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# TE KARERE

A Newsletter from Aotea College

## **Important Dates:**

### **August**

19th ~ Shave for a cure non - uniform day

22nd to 25th ~ PEO200 Risk Management overnight tramp

23rd ~ GEO100/200 Research Trip

24th ~ ACA meeting 7pm

**26th ~ Teacher only Accord day 2**

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

The Ministry of Health modelling in July shows that numbers of severe respiratory illness cases, including both COVID-19 and flu, are well down. Your efforts will have certainly contributed to this outcome. Mask wearing when indoors continues to play an important role in minimising transmission of COVID-19 and winter illnesses, coupled with all the other layers of protection.

This information is in line with our current experience here at school. Thank you for your patience and forbearance as we kept the school open using the rostering home measure to allow this over the last couple of weeks.

### **Returning to school following illness**

The Ministry of Health guidance for returning to schools following vomiting or diarrhoea has not changed. If a child is free of those symptoms for 48 hours, they can attend school again. Advice for whānau has been updated to reflect the following points:

- If a child has been unwell with a respiratory illness other than COVID-19, they can return to school 24 hours after they have significantly improved and are behaving/eating normally.
- Following vomiting or diarrhoea, a child should be symptom free for 48 hours before they can return.
- If they still have a runny nose or dry cough without any other symptoms such as a fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, then they are unlikely to be infectious and can be considered well enough to attend school.
- In general, a doctor's certificate or clearance should not have to be provided for a child to go back to school after being unwell.

To read the winter wellness advice go to: [Winter wellness guide for tamariki \[DOCX, 22.0 KB\]](#)

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## Teacher only Accord Day

The school will be closed to students on Friday 26th August for a Ministry Accord Day for teachers. During this day teachers will be focusing on the NCEA change package. Aotea College is presently piloting nine new NCEA subjects across the Technology, Science, Social Science and Arts faculties.

During the teacher only day teachers from the pilot subjects will share their learning so far with the whole staff. They will also have an opportunity to explore the new Literacy and Numeracy corequisite for NCEA Level 1 which will come into effect next year. Aotea College is looking at becoming a full pilot school for all NCEA Level 1 subjects in 2023, this day is a vital opportunity in making certain all teachers have the opportunity to fully understand the changes and make plans for 2023.

## Reader / Writers needed

The Learning Support Department at Aotea College is looking for a pool of **voluntary reader/writers** to support students with their assessments. These students have learning differences such as dyslexia and qualify for special assessment conditions. The tasks may involve reading the exam questions to students and recording answers. They would appreciate a calm and reassuring temperament. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. There is a small payment for the school exams and NZQA exams at the end of the year.

We would love your support in helping these students to achieve their full potential. As you will be working in a school environment, police vetting will be required.

If you are interested please email Sarah McBride.  
[sam@aotea.school.nz](mailto:sam@aotea.school.nz)



## Under 15 Rugby team

Photo of members of the U15 Rugby team doing the Porirua Parkrun! It was a cold and crisp morning for a timed, 5KM fun run.

## Congratulations

Epiny Rowsell (9SZ) captained the Wellington Gymnastics team. They competed at the national Gymnastics competition and Epiny won gold in the Double Mini-Trampoline event. She competed in representing Wellington in the 13-14 age group.



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



## School Board Election re

### Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Caroline Mareko  
Derek Smith  
Kate Calvert  
Veronika Karashvili  
Maria Uluilelata

Signed Lyn Hagai  
Returning Officer

### School Board Election

#### Declaration of Staff Election Results

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Anthony Urwin

Signed Lyn Hagai  
Returning Officer

## IYM participants - Wāhine Toa

During the July school holidays, Innovative Young Minds hosted 40 young women from 20 different high schools located in the greater Wellington region.

Selected from hundreds of applicants, Blessing Mataitua-Patu (Yr 11) and Teroa So'oalo (Yr 12) both attended and represented Aotea College with intelligence, and grace (and we heard a fantastic speech at Parliament).

They visited a number of STEM based local businesses, crown research institutes and universities. They attended a Parliamentary reception, hosted by Dr. Ayesha Verrall. As well as this, there were activities focused on their wellbeing, such as a presentation on the dangers of social media, as well as a visit to Weta Cave and an afternoon of bowling and ice skating at Brewtown in Upper Hutt.

This opportunity runs every year; designed to encourage more women into STEM subjects and to create a network of like-minded women who will one day be the faces of Science and Technology in New Zealand.





## Polyfest

We would like to thank all the tutors, families and community groups who came together to support our students in the lead-up to Polyfest and on the day of the performance. This is the highlight of many students' years and without your knowledge, time and care for our students, we would not be able to put on the fantastic performance we had this year and in previous years.



## Gateway

Hugh Horsfield has been working with Elite Services on a Gateway placement throughout this year. He is gaining experience in commercial electrical doors; troubleshooting and installation. Hugh is enjoying the experience and variety in the job visiting various worksites.

If you are considering looking into a career as an electrician take a look at this link

<https://www.etco.co.nz/apprenticeships#pathways-sectors>



# Aotea College Association

## ACA PIE FUNDRAISER



Aotea College Association is back this year, fundraising for our students and whanau. Get in quick and order your pick from the most popular range of family pies!



### THE CLASSICS

Family Pies (~600gms) contain real meat & veg filling, individually wrapped & can be frozen.

Mince & Cheese.....\$13

Mince.....\$13

Mediterranean Lamb.....\$13

Country Chicken Pie.....\$13

Steak Cracked Pepper .....\$13



### DESSERT

Family Dessert pies come wrapped individually, can be eaten hot or cold and can be frozen.

