



*Taku Mana
My Prestige*

*Taku Manawa
My Heart*

TE KARERE

A Newsletter from Aotea College

Important Dates:

June

16th ~ Open Evening 3.30 to 5pm & 5.30 to 7pm

23rd ~ PEO301 Triathlon Training Business Studies market day

24th ~ Matariki Public Holiday

27th ~ PED300 Mountain biking assessment
Waikato University Whanau
Evening 6.30-7.30pm
Board meeting 6pm

28th PED300 Mountain biking assessment

July

5th, 6th & 7th DRA200/300 Class
Production 3.10—8.00pm
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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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

I am back at school having spent the long weekend with my brand new first grandchild born at Starship hospital in Auckland. I was impressed, not just by my lovely granddaughter and her strong parents but by the care of health professionals who are already stretched and covering other staff absences.

For all those parents, caregivers and family members working in the Health sector at this time, thank you. The work you do every day makes a difference.

For all those family members who are not paid professionals but also make a difference, caring for our very young, our elderly or our unwell, THANK YOU.

At school we are seeing the start of the winter bite, but school is an important part of healthy family routines and the learning that happens on a rainy day is as good as that achieved on a sunny one.

Parent and caregiver responsibilities in making sure young people attend school & classes all day, every school day, are important especially at this time. If illness interrupts learning, we simply reconnect, reengage and continue on, sure in the knowledge that every effort makes a difference.

Nga mihi

Kate Gainsford, Principal

Support staff week

This week was support staff week. We thank all of our amazing support staff for their tireless efforts to support us to support the students and the overall running of the school.

The smiley "face of the school" office, administration and finance staff, our amazing "drop everything at a moment's notice" property staff, incredible teacher aides, tip top technicians, fabulous librarians, super sports stars, pathways and international go getters and of course our wonderful guidance staff.

All of you make our jobs easier with your knowledge and expertise.

THANK YOU

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Enrol now for 2023

Enrolments for new students in 2023 are now open.

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.



Open Evening for Year 9 enrolments in 2023

Our open evening will be held on

Thursday 16th June.

We are running two sessions

3:30 to 5:00 pm &

5:30 to 7:00 pm

Congratulations

Congratulations to Year 13 students Malama Pritchard-Aiono and Alycia Capes-Parr who have each been awarded a First Foundation scholarship. This is a very prestigious award - the scholarship will cover their university fees for three years, and they will also be mentored and receive paid work experience. Malama and Alycia attended the award ceremony at the end of May. Poho kererū ana mātou i a rāua!



Sustainability Trust expo

Two of our students represented us at the Bee Hive for the Sustainability Trust expo on Wednesday. Grayson and Ryan got to talk to many of our policymakers and leaders, including Jacinda Arden, James Shaw, Simon Court and many more. While they were there, they shared all about their hard work upskilling students, reducing waste and helping all students at Aotea College get access to a digital device.

We want to thank the sustainability trust, Recycle A Device and the New Zealand government for this fantastic opportunity. -Ryan Pugh, Co-leader, AC Tech Hub.



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 24th June 2022

Safety in a Digital Landscape

As a College we are currently navigating a range of issues associated with our students inappropriate or negative use of technology, especially in relation to social media. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind all families that NetSafe provides a [Parents Toolkit](#) to support families to build skills and capabilities for their young people in this area. Please do familiarise yourself with test tools.

It is really important that all families are monitoring their young persons utilisation of Social Media. [Research](#) has proven excessive use of social media can have a direct negative impact upon their mental health. We have also included here a link to the [Harmful Digital Communications Act](#) to help you to support your young person in their use of social media. Being wary of the difference between 'a bit of teenage fun' and harmful digital communications is important to understand. Our message should always be that our words (spoken and written) should always be used to build others up, not break them down.

Your support in getting this message across to all of our young people is greatly appreciated.



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 or email cox@aotea.school.nz

New Zealand Global Competency Certificate

The New Zealand Global Competence Certificate develops cultural self-awareness, emotional resilience, and build bridges across cultures

The programme delivers animated videos, quizzes, assignments, and weekly live facilitated dialogue sessions for learners to talk with each other online in real time and learn about life from perspectives other than their own.

Offshore participants will be from Viet Nam, Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia – what a great mix!

We are looking for students who are keen to join this cohort. The times and dates are below:

Orientation: Saturday 23 July

S1: Sat 30 July

S2: Sat 6 August

S3: Sat 13 August

S4: Sat 20 August

Graduation: Sat 10 September

2-3.30pm NZT

In order to pass the course and receive a certificate, students will have to attend all facilitated sessions and complete all modules.

Register your interest: cox@aotea.school.nz

FOR THE PEOPLE
KO TE TANGATA


THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

WHĀNAU INFORMATION EVENING

DATE: Monday 27 June 2022
TIME: 6:30pm
VENUE: Aotea College Auditorium -
Te Manawa

For more information and to register,
visit waikato.ac.nz/go/info

We encourage you to wear a mask for this event



Pathways

Pōrutu Locals Programme will be held on Friday 1 July (9:30am-2:30pm) at the VUW Pipitea campus. The Kaupapa of the day will aim to help Year 13 Māori students feel more comfortable and prepared to pursue university studies. There will be four key focuses during the day;

Scholarships: This session will help students through the school-leaver scholarships application as well as learning about some Māori scholarships that they can also apply for

Accommodation: The VUW has awesome Halls of Residence, plus they have accommodation options specifically for Māori students (Both catered and non-catered)

Finances: The student finance team will discuss things like fees free, StudyLink and our student hardship

Support: Having a strong support system is important for all their students and they have whānau here that will help support you

Register now: <https://forms.gle/HfBhzugqThd5BUQH8>

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington's Year 12 Day:
an on-campus experience for Year 12 students.

