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# TE KARERE

A Newsletter from Aotea College

## Important Dates:

### May

23rd – 24th ~ 11PEO Rangatuhi Mt Bike Trails  
25th ~ CSW Waka Ama regionals  
CSW Cross Country champs  
ACA Meeting 7pm  
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

16th ~ 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  
28th PED300 Mountain biking assessment 10:10-2:20pm

### July

7th PEO300 Outdoor adventure  
Term 2 reports emailed home  
8th ~ Last day of Term 2

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Kia ora e te whānau,

Over the last two weeks we have really enjoyed connecting with families in person with our combination of on line, and face to face meetings. It is so good to have the ability to do this again. Thank you for braving the elements if you came in person. I hope you took advantage of the scarves for sale, to keep the cold out.

Invitations to special interest parent meetings groups will go out soon, so be sure to come and enjoy the hospitality once the dates have been announced.

I want to thank the parent focus group who have been working quietly in the background, providing feedback on our new improved website that is currently under construction. By the end of the term we should be ready to go live. An exciting prospect for all of us.

Lots of things of interest in this issue. Happy reading.

### Staff

We have received the resignation of Michael Wallace with regret. We are sure you will join the Board in wishing Michael well for the future and welcome Mr Doug Clark & Mr Steve Jones this term in the Technology Faculty.

Ngā mihi,  
Kate Gainsford  
Principal

## 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](#).

## Year 9 Whānau Event

Tuesday 24th May (week 4) will be a whole day event for Year 9's as part of their Transition to College. They will be participating in a range of events during the day and scoring points for their Whānau Group. More details will follow next week but this is a date for your calendar. Costumes are optional, but wearing your house colours will help gain Whānau house points.



## NCEA Information evening

We would like to extend an invitation to any whānau who want to know more about NCEA. We will be discussing:

- What is NCEA

- Changes to NCEA from 2023 onwards

- Subject and course endorsements

- External exams

- How you can best support your child here at Aotea College

- We will also briefly touch on being a pilot school in 2023 for the new Level One NCEA

The information evening will be held **Thursday 26th May** here at Aotea College in Te Manawa 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

## Northern Porirua Kahui Ako ~ Teacher only day

The school will be closed to students on **Friday 3rd June**. We will be hosting teachers from the Northern Porirua Kahui Ako schools for a day of professional development.

## Girls Football

Our girls football team played their first game of the season on Wednesday, beating Kapiti College 7-5. Well done.



## Cycle Tour 1 Report

In Week 2 Mr Woods PEO200 class completed a 2 day trip on the Remutaka Cycle Trail. This trip was modified due to a slip around the Wairarapa coast, which meant students biked to and from the Summit of the Remutaka Rail Trail, camping at the Summit for the night. We were lucky with great weather and light winds on both days to make for enjoyable riding. The students unfortunately encountered the coldest night of the year so far and awoke to frozen tents in the morning. Despite the cold start on the second day all of the students were able to push through to complete the full trip. They were a fantastic group to take away and constantly displayed the school values throughout.

A big thank you also goes out to Mr Walters and Miss Murgu for their help to make this trip possible.





## Pink Shirt Non-uniform day

Pink Shirt Day (Friday 20th May) is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. We are encouraging students to wear pink, bring a gold coin donation for the mental health foundation, and spread awareness on social media by using the hashtag '#acpinkshirtday'.

To spread awareness, there will be a large 'selfie frame' available somewhere in the school (most likely the school library, but this is yet to be confirmed) that can be used by students to take pictures of them wearing pink and spread the message on their personal social media pages using the hashtag #acpinkshirtday.

On Friday 20th May, there will be 2 in-school fundraising events, both during lunchtime, to fund-raise for the mental health foundation. These are outlined below:

### **Bake Sale:**

Students will be able to purchase a range of baked goods in OD01 and are encouraged to bring cash for this.

### **Water Balloon Popping Event:**

Students will be able to give a gold coin donation in exchange for being able to pop a water balloon over a teacher's head. This will occur in the space outside the school library.



## Department of Conservation

Thank you to Melody from the Department of Conservation who came and spoke to our Year 11 & 12 students on pest control in New Zealand.



## Vacancy

Aotea College is looking for a teacher aide to support students who require learning support in the classroom at Aotea College. There are various fixed term part time, term time only, positions available:

- 27 hours per week until December 9 2022, starting as soon as possible
- 13 hours per week until December 9 2022, starting as soon as possible
- 27 hours per week for the period July 4th to December 9th.

Please indicate any preference when applying.

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 27th.

**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.

## Sports News

### Swimming news

Congratulations to Felix Thomas on competing in the National Div 2 swimming competition held in Dunedin over the week.

Felix came 5th in his breaststroke final, 3rd in his butterfly 50m final and 4th in his free-style final. Congratulations again Felix.

**If you are interested in competing in the North Island secondary School Swimming championship please let the sport department know.**

### 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.

### Sports photos





## Community Notices



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