



*Taku Mana  
My Prestige*

*Taku Manawa  
My Heart*

# TE KARERE

A Newsletter from Aotea College

## Important Dates:

### May

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

25th ~ First day of Term 3  
Board meeting 6pm

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Kia ora e te whānau,

This last week saw 90 people attend the NCEA information evening to learn more about the way NCEA works and what changes and improvements lie ahead as we work through the New Zealand curriculum refresh process and NCEA Change package.

Next week we will celebrate Samoan Language day and Independence day and our student leaders have prepared activities each day for people to learn and enjoy Gagana Samoa from our fellow students, teachers and parents.

At the end of next week Aotea College hosts a Teacher Only Day for nearly 400 teachers from across the Northern Porirua Kahui Ako. We are working together to advance wellbeing and equitable outcomes for all our students across our eleven schools with multiple workshops focusing on cultural connections across our communities, new developments in literacy, numeracy and science strategies and of course wellbeing.

However, in the immediate future there are basketball games happening this evening at Aotea College and we wish all our players well for their contests. Hope to see you on the side-line.

Ngā mihi,  
Kate Gainsford  
Principal

## COVID-19 update

A quick reminder of what we can do to prevent COVID-19

To respond to rising COVID-19 cases and winter illnesses, we have a number of reliable precautionary mitigations including good cough and sneeze etiquette, regular cleaning and people staying away if unwell.

We will consider the case numbers and winter illnesses in our community and identify further measures if needed including:

- Increased mask wearing when indoors
- Increased monitoring and actions to support good ventilation.

A reminder that transmission is more likely to occur between adults and from adults to children, and the risk of child to child or child to adult transmission is considerably reduced.

## Year 9 Whānau Event

A special thank you to the Year 9 Transition Team for their amazing organisation of a successful event on Tuesday, Michael Walters, Tarryn Higham, Amanda Wilson and David Amrein.

### Year 9 Whanau Day 2022

We were unable to run a full school Sports Day during Term One due to Covid restrictions, so an Aotea College team of teachers with the help of student leaders and peer supporters put on a Year 9 Whanau Day on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Students got the opportunity to meet and connect with other students from within their house and compete in a fun day of competitions, ranging from singing the school waiata and a song quiz, to bench-ball, skipping, three-legged races with dingbats, noughts and crosses and of course the mighty gumboot throwing competition, where a few students managed a throw of over 20 metres, and a few more landed in the bush.

After lunch, students gained house points by participating in the 100-metre race (well the AC rugby field, which is close to 100m) and many did, from those serious runners to others that walked or skipped. After the finals, a relay race was held, followed by a student and teacher relay race to finish the day. The Year 9 students participated extremely well and had a very good day out of the classroom, connecting and competing. Congratulations to everyone involved and a huge thanks to the teachers and students that helped run the event, to peer supporters for hanging out with your students for the day and to the teachers that supervised or came to support.



## **Samoa Language Week**

This year's theme for Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week is Fa'aāuāu le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai - *Continue the Voyage with Competent Wayfinders of the Ocean*. As part of this year's overarching theme of 'Sustainability', the Samoan community chose a theme that would reflect the journey of language revitalisation and maintenance as well as recognising the importance of having the right tools, good leadership skills, relationships and the correct medium (va'a) that is adaptable to faring the ocean and its elements. This year signifies the 60th anniversary of Samoa's independence and the 12 years that Samoa Language Week has been celebrated in New Zealand.

The Samoan student leaders have been busy in school putting together plans for next week's Samoa Language week celebrations. We will be holding an inter-whānau Lape competition during lunchtime on Monday, Art workshops on Tuesday, games and challenges on Wednesday and student performances on Thursday. We will focus on simple words and phrases in Samoan and a quiz in Hui Ako time.

## **Pasifika Voices**

With the disruption to all our lives that COVID brought it has been some time since we have had a Pasifika Voices meeting at school. The meeting is a chance for our Pasifika families to come together to discuss how we can all best support students to be successful at school, to share information and ideas and connect with other families. There are opportunities for the group to invite teachers to come and speak to the group on areas of interest such as pathway planning, NCEA and University or vocational pathways.

