



*Taku Mana
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A Newsletter from Aotea College

Important Dates: **Term 1 2022**

February

15th ~ Y13PEO Whitireia Park activities
16th ~ Class Photos
17th ~ Y13 PEO Whitireia Park activities
18th ~ 2BIO trip to Zealandia
22nd ~ Y9 Meet the Hui Ako teacher ~ online event
25th ~ Sports Day
28th ~ 11PEO Porirua Local Outdoor exploring
Board meeting 6pm

March

1st ~ 11PEO Porirua Local Outdoor exploring
2nd ~ 11PEO Porirua Local Outdoor exploring
4th ~ Goal Setting Day ~ online event
7th & 8th ~ Y12PEO Battle Hill Camp
10th & 11th ~ Y12PEO Battle Hill Camp
11th ~ CSW Senior Volleyball Tournament
17th & 18th ~ Y13PPEO Kaitoke Leadership Camp
18th ~ PSY301 Sleep over
24th ~ Whanau Performance Evening
28th ~ Summer Sport Tournament Week
Board meeting 6pm

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Kia ora e te whanau,

Wow! What a wonderful start to the year. From the welcoming of new students and students returning, and new and returning staff, it has been a fast paced and full week of settling into new classes, new subjects, new friendships and new connections.

We welcome back to our staff - Mr Gordon Cameron, he had retired but has rejoined us in a part time capacity in the Social Sciences faculty for 2022 along with Ms Avalon Retter and Mr John Lambert who rejoin our part time team.

With roll growth and replacements for people who have left, we have welcomed the following people to our teaching team.

Welcomes.

Mr Rory McNamara to the Social Sciences faculty.
Mr Mike Wallace to the Technology team.
Ms Johanna Vannathy and Mr Matt Taylor to English.
Ms Danesha Chetty, Ms Olivia Rumbal and Mr Stavros Rekatsinas to Science
Mr Scott Wesney and Mr Michael Walters to Health and Physical Education and Ms Lara Fort as Assistant Head of Faculty, Health and Physical Education.

We are also extending our team of itinerant music teachers offering tuition in piano, guitar, singing, saxophone, flute, trombone, trumpet & drums this year.

Our fine team of timetablers, and whanau and curriculum leaders has worked diligently through the details of individual students' timetables to make sure everybody knows exactly where they are meant to be. Returning students have been really helpful with younger students finding their way around the school. Thank you.

As a priority we are working through some digital connectivity issues with a few of our younger students so thank you for your patience with this.

Readiness - Sauni and Wellbeing.

Many thanks for helping your young people be well equipped for the start of the year with Chromebooks and laptops and importantly their masks. It has been heartening to see everyone keen on keeping people safe with the measures we have in place.

From the Principal's pen continued

All schools are required to have updated Safety plans for the Covid Protection Framework - the traffic light system and I am pleased to be able to provide you with the assurance that these plans are up to date, in place and [can be found here](#).

You may be aware the first school in Porirua city has a confirmed Covid case. They have activated the relevant section of their safety plan and are working with the Ministries of Health and Education in a coordinated response to keep people safe and the school open. We will do the same should we find ourselves in the same place. These situations need compassion and kindness to be at the forefront and thankfully in our Porirua community this is not a difficult ask.

Website changes ahead.

Over the coming weeks we'll see the website overhauled and upgraded. Mr Kallahar's parent focus group will be called on again during this time to provide feedback on proposed improvements. Thank you for your work on this last year and in the time ahead.

Enjoy the weekend ahead.

Ngā mihi

Kate Gainsford
Principal
Aotea College

Uniform

We are a uniform school and wearing it correctly is one of the ways we demonstrate pride in our school. Argyle online is our school uniform provider. The uniform of black leather-look lace ups or leather slip on shoes are the expected shoes. Students can wear plain black or white socks as well as the school socks. Hooded sweatshirts are not part of the uniform and they will be impounded by staff for collection at the end of the week or by parents. The school has a jersey and sweatshirt with the Aotea logo that can be worn. Argyle online also has a range of shorts, trousers, skirts, lava lava, shirts and blouses for girls and boys. Hats are to be plain black or navy blue and are not to be worn in class. We appreciate the support of everyone to ensure that our uniform guidelines are adhered to, so we maintain and build wearing of our smart uniform..

