:

- Sheep shearing and wool handling
- Chainsaws
- Farm vehicles

All rotations will be delivered by trained assessors and all PPE and H&S training and guidance will be provided.

Date: Monday, 23 May 2022

Time: 7am depart Aotea College / return by 5pm

Open to Year 11- 13 students

Please register your interest by completing the form below

<https://forms.gle/aSLd5PjB7ngHzzAg9>

## Scholarship

The University of Otago, Māori Health Workforce Development Unit is pleased to inform you that applications for the Otago REACH (Realising Educational Aspirations for Careers in Health) scholarship are now open.

This scholarship is for Year 13 Māori secondary students interested in a career in health and is hosted by the University of Otago. The Scholarship covers; flights, accommodation, food and activities over 3 days.

The main requirement is that students have an aspiration in a career in health. Studying science subjects at level 2 and 3, and their involvement or interest in te Ao Māori will strengthen their application however we strongly encourage all students with aspirations in health.

The REACH Otago Scholarship provides the opportunity for up to twenty Year 13 Māori students to spend three nights and days on the University of Otago's Dunedin campus.

Students from across New Zealand experience university life first-hand: living in, and visiting, residential colleges; attending lectures; meeting current Otago students; and learning about the various degree and study options Otago offers, particularly in health.

The REACH programme will be running from the 2nd-5th of August.

More information: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/mhwdtu/tearahauora/#reach>

If you are interested please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/K95qu7SijoPMzAk57>

Applications close 15th of June, 2022.

## The Arts



Tivaevae artwork by Year 9 Student Madison Spark

### Upcoming Events

#### **All Comers Choir Rehearsals**

Tuesday and Wednesday Lunchtime in Te Manawa  
All singers are welcome!

#### **Smokefree Rockquest / Tangata Beats**

1st Heat - 21st of May at Sacred Heart College  
Email [wrn@aotea.school.nz](mailto:wrn@aotea.school.nz) for more information

#### **Manawatu Jazz Festival**

Our jazz students are in full swing as they prepare for the festival on the 4th of June!



### **Music News**

Te Manawa, the heart of school, was beating again in Term 1 with the rhythmic sounds of the Whitireia band. The level 3 and 4 students played a 40 minute set that included a range of genres and skills honed under the direction of Marino Karena. It was a great way to end Term 1 and start the holiday break. We look forward to having more performances now that we are in the orange light setting!

### **Visual Arts News**

#### National Youth Art Awards

Open to all New Zealand visual artists aged 13 to 25 years old.

Submit up to two artworks in the following categories:

- ☐ *drawing* ☐ *painting* ☐ *print* ☐ *digital* ☐ *illustration* ☐ *mixed media*
- ☐ *sculpture* ☐ *installation* ☐ *photograph* ☐ *other*



This year the National Youth Art Awards and exhibition will be held at the Wintec Media Arts Center, Alexander Street, Hamilton.

Exhibition Opening and Awards : Thursday 4 Aug, 2022 @ 5.30 – 7.00

Exhibition dates: 5 August, 2022 – 28 August, 2022

OVERALL CATEGORIES AWARD: \$1500

15-19 years – First prize \$2000, Merit prize \$500    13-14 Years – First Prize \$500, Merit Prize \$250

Sculpture award – \$500

Print award – \$500

Photography award – \$500

People's choice award – \$500

Entries close on 16th June.

If you would like to enter, email Ms Lewry [ley@aotea.school.nz](mailto:ley@aotea.school.nz) to get an entry form.

Please be aware that there are entry fees depending on how many works you submit and what category you enter into.

For more information visit [wsa.org.nz](http://wsa.org.nz).

## Sports News

Welcome back to term 2 everybody. We are looking forward to having most of our sports start over the next few weeks.

### Start dates for sports are below

Underwater Hockey - 3rd of May

Senior A1 Netball - 4th of May

Senior Basketball, badminton and girls hockey (grading game) - 6th of May

Netball and Rugby - 7th of May

Junior Basketball - 10th of May

Football girls - 11th of May

Junior Badminton - 12th of May

Boys Hockey - 13th of May

Most teams have already started training, please check your school emails for any updates if you have not.

**If you have any questions or concerns please contact the sport department.**

### Training schedule

Please find the training schedule [here](#). Alternatively, you can find it on the Aotea Sports Website under one of the tabs at the top of the website.

