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# TE KARERE

A Newsletter from Aotea College

## Important Dates:

### June

22nd ~ ACA meeting 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  
Term 2 reports emailed home  
8th ~ PEO300 Outdoor Adventure

### 8th ~ Last day of Term 2

### 25th ~ First day of Term 3

Board meeting 6pm  
28th-29th ~ Y12 PEO Rangatuhi  
Mt Bike Trials

### August

4th ~ Australian Maths Competi-  
tion

8th ~ Cook Island Language Week  
8th-12th ~ Y12 PEO Rangatuhi Mt  
Bike Trials

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

This week I wanted to acknowledge the grit and perseverance of one of our sports teams who played last weekend.

We are seeing winter illness impacting a number of teams in the College Sport competition and last weekend was no exception.

In a break in the atrocious weather our U15 rugby team with a squad of 24 but with only 13 players available, on the day played St Bernard's.

Use of the 'Game on' rule, saw the game go ahead with fewer players on the pitch, for a shorter time. We played 10 players for 35 mins on a full size field.

The final score of 19 to 39 does not accurately reflect the amazing grit, determination, skill level and heart of the players who went on. St Bernards had a larger team of reserves and as you can imagine, with fewer numbers on a full sized field, it was full on for our players for the 70 minutes of play. The team was captained by Max Calvert. Two tries were scored by Tyrone Leota, and one try by Kitona Lua. Zung La Hkaw kicked two conversions in strong winds. Good sportsmanship was observed by both teams and it was a pleasure to be there and see these young men step up to meet the challenges of the day.

Every week our students and their coaches and managers and parents and supporters are actively helping this winter season return to a level of normality that is seeing players and teams go from strength to strength, not just with physical training but with the building of character. Thank you for your part in this.

Last night saw nearly 800 prospective parents and students visit our open evening held in two shifts. We had record numbers of present students volunteering to come in to assist and guides and presenters. Special thanks to all the parent representatives who were present and who play an important role in supporting the transition of the whole family from primary education to secondary.

Ngā mihi

Kate Gainsford  
Principal

## Uniform

We are well and truly into our winter months with wild weather consistently with us. It is very important that students are warm and well at school so ensuring that your child has the correct uniform is very important.

Argyle online (our uniform provider) has all of the options that you need to ensure your child is fully kitted out for school. Students are not allowed to wear non uniform hoodies, jerseys or pants. Non uniform items will be impounded until the end of term 2 from now on unless collected by a family member.

## Sick students

If your child falls unwell during school time, please encourage them to follow the school procedures.

- The student should advise their teacher, who will send them to the sick bay with a note.
- Our office staff will then contact the parents to advise the student is unwell and needs to be uplifted and taken home.

This allows us to correctly mark attendance for the students which is essential in case of emergencies. Thank you for your support.

## Principal's message ~ Digital Safety

We have needed to remind students this week of the need for greater care in handling social media. We will run more special assemblies over the rest of the term to remind people about the Harmful Digital Communications Act and the fact that serious consequences follow bad on-line behaviour. We will not hesitate to refer cases we learn about to both Netsafe and the police if we need to. It is important for young people to learn how to keep themselves and their community safe from the nastiness that we have sometimes seen eventuate - all too often beginning as "just a joke" or "banter." Most material we become aware of happens outside of school hours but we take an active role in educating people about the possible serious impacts on individuals and their families. Your care and supervision of your young people's engagement in social media is a critical part of keeping people safe.

It's best to keep it simple with this advice ~ Think, Block, Tell, Delete

## 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 use 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.



## 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](mailto:tma@aotea.school.nz)

Please send your CV and cover letter to Principal's PA Debbie Allan [aln@aotea.school.nz](mailto:aln@aotea.school.nz)

**Applications close 24th June 2022**

## Day of Silence

Last Friday was Day of Silence at Aotea College. Fifty students from across the school took a vow of silence for the school day to call attention to the silencing effect of homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying, name-calling and harassment in schools. By raising this awareness the aim is to make schools safer for ALL students, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.

At the end of the day, participating students gathered on the field to break the silence - in a united voice. A big thank you to all the students who took part to help make our school a more inclusive place!