We will be holding our first meeting of the year in the school staffroom on Tuesday 7th June at 6:00 pm. All parents of Pasifika students from across the school are welcome to join us. If you have any items for the agenda or requests for information to be brought to the meeting for discussion please email them to Rachel Parsons ([pas@aotea.school.nz](mailto:pas@aotea.school.nz))

## **Become a host family**

Aotea College is excited to be welcoming International Students back!

With the return of International Students, we are now looking to expand our pool of homestay families, for both short term and long-term hosting.

### Why host?

Hosting a student is an enriching experience for both yourselves and the student. You'll experience a true cultural exchange, sharing knowledge of your culture whilst learning about the many different cultures represented by our students. Often host families build lasting relationships with their students

### What is expected from host families?

- Involve their student in their life, spend time talking with their students to give them confidence speaking in English and treat them as a member of the family.

- Be caring and understanding, patient but able to set boundaries

- Show their students how to get to and from school (e.g., where the bus stop is, how to access the bus schedule, how to walk to school).

- Provide three meals a day and snacks (including a packed lunch during the school week).

- Provide a furnished bedroom

- Provide bed linen (sheets, pillow, and blankets) and towels

- Provide wifi

### What we provide

Aotea College has a well-resourced International Department, with a Homestay Co-ordinator who is able to provide you with advice and support.

Homestay families are paid a weekly fee which is reviewed annually.

For more information about hosting a student please check out: [international.aotea.school.nz/homestay](https://international.aotea.school.nz/homestay) or email [cox@aotea.school.nz](mailto:cox@aotea.school.nz)



## Pathways

Mahi Rangatahi - Work Experience Opportunity at Porirua City Council

Porirua City Council is offering the following 10-week Gateway placements in Term 3:

- Lifeguard - Recreation Porirua
- Serviceperson (Maintenance) - Parks & City Services
- Nursery Support Worker - Parks Operations, Nursery
- Economic Development Coordinator - Economic Development
- City Partnerships Coordinator - City Partnerships
- Event Set Up Crew - Recreation
- Customer Service Office - Recreation Porirua
- Finance Assistant - Finance

Applications are open to **ALL year 12 and 13 students interested** (not just Pathways classes).

Any students wanting more information on the application process and a detailed work placement description can email Ilse at [pathways@aotea.school.nz](mailto:pathways@aotea.school.nz).

Applications will close at **10am on Tuesday 7 June 2022**.

## Staff professional development.

Aotea College staff have been having professional development learning Te Reo Maori. This professional development will be ongoing to ensure our staff are well prepared to connect with Akonga



## 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.

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.**

## Pink Shirt Day- Friday 20th May, 2022

Pink Shirt Day started in Canada in 2007 when students took a stand against queerphobic bullying, after another student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. On the 20th of May, Aotea College took a stand against rainbow bullying, and bullying of any forms, raising just under \$1000. Events were run on the day, with a frame in the library to have your photo taken behind (and spread the #acpinkshirtday tag), a bake sale with all sorts of baked goods, and a water balloon popping fundraiser. A big thank you to Mr Straayer and Mr Mackenzie who braved the water balloons on a very cold day. Beforehand, on the 16th of May, there was a Kahoot quiz in Te Manawa, around the topics of bullying and raising awareness. Thank you to all of those who helped out, and all of those who brought donations or wore the colour pink. Your donations are going to a great cause - the Mental Health Foundation.



# Ngā Toi | The Arts at Aotea

## Upcoming Events

### **All Comers Choir Rehearsals**

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

### **AJO - Aotea Jazz Orchestra Rehearsals**

Monday Afterschool  
Thursday Lunchtimes

### **Manawatu Jazz Festival**

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

### **Top Art**

Our Senior Art and Photography students will get the opportunity to see the top 2021 ātaahua folios from around Aotearoa on Wednesday 1st June. Schedule coming shortly.



Aotea was again host to the faculty of the New Zealand School of Music last week. Ensembles from Onslow College and Tawa College joined us as the lecturers put the students through their paces with large ensemble techniques, improvisation concepts and rhythm section specific tasks. Our students were then tested by senior students from Victoria University on their technique and sound production. Finally the Universities #1 Big Band performed for our music students to finish the day off with a bang. Our thanks go to Rodger Fox and the staff from the NZSM for sharing their time, knowledge and experience with us all. We look forward to doing it all again next year

## 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

### Sport congratulations

Congratulations to Daniella Starr who competed in the CSW Cross Country champs on Wednesday this week and placed a very respectable 15th. Well done Daniella!