A friendly reminder to our new students ~ please ensure your uniform items are named. During the hot weather if you remove a uniform item and it gets misplaced, we can get it back to you if it has your name on it. Thank you for your assistance in keeping your uniform safe.



School Photos

The school photos will be taken on Wednesday 16/2/22. This year only individual photos will be taken at this time of year to limit congestion and interruption to the school day. Class, peer support, student leader and other group photos will be put together from the individual photos.

Photo packs are available to preorder here: <https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=S97U8Q6R>

New students

It was great to see new students practising the school waiata and harmonising during their break time last week.



Pathways

Follow @aoteacollegepathways on Instagram to keep informed on:

- Events like Career Expos
- STAR Courses
- Training opportunities such as First Aid or Defensive Driving
- Job Opportunities
- Scholarships
- Tertiary Open Days
- And lots more!



The Arts at Aotea

Upcoming Events

Barbershop Rehearsals

Jazz Band Rehearsals

Capital Photographer of the Year

Entries now open! Submissions close April 27, 2022. For more information visit: capitalmag.co.nz/cpoty

Dance News

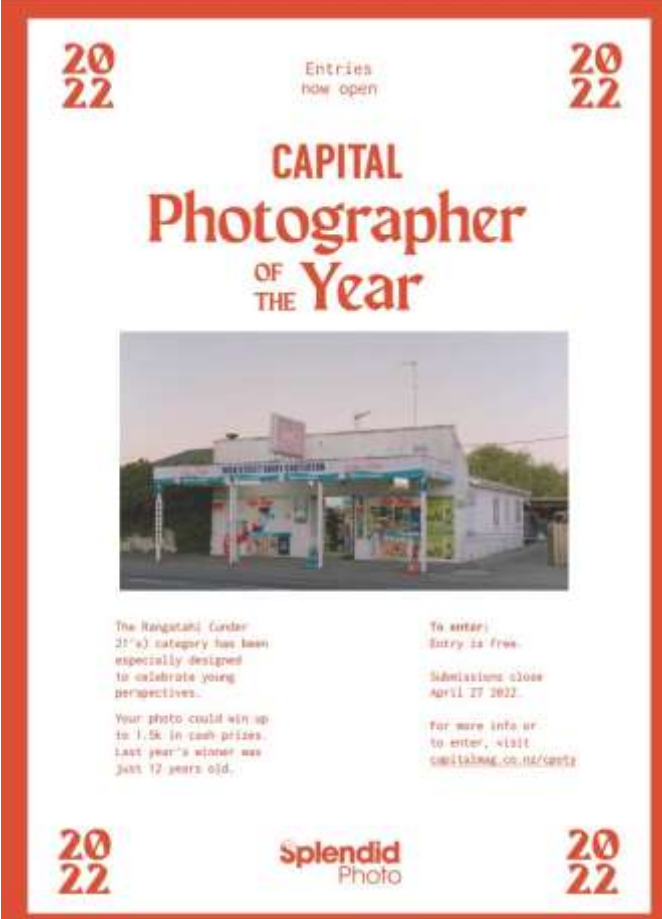
Y9/10 Dance has started off with enthusiasm and joy! Students are dancing outside when the weather is nice and they have been learning our school waiata and actions. Watch this space for more news about what's happening in our dance community.

Music News

The red light restrictions haven't put a stop to our music programme! We are being careful and creative about the way we carry on and are in the planning process of how to run Barbershop rehearsals in small sectionals outside at different times in the week. Please watch this space and student notices for more information

Visual Arts News - Photography Competition - see details below

Korimako Painting by Jessica Cox for Gordon Cameron's retirement gift



2022 Entries now open 2022

**CAPITAL
Photographer
OF THE Year**

The Rangitahi (under 21's) category has been especially designed to celebrate young perspectives.