## Showquest / Toi 2022

Students at Aotea College were invited to enter Show Quest Toi, the national Wearable Art competition, run in collaboration with World of Wearable Art.

Students took inspiration from the 4 design briefs or choose to be bold with Open category, they were encouraged to think way outside the box! WOW Toi are looking to inspire the next generation of Kiwi ākonga to embrace their unbridled creativity and have fun with big, bold and theatrical concepts. 2022 Themes were **Myths, Legends and Fantastic Beasts, Stories of the South Pacific, Larger than Life, City of the Future and Open.**

Whitireia Polytech collaborated with Aotea College by doing students hair for the professional photographs. These photos were taken by WOW at the Michael Fowler centre. The main Toi awards are decided by Dame Suzie Moncrieff and Heather Palmer from WOW with results being announced in July.



## Pathways

### University of Waikato Whanau Evening

DATE: Monday 27 June 2022

TIME: 6:30pm

VENUE: Aotea College Auditorium - Te Manawa, Porirua

An information evening for Māori and Pacific students and their whānau to learn more about study options and support at the University of Waikato

For more information and to register, visit [waikato.ac.nz/go/info](http://waikato.ac.nz/go/info)

**University of Canterbury Pasifika Visit:** The University of Canterbury Pasifika team is visiting us on June 22nd at 11am

They are here to share with you the services UC have to offer, as well as encourage and inform you about their awesome Pasifika scholarships.

This session is open to any Pasifika students from Years 11 through to 13 and will be held in the canteen area.

### PIHMS Careers Week

Career Week provides any year 12 or 13 student in New Zealand with the opportunity to experience PIHMS, our culture, lifestyle, education, training to see if this is where your future lies.

What to expect

During the three day fully supervised activities, you can expect to:

- Be part of the PIHMS hotel campus by staying on site
- Interact with current PIHMS students
- Find out about the different career paths offered within the business, tourism and hospitality industries
- Meet professionals from the tourism, hotel and hospitality industry
- Learn about the PIHMS internationally recognised Diplomas, Degree and Postgraduate qualifications with guaranteed hotel job!
- See where our students travel to on their paid Industry Placements
- Meet the friendly PIHMS team and students through a variety of classroom and social activities
- Free time to explore New Plymouth and the surrounding area and all it has to offer
- Welcome and farewell luncheon for family and friends upon arrival and departure

### Cost

Career Week costs \$199.00 per person (including GST) and includes three nights shared accommodation, all meals, beverages and scheduled activities. It does not include travel to and from New Plymouth.

Register: [www.pihms.ac.nz/events/careers-week](http://www.pihms.ac.nz/events/careers-week)

### Student 360

Are you interested in preparing yourself for the world of work?

ICE's Student360 programme offers mentorship and development, empowering you to make confident choices after high school.

The programme also offers up to 10 days work experience during the school holidays in industries such as Business, IT, Law, Health, Logistics, Tourism

Apply now: [www.student360.co.nz](http://www.student360.co.nz)