Year 12 students from Wellington secondary schools are invited to come to the University's Kelburn campus and participate in an exciting one-day programme.

Date: Tuesday 28 June, 2022

Time: 9.30 am–2.30 pm

Location: Kelburn campus

Year 12 Day programme

The purpose of the day is to provide a programme that will:

- allow students to explore university study and student life
- enable students to familiarise themselves with the campus and gain first-hand experience of university subjects and potential career options through sample lectures.

The programme will include an 'Introduction to University' session hosted by our Future Students Team. Students will also have the opportunity to attend three sample lectures from the following subject areas:

- Business
- Arts, Communication and Education
- Creative Industries (Architecture, Design, Theatre, Music)
- Health
- Law
- Science and Technology

Register now: <https://forms.gle/o4V88zKB52XWKcPB9>

Ngā Toi | The Arts at Aotea

Drana News

Year 10 Drama have been whipping up some theatre masks based on purakau, historical theatre, and from our own whakapapa. They're pairing up with a buddy to make each other's plaster cast mask which will be built up over the term. Watch this space!



Music News

On Friday June 3rd Aotea College played host to the Northern Porirua Kahui Ako. Entertaining the staff from schools across Porirua were a number of our music students, including some senior singers, and also the new year 10 jazz quintet, *The West Coast Modern Groove Club*. *Our students provided some high quality music for our guests and received some wonderful feedback from some of their old teachers. Well done to Anita Ulugia Ah-Sini, Penina Seiuli, Leith Kinikini, Tatiana Mareko, Daniel Keeys, Mason Smith, Ollie McLean, Kelso Keogh & Caelan Davidson.*

Keep your eyes peeled for more performances from these students.



Manawatu Jazz Festival - Saturday June 4th

The AJO (Aotea Jazz Orchestra) and The West Coast Modern Groove Club competed at the annual Manawatu Jazz Festival, held at The Globe Theatre in Palmerston North. The bands did themselves proud, and even though we were five members down there was still a big sound to be had!

Congratulations to Amelia Taatiti for scooping the Best Vocalist Award, and also Kelso Keogh for winning the Judges Commendation for best bass playing.

Sports News

Sport congratulations

Earlier in the year Addison Schwirtlich was selected for the WRVA U17 Girls team (Wellington) and over the long weekend she competed at the NZ interprovincial competition at ASB. Her team made it to the final but unfortunately lost. Addison was in her teams starting six and was a key player for the teacher. With her outstanding performance, she was selected in the tournament team which is just the Top 7 players. 10 teams and 140 girls and to be selected in the top 7.

Congratulations **Addison Schwirtlich**.



Sports hoodie and long sleeve tee

Students and the Aotea College community are now able to purchase an Aotea branded sports hoodie and long sleeve tee to wear to games, training and tournaments.

The long sleeve tee is signed off for our teams to wear at games where applicable i.e Hockey & Netball.

Students are reminded that these items are not part of the official school uniform so please do not wear them to school.

Please use the following link to order a hoodie or long sleeve tee:

[Aotea College Sports Hoodie.](#)



Sport uniform

With winter well and truly here we would like to make sure that students are staying warm during the season. In saying this please make sure that students are still continuing to wear the correct uniform.

- Netball - Can wear a black thermal/ polyprop or new sports long sleeve tee underneath their playing dress.
- Basketball - No tops are to be worn under their playing singlet, but can wear their Aotea Navy sweatshirt or the new sports hoodie to games
- Football - Can wear a black thermal /polyprop or new sports long sleeve tee underneath their playing top
- Hockey - Can wear a black thermal / polyprop or new sports long sleeve tee underneath their playing top / dress

Please make sure that students have a warm jacket or top for after their game or training.

Students please make sure that the correct uniform is worn on and off the court during any Aotea College Sport game.

Sports News

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
- 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.

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.

Student Achievements

Please remember to send all student sporting achievements through to the sports department.

Community Notices

Bigair Gym is currently looking for senior college students to fill part-time GYMNASTICS, FREE RUNNING (parkour), TUMBLING & TRAMPOLINING COACHING positions at Bigair Gym Owairo Bay, Bigair Gym Tawa and Bigair Gym Kapiti. This position works well around college and university hours. We are looking for someone who has passion and/or experience in Parkour, Gymnastics, Tumbling and/or Trampolining. The successful candidate enjoys working with others and has a great rapport with kids. They also have a confident, outgoing, and enthusiastic personality, can lead, and manage children through positive encouragement and supportive influence. This is a rewarding position and will suit someone who is keen to learn, is a loyal hardworking person, who loves working with people. We are looking for the right person for the job, so if you have all the right personality traits, then we can teach you the coaching skills.

Please apply by email to Leanne Davenport: leanne@bigairgym.co.nz