If any students are interested in a running / cross country club after school please get in touch with the sports office.



### Netball

Congratulations to our A1 Netball team who competed in the CSW Premier Netball Tournament last Thursday. This team has a number of new players this season and it is great to see them developing and enjoying netball at this level.

### Trampoline

Epiny Roswell recently competed in the Secondary School Champs coming away with a 1st on the DMT trampoline and came 3rd on tramp. Great achievement by Epiny in this event!



### Waka Ama

Another congratulations to our Aotea College Waka Ama team for competing at the CSW regional Waka Ama competition held in Masterton on the weekend. Thank you once again to all our amazing parent helpers. We wouldn't have been able to do it without you.

Results below

Aotea White - 2nd in J16 boys champ final 500m

Aotea Navy - 4th in J16 boys champ final 250m

Aotea Pink - 1st in J16 girls plate final 500m

Aotea Pink - 1st in J16 girls plate final 250m

Another congratulations to Mahana Bartley who also won a brand new paddle from Hoe Tonga at the competition.

All our weekly winter sports are now up and running, good luck to all our teams and please get along to support them, you can find our sports teams here:



## Sports News Continued

### 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>

### Gymnasium car park

A reminder that the bottom car park closest to the gym is locked everyday at 5pm and does not open until early the next morning. If you have training or games that will be played after 5pm please park on the other side of the school by the main reception to avoid being locked in.

### Updated rules and regulations to Kapi Mana netball in regards to photos and video

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

### 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.

## Community Notices

The Reverend Sylvia Jenkin was my beloved aunt, and she died a week ago in Longview Home, Tawa. Before she passed, we talked about what she wanted to happen after her death. She wanted a quick cremation and then after a couple of weeks, a memorial service at Tawa Union Church. She hoped this would be enough time for the news of her death and information about the service to reach any of the people she had worked with when she was a Minister in Porirua in the 1970s, and also when she lived there again in the 1990s and 2000s.

Sylvia especially wanted to make sure that any of her Pasifika friends who wanted to come to the service would know about it in time. Sylvia's memorial service will be on Saturday week, 4 June, at 2 pm in the Tawa Union Church.

From 1973 to 1980, Sylvia worked as the Community Minister of St Martin's Church, Porirua, where she helped establish the Opportunity Centre ("Our Place"), which included a place for young people to gather in the evenings as well as an "op shop" which helped to support it.

The centre opened in 1978 as a recreational and activity centre for youth and families with eighty volunteers, a full-time youth worker, two part time staff, and Sylvia as co-ordinator. ... those young people ... remember Our Place with its adult members always ready to chat with them and help sort problems while playing pool or at the disco.

In 1992, Sylvia moved to her own house in Cannons Creek, Porirua, and then worked part time as transition minister for St Columba, Naenae, until 1995, when she retired. Sylvia's retirement enabled her to do more voluntary work, for example, with the Porirua CAB, but her greatest contribution was in conservation. From the beginning, Sylvia took a leadership role in the Cannons Creek group (now called Friends of Maraa Roa), which has, over twenty years, restored the bush around Cannons Creek. In 2002 Sylvia received a Civic Award for her work in and around Porirua (especially in initiating and developing the Maara Roa project), and in 2006 she won the "Wellingtonian of the Year" award for community service. At the end of 2014, Sylvia sold her house and moved to a flat in Summerset Retirement Village in Porirua City.



# Whitireia and WelTec Māori / Pacific Students Event

Tēnā Koutou | Kia Orana | Ni Sa Bula | Fakafeiloaki |  
Fakaalofa Lahi Atu | Talofa Lava | Malo e Lelei  
Nau Mai Haere Mai,

Come along and see what services and  
programmes we offer to our Māori and  
Pacific People.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Whitireia Porirua  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June - WelTec Petone

Please register with your Careers Advisor.  
We look forward to meeting you.