### Sport draws

- Our netball draw can be found on the Kapi Mana netball page or through this link [https://websites.sportstg.com/assoc\\_page.cgi?c=1-9578-0-0-0&a=COMPS](https://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-9578-0-0-0&a=COMPS)

- Our basketball, badminton, rugby and underwater hockey draws can be found on College Sport Wellington through this link <https://collegesport.org.nz/draws-results/>. The draws will also be posted on the sport notice boards around the school.

- Our Hockey draw can be found on the Wellington Hockey website or through this link <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/org/wellington-hockey-association/d023b04a>

The draw is put up weekly on Aotea college sports notice boards. One is located outside the sports office and the second is located on the notice board entrance to Kotuku. You will also find a copy on the Aotea College Sport office windows.

### Netball - Kapi Mana Competition regulations

Please find the competition regulations for Kapi Mana Netball Club [here](#)

### Sport congratulations

Liam Neal, a year 12 student at Aotea College competed in the New Zealand Canoe Sprint Champs at Lake Karapiro over Anzac weekend. He was competing for the first time in the Novice Men's category.

Over the weekend he won 4 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals. He was presented his medals by NZ canoe legend Lisa Carrington and 2020 Olympic athlete Teneale Hatton.





## Sports News

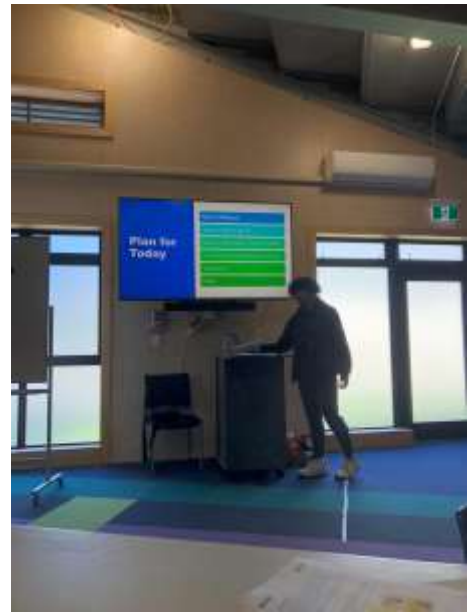
### Golf

Over the school holiday's Luke Weir-Smith competed in the Wellington U16 Golf competition. He finished third overall in his competition. A big congratulations again Luke, and we look forward to seeing your progress.



### Referee course

A big thank you to all those who attended the referee and scrimmage course over the holidays. Students were shown how to do the basketball scoresheet, shot clock and were able to play some basketball also. Another thank you to Elijah Mareko who ran our referee course and assisted Aotea College Sport Department in the operation of it. Our student officials are a big part of running our sports successfully and we wouldn't be able to do it without them.



### Netball representative congratulations

Congratulations to the following players named in the **Kapi Mana representative teams**.

U14 - Riverlee Stapp

U18 - Alycia Capes-Parr, Mickey Jones, Maia Karepa, Tuvaine Samuel, Paris Stapp

Also congratulations to Leah Mourra who was named in the U18 Gold **Wellington representative team**.

## Community Notices

A promotional poster for the 'Take The MIC' reality TV show. The top half features the title 'Take The MIC' in a stylized font, with 'Take The' in yellow script and 'MIC' in large white block letters. A gold microphone is positioned between the 'i' and 'C'. The entire title is enclosed in a glowing yellow rectangular frame. Below this, a pink banner reads 'SO YOU CAN SING?'. The main text in white block letters says 'WE'RE ON THE HUNT FOR AOTEAROA'S BEST SINGING SUPERSTARS!'. Below that, in smaller white text, it says 'IF YOU'RE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 & 18 LOVE TO SING AND PEOPLE KEEP TELLING YOU YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE IT BIG...'. At the bottom, a blue banner reads 'NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!'.

**TAKE THE MIC** is new competitive reality TV show shooting this year.

We're going to put you in a professional studio, cut a track, shoot a music video and help you win the prize pack of a lifetime.

Pop, rap, metal, country, soul — whatever your genre — head to **TAKETHOMIC.CO.NZ** and submit a video of you singing your favourite song and describing your dream music video.\*

**THIS IS YOUR MOMENT**  
Submissions close May 15th 2022  
\*Solo artists and duos only.



Terms and conditions apply see website for details  
**TAKETHOMIC.CO.NZ**



## Community Notices



# WELLINGTON BRICKSHOW

Amazing LEGO® creations from some of  
NZ's best builders



**4th June**  
9am - 5pm

**5th June**  
9am - 4pm

**\$7 Adult / \$5 Child**  
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**Whirinaki Whare Taonga**  
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