Check out the [Pathways website](#) for more information

Don't forget to follow [@aoteacollegepathways](#) on Instagram

## 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 we provide?

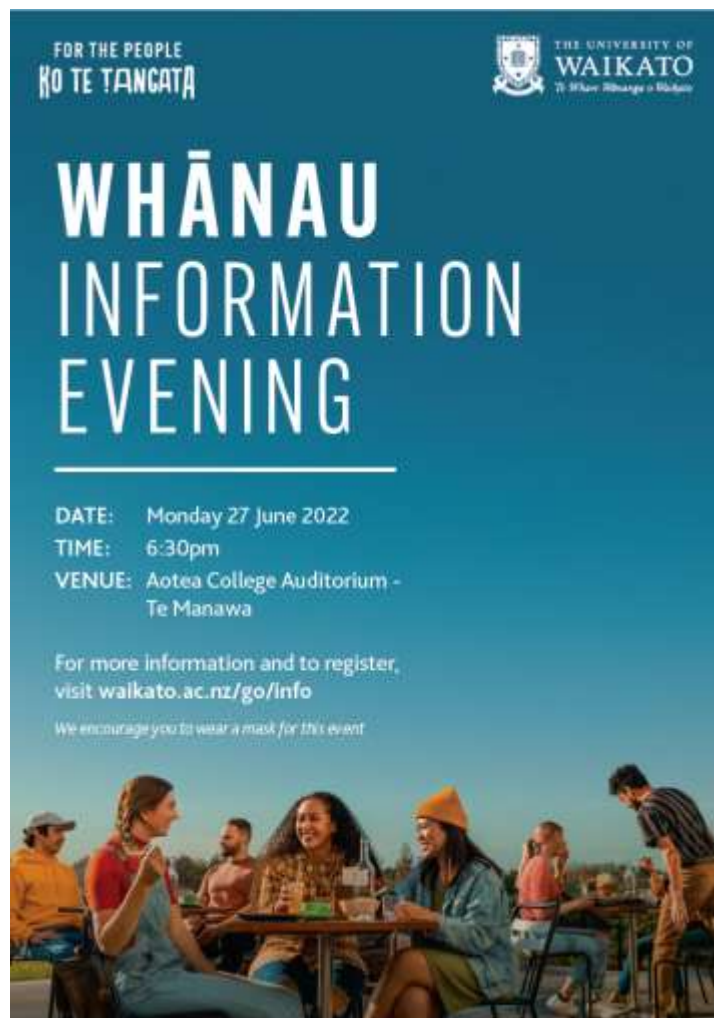
Aotea College has a well-resourced International Department, with a Homestay Co-ordinator who is able to provide you with advice and support.

Homestay families are paid a weekly fee of \$300 which is reviewed annually.

At this stage we are specifically trying to find a homestay to place a lovely 14 year old female Japanese student, who will be here for 6 weeks from July 24th to September 2nd and for a potential group from Thailand arriving for 2 weeks at the start of term 4.

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)

## Waikato Whanau Evening





# Ngā Toi | The Arts at Aotea

Lucas Woolf Y10 - Taonga painting



## Upcoming events

Check out the [Porirua City website](#) to see what events are going on to celebrate Matariki!



## Music News

The music department has recently received an incredibly generous donation of instruments and equipment from The Royal Airforce Band of New Zealand. Their incredible gift included multiple saxophones, flutes, clarinets, keyboards and even a bass clarinet. Our jazz students have begun to explore playing on these new instruments and are excited to expand their skills further. We shall be employing these instruments on a new chart and will hope to perform it in public at some stage next term. Our biggest thanks to the Airforce Band for their generosity.

## Visual Arts News

Stills Photography competition

Head to the Categories page and choose the photography brief that inspires you.

As a year 9 - 13, you can submit into any (or all) of the five Senior categories.

STEPS:

**Research > Rules** (read the rules on the website) > **Shoot > Edit > Upload**

- follow the link for more information <https://www.stills.nz/>

Head down to Pātaka Art + Museum to see some awesome mahi toi by Lisa Reihana. Her video works showcase performing art!



## Sports News

Congratulations to Lewis Parker, Joe Reiher, Cam Wilkinson and Felix Thomas for competing at the NISS Swimming Champs over the weekend at WRAC. We had some great results from our swimmers including some PB's from the students. We look forward to seeing these students represent Aotea College at the next swim meet.

If you are interested in swimming please express your interest at the Aotea College Sport Department.

### College Sport Wellington competition coming up

Table tennis

CSW are holding table tennis individual and team championships in August, please express your interest at the sports office or at table tennis club on Thursday lunchtime.

### Rugby League

The CSW Rugby League season will kick off with the annual 9s Tournament on 17<sup>th</sup> September, followed by the weekly competition. Entries will be sent out in term 3. If you are interested, please register your interest at the Sports Office.

### 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.

### 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>

### 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 this can be done by emailing [sport@aotea.school.nz](mailto:sport@aotea.school.nz)





## **Community Notices**

### **FREE Mums and daughters' self-defence course.**

Where: Porirua Womens Centre, Level 3, Pember House, 3 Hagley Street

When: Wednesday 13th July 12 -2.30pm or Wednesday 20th July 12-2.30pm

Please note: Suitable for girls 8 years and above. No prior experience required.

Register your interest and which course you would like to attend at:

[sally@wharemanaaki.org.nz](mailto:sally@wharemanaaki.org.nz)