Your photo could win up to 1.5k in cash prizes. Last year's winner was just 12 years old.

To enter:
Entry is free.

Submissions close April 27 2022.

For more info or to enter, visit capitalmag.co.nz/cpoty

2022 Splendid Photo 2022



Sports News

Aotea College Sport

Covid Traffic light information

It is important we keep not only ourselves safe but also those around us. For our students playing sports this creates some new restrictions and rules around sports that Aotea College participates in during the traffic light system.

Aotea College Sport is currently at COVID Red: CSW requires all participants to have a vaccine pass to participate in their competitions.

Please read the following link:

[Aotea College Sport at Covid Red.docx](#)

Volleyball referee course opportunity

CSW will be holding a volleyball referee course here at Aotea College on the 19th of February from 10am-12:30pm. The cost to attend the course is \$15 and can be sent through online banking or paid through the school. This is open to our students and parents who are wanting to learn how to referee volleyball. The registration link can be found on our [Sport Website](#) under Summer Sports Term 1 2022. If you have any questions please contact Ria Nathu. (nau@aotea.school.nz).

2022 Sport Volunteers

If you have any interest in coaching or managing volleyball, futsal, rugby, netball, basketball or football please contact nau@aotea.school.nz. We cannot have successful sports teams without our awesome volunteers, this also includes any students wanting to further develop their sport leadership.

*Please note to be eligible to work with our students you need to be fully vaccinated and have a vaccination pass.

Sport trials

In order to be eligible to trial for any sport please make sure that you have registered and paid the registration fee.

Please follow [this link](#) to our sports trials that are happening this week.

Sports that have trials currently are

- Volleyball
- Rugby
- Senior netball will be starting in March followed by Juniors.

The rest of the sport trial dates will come out in the following weeks. Please keep checking our Website, Facebook and school notice boards for updates.

Preseason rugby

Starts on Tuesday the 14th of Feb after school and is open to all Aotea College Rugby teams. Please note that preseason is considered trials for all grades.

Waka Ama

Training starts on the 14th of February at 3:30pm-5:00pm at Porirua Canoe Kayak Club.

Skills and drills

All skills and drills sports badminton, table tennis and volleyball start next week.

Please visit our website, the school notice board and the Facebook page for any updates.



Aotea Pathways Drivers Education: DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Become a safer driver, increase your skills and confidence behind the wheel while fast tracking your full license

Register your interest to join a course for 2022:

<https://forms.gle/t1xdZcvBaQUa3HTx8>

TERM 1 2022 Dates:

Tuesday, 15, 22, 29 March + 5 April

TERM 3 2022 Dates:

Thursday, 28 July, + 4 August

Tuesday 16 August

Thursday, 24 August



Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Cost: approx \$160 (incl course + practical driving assessment)

Sessions: 4 x theory sessions (2h each) + 1 practical assessment (1h booked with instructor after theory)

Location: Aotea College (classroom tbc)

Session 1 : The total driving picture

Session 2 : Risk and reality

Session 3 : Managing change

Session 4 : Hazard training

Requirements:

*Must be on learners or restricted and have a reasonable amount of driving practice/experience.

*A copy of your license will have to be presented to the instructor.

*Must commit to all 4 sessions + practical

Require a min of 8 students for a course - consent forms & confirmation will be sent once a course has been confirmed - please check your email.

Payment to be done after confirmation to Aotea College directly.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



The only **Army** and **Navy** cadet units on the coast are based at
Mana in the Ngati Toa Domain

(near the train station) 6b Pascoe Ave.

We are having an open day on

Saturday 26th March 2022

from 10:00hrs until 14:00hrs.

If you have been thinking about joining the Cadets then why not
join the cadets that are the national award winners.

Check out our facebook pages for more information

City of Porirua cadet unit and

TS Taupo cadet unit.

Or just enjoy the free BBQ and have a look around.

So why not come along, have some fun, develop your leadership
skills and enjoy the amazing opportunities available.