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TE KARERE

A Newsletter from Aotea College

Important Dates:

August

12th ~ Polyfest

CSW Table tennis regionals—
Teams

15th & 16th ~ Y12PEO Rangatuhi
Mt Bike Trails

18th ~ Pathway planning evening
Y12 PEO Rangatuhi Mt Bike Trails

19th ~ Shave for a cure non -
uniform day

22nd to 25th ~PEO200 Risk
Management overnight tramp

24th ~ ACA meeting 7pm

**26th ~ Teacher only Accord day
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29th ~ Winter Tournament week
Board meeting 6pm

30th ~ Y11 Production 3 to 9pm

September

3rd ~ Senior Formal Te Papa

5th ~ Tongan Language week

6th ~ 11PEO Day tramp

Pacifika voices meeting

8th ~ 13PEO Belmont Day tramp

9th ~ Course Selection Day

12th ~ Māori Language Week

15th ~ Algebra MCAT exam

16th ~ PSY300 "Sleep" over

20th ~ Barbership Nationals

Biology Zoo trip

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Kia ora koutou

It is fantastic to get back into the normal swing of things with the highpoint of Polyfestival today.

We wish our performers and supporters all the best as they take the stage today at Te Rauparaha Arena.

We are committed to operating as close to normal as we can. This week's rostering has allowed us to do that. Next week there is a reduced need for rostering across the whole week but staff sickness and reliever availability mean a limited amount of rostering is still needed.

We stick with our commitment to minimise, where possible, the effect of staff shortages, in the lead up to exams and assessments. Next week we need to roster home our junior students, one day each for year levels 9 and 10.

Year 10 Monday 15th August

Year 9 Tuesday 16th August

Students have all had work set on their Google Classroom. This has been shown to them and they will have a clear plan of what is expected on these days. Classwork is organised in three prioritised sections for each class.

1. Work that must be done
2. Work that should be done
3. Work that could be done.

Teachers have carefully organised material for these lessons to cover the basics and allow for extension, so people do not get behind.

If your child is having trouble with their device, struggling to connect, or they do not currently have a device and dedicated internet connection at home please contact klr@aotea.school.nz for support.

Keeping us up to date

If your child is unwell for any reason can you please contact the school so that this can be recorded. We need to keep our data up to date and this helps us look after continuity of learning for our learners.

Nga mihi
Kate Gainsford
Principal

NZQA Announcement

Today a package of changes for NCEA and University Entrance recognising the impact of COVID-19 on senior students has been announced. The following changes have been made for 2022:

Level 1 Students - Students will receive 1 Learning Recognition Credit for every five earned through assessment. Level 1 students can receive up to 10 Learning Recognition Credits.

Level 2 and 3 Students - Students will receive 1 Learning Recognition Credit for every five earned through assessment. Level 1 students can receive up to 8 Learning Recognition Credits.

Certificate Endorsement - Students will need to earn 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50.

University Entrance - University Entrance requirement to achieve at least 14 credits in each of 3 approved subjects has also been adjusted, to 14 credits in each of 2 approved subjects and 12 credits in a third approved subject.

The Ministry of Education is considering additional support for students to do catch-up learning so they can complete their qualifications before leaving school. Where that learning extends into 2023, NZQA will facilitate students' being awarded their qualification earlier in the year. This means students who need additional credits can return to school for the time required to achieve those credits; and will then be awarded their qualification.

Porirua Primary School Leadership Awards

On Monday 8th August our Student Leadership Team represented our College with pride at the Porirua Primary School Leadership Awards. This event, hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Porirua and the Porirua City Council saw students from across the city recognised for their outstanding work in leadership in our primary schools. Hosted at Elim Church, the event was headlined by an address from the Children's Commissioner, Judge Frances Eivers.

Our team of Fa'amalele Tovio, Samuel Lee, Alycia Capes-Parr and Leo Enoka, pictured here with Mayor Anita Baker, have been excellent representatives of Aotea College throughout the year and this event was no exception. We thank them for their ongoing work.



Enrol now for Year 9 2023

Enrolment and course selection interviews for Year 9 students commencing in 2023 will begin on 29th August. Please get your enrolment applications to the enrolments officer as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding enrolment please email Debbie on aln@aotea.school.nz

**ENROL
NOW!**

Girls Football Team

The girls football team played their final game of the season on Wednesday, beating Kapiti Coast 4-2 in the 3rd/4th playoff to finish the season in third overall!



School Board Elections: Nominations from 29 July.

It's board election time again. This term we will be electing board members for the next three years.

Nominations will open for the election of five parent representatives to the school board **no later than 29 July**.

The returning officer for the triennial board election is Lyn Hagai. She can be contacted at ro253aotea@gmail.com

The timetable for the election is:

Main Roll closes: Wednesday 27th July

Call for Nominations: No later than 29 July

Supplementary Roll closes: Monday 15 August

Nominations close: Wednesday 17 August

If there are more nominations than vacancies, then parents and caregivers will receive an invitation to vote either electronically or by post.

Voting starts: Wednesday 24 August

Election day is Wednesday 21st September

Voting count: Tuesday 27 September

New board in place: Wednesday 28 September

A hard copy nomination form has been posted and can also be obtained from the school office.

If you wish to stand for the board, it is recommended that you provide a candidate statement and photograph.

The electoral roll will be held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

Learn more about the role of school boards

Our [Community Member Guide to the Role of School Boards](#) provides information on what school boards are, the role of members, and how to become a board member.

The Arts

Visual Arts News



Aotea College Senior Art Kits:

There are art kits set up on National Art Supplies that you can purchase if you are a senior art student in the classes: ART100, ART200, ARP300 or SPA321. These basic kits include paints, paintbrushes and pencils as well as the option of adding a sketchbook. Having a kit at home will be useful as folios approach their due dates or if you need to isolate (and you are well).

Once you have placed an order, they will be delivered to Aotea College where you can collect them from the Art Office.

FOLLOW THIS LINK: <https://www.naskits.co.nz/kits-for-2022/aotea-college-2022/>

Please email ley@aotea.school.nz if you need some assistance in obtaining a kit.



Future Pathways Evening 2022

Pathways Planning & Subject Selection

This evening is open to all students and their whānau to help explore subject selection and future pathways/career options.

Please drop in at any time during one of the below sessions to talk to :

Curriculum Leaders

Whānau Leaders

University Representatives

Whitireia & WelTec

Wellington Trades Academy

Training Organisations & other training institutions.

Date: Thurs, 18 August 2022

Where: Aotea College Library & Pataka

Session 1: **3.30pm - 5pm**

Session 2: **5.30pm - 7pm**



Sports News

We would like to wish all our teams the best as we come to the final games for our winter season. A big thanks to our volunteer coaches and managers who work tirelessly to help our students get out and play the sports they love.

If you have any photos from games or of our students playing sports please send them to gre@aotea.school.nz

Term 4 Volleyball

Registrations are open for Volleyball in term 4 - please register through the sports website.

Volleyball trials:

Trial dates and times are below

13th of September - Jnr boys 3:30pm-5:00pm, Jnr girls 5:00pm-6:30pm

15th of September - Snr girls 3:30pm-5:00pm, Snr boys 5:00pm-6:30pm.

All trials are held in the school gym

Ki o Rahi Senior Tournament

Registrations are now open for the Senior Ki o Rahi Tournament which will be held on Thursday 29 September at Onepoto Park in Titahi Bay.

Please register before 19th September through the sports website.

Sport photos

Sport photos are on the Monday the 26th of September in the small gym. The timetable will be posted on the sport website as well as emailed to players, coaches and managers.