Apple Pie.....\$11

Apricot Pie.....\$11

Lemon Flan.....\$11

### IT IS EASY TO ORDER!

Select your favorite options, fill in the [Google Form](#) & use the payment instructions in the form. Please get your orders to us by 12th September 2022 and the pies can be picked up from Reception area on 29<sup>th</sup> Sep 2022 between 2pm-3:30pm. Follow updates via TK and College page on Instagram! Thank you for supporting us in our fundraising efforts!

**Aotea College is looking for host families for a short stay group from Thailand visiting from October 11th to October 27th.**

#### 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 Coordinator who is able to provide you with advice and support.

Homestay families are paid a weekly fee of \$300.

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)



## The Arts

### Upcoming Events

#### ACBC - Aotea College Barbershop Chorus

Rehearsals - Every Tuesday and Wednesday Lunchtimes in Te Manawa

#### Barbershop Showcase

Thursday, September 8th @ 6:00 p.m. in Te Manawa

#### Barbershop Nationals

September 21st & 22nd - Palmerston North

### Drama News

Aotea Theatre Makers is a new drama devising club starting this term. Mr Kelly will run rehearsals on Friday lunchtimes in Te Manawa where students will get the opportunity to create and perform their own work. The club will perform a short original work every term and is a great place to explore different drama skills then are covered in class. All year levels are welcome.

If you are interested get in contact with Mr Kelly, [KEY@aotea.school.nz](mailto:KEY@aotea.school.nz), or come along to the first session, Friday 5th August at Lunchtime in Te Manawa.

### Music News

Our Aotea All-Comers Barbershop Chorus continues to grow as we had double the amount of students turn up this week and what a beautiful sound we are making! It isn't too late to join - come along to rehearsals every Tuesday and Wednesday lunch in Te Manawa.

We are preparing for Barbershop Nationals which is coming up on Wednesday, September 21 and Thursday the 22nd in Palmerston North.

### 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](mailto:ley@aotea.school.nz) if you need some assistance in obtaining a kit.

# Sports News

## 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

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

Thursday 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.

Registrations for Term 4 Futsal and Cricket will be opening soon!

## Girls Cricket

Any girls who would like to play cricket in Term 4 please email [gre@aotea.school.nz](mailto:gre@aotea.school.nz)

We would love to have a girls cricket team but we need the numbers!

## Congratulations to:

Joe Reiher who competed in the Wellington Regional Swim Champs at the end of last term, Joe won 3 Gold medals in the 3 Breaststroke events (50m, 100m & 200m) for 15 year old boys and also finished top 10 for all 6 of his other events. An amazing effort by Joe.

Scott Marshall competed in the UCI sanctioned national cyclocross championship race last weekend in Christchurch. Scott lined up in the men's Elite race, and managed to finish a credible 13<sup>th</sup> overall, as well as finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in his age group in his own race. This is a great result for Scott who had his training impacted by covid leading up to the race. Scott consistently shows determination & perseverance in his training and goal setting for his sport.



**Good luck** to Joe Reiher, Cameron Wilkinson and Felix Thomas who will be in Auckland next week competing at NZ Swimming Short Course National Champs.



# AC LIBRARY

## AOTEAROA SCHOOL LIBRARY WEEK



Last week we celebrated our school library with competitions every day including Guess the Book Character costume as modelled by Mrs Wilson, Book Cover Bingo, Crosswords and Word Searches and a toilet paper Book representation challenge. Here are some of the students amazing creations.



## NZCYA BOOK AWARDS 2022

### Book of the Year: Atua by Gavin Bishop

Atua is much more than a list of Gods and legendary heroes – it's a family tree, presented with power and simplicity. The text is never overstated, with the glory of the illustrations as the primary mode of storytelling, rewarding the reader who closely examines them. Atua is a taonga for this generation and the next.

### YA Winner:

### Learning to Love Blue by Saradha Koirala

A celebration of finding independence in a new city of Melbourne. Relatable, realistic, compassionate, and firmly placed in the journey into adulthood.



Library  
Online  
Catalogue

[nz.accessit.online/ATC00](https://nz.accessit.online/ATC00)

**Questions? Book suggestions help?**  
email Library Manager, Kristy Wilson  
[win@aotea.school.nz](mailto:win@aotea.school.nz)

AC Library is open 8:15am - 3:30pm



[@aoteacollegelib](https://www.instagram.com/aoteacollegelib)

## Pathways

# Wellington Tertiary Open Day 26 Aug 2022

Victoria University: 8am - 3pm

Massey University - Wellington Campus: 9am - 3pm

Whitireia/WelTec Wellington Campus : 9am - 3pm

Yoobee Colleges : 10am - 3pm

NZ School of Tourism : 10am -12pm

NZIS : 10am - 2pm

NZMA : 10am - 2pm

Elite School of Beauty and Spa : 10am - 12pm





## Community Notices

VUW are holding a **Pasifika Family Evening in the Wellington region this month:**

Tuesday 23 August - 6-8pm - Rutherford House, Victoria University of Wellington, Pipitea Campus

The evening will be an opportunity to be informed about admission, degree programmes, financing studies, support services and student experiences + other important information.

To register, please complete the form: <https://forms.office.com/r/7MiVbg0qCw>.

### Massey CoCA Experience days:

Students can register online to attend the Experience Days, link below

<https://creative.massey.ac.nz/visit/experience-days/>

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