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My Prestige*

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TE KARERE

A Newsletter from Aotea College

Important Dates:

September

12th ~ Māori Language Week
15th ~ Algebra MCAT exam
16th ~ PSY300 "Sleep" over
20th ~ Biology Zoo trip
20th&21st ~ Barbershop
Nationals
21st to 23rd ~ 3 Day Bush Craft/
Tramping Trip
23rd ~ Smokefree Rockquest/
Tangata Beats
26th ~ Tuvalu Language Week
Board meeting 6pm
29th ~ Term 3 reports emailed
home

30th ~ Last day of Term 3

October

17th ~ First day of Term 4

Niue Language Week
17th–21st ~ Hillary Outdoors Year
10 Trip

24th ~ Labour Day Holiday



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Kia ora koutou

This morning, Queen Elizabeth II, New Zealand's head of state, Queen of the United Kingdom and Head of the Commonwealth, passed away after 70 years on the throne, at 96 years of age. Flags across the country will fly at half mast in acknowledgment of her passing and her service. While we observe such official markers in history, thankfully we can also mark the welcome return of more joyful connections across our own community.

After a long stretch of Covid cancellations, the first formal for two years was held at Te Papa last Saturday night. Thanks go to Ms Draper and Ms Drummond and the team of senior students who organized this fabulous event with all the glitz and glamour of the theme of 'Old Hollywood.' It was a great success.

Another great success was last night's Performing Arts Showcase held in Te Manawa. Hundreds of people, family and friends, current and past students came to support and enjoy the extraordinary talents and skills of students, performing everything from classical piano and violin performances by Seymour Daunakamakama and Zung La Htaw to hard rock guitar playing by William Scott.

The audience was engaged and enthralled by the superb performances of Amelia Taatiti, Anita Ulugia Ah-Sini to name just a few of the outstanding efforts of so many students. Many thanks go to the fabulous teachers and student leaders who brought this showcase to us and to the fabulous efforts of Hospitality students and other wonderful cooks supporting fundraising for the Barbershop trip to the national competitions.

Today we have families meeting with teachers, face to face and online to talk through subject selections for 2023. This is an important time to consider future options and possibilities. Thank you for your participation.

With exam week ahead for our senior students, we wish them all the best as they focus their efforts on gaining success in their qualifications
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Pasifika Voices Meeting

The next Pasifika Voices meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th September at 6:30pm. This is a change to the scheduled meeting time of 6th September due to a prior appointment. Whanau and students are welcome to attend in person or online, an email has been sent with the meeting link and details today. Any agenda items you wish to add please send them through to pas@aotea.school.nz

Aotea College is looking for host families 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 or email cox@aotea.school.nz

Keeping our young people safe.

At school we have monitoring software to block social media use during school hours however, students sometimes use data their families are paying for to communicate this way.

We notice attempts to access social media during school time, however most inappropriate messaging and harmful digital communication happens out of school hours. If students and parents become aware of content they are concerned about, we can offer help and advice.

There are very effective systems such as [Family Zone](#) which allow parents/ caregivers to set up what apps and websites students can use, and monitor what is being sent and to set times when phones and devices can and cannot access the internet. It is important for students to understand their parents rights and responsibilities to limit and make safe their children's engagement with online communication and to ensure that time set aside for sleeping is not being used to be online.

Quick places to visit for further advice:

- Hui Ako and Whanau Leaders
- [Netsafe](#)
- [Family zone](#)
- [Keep it real online](#)

Derived Grade Exams and NCEA Exams in November

Most of the externals are now sat digitally on the student's own Chrome book or laptop through the NZQA exam platform. For many of our Year 12 and Year 13 students sitting their exams online is not a new experience. However, this letter reminds students and whānau of what needs to be done BEFORE the derived grade exams and the NCEA externals in November.

The following subjects will have both the derived grade exam and NCEA externals in November online with students using their own device:

- Year 12 Classics
- Year 13 Classics
- Year 12 History
- Year 13 History
- Year 12 Business Studies
- Year 13 Business Studies

There are a few things that students will need to do now to ensure that they are ready for their upcoming derived grade exams and the NCEA exams in November.

Students must ensure that they have either registered on NZQA or have logged into NZQA. To do this, they are to go to www.nzqa.govt.nz, click on Login Options at the top right side of the screen and then click on students. If they have not created an account, they must do this FIRST before logging in. <First Name> will need their NSN number. Their NSN number is available from the whānau portal, their hui ako teacher, whānau leader, or Whaea Rowan Taurima Principal's Nominee. When they have registered on NZQA, students can access their record of achievement and, most importantly, the digital exams.

Students must also check their digital device to ensure that their web browser can support the exam platform. The exam platform can only be supported by Chrome 95+ or Safari 11+. The exam will not run on Internet Explorer or Firefox. If they do not have Chrome on their device, please ensure that <First Name> has downloaded this onto their device.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at tma@aotea.school.nz.

Hillary Pursuits Trip Hāngī Fundraiser

As part of the fundraising for the Year 10 Hillary Outdoors Pursuits trip in October the students will be preparing and cooking a Hāngī to sell. All of the proceeds from this will go towards the students attending the outdoor trip in term 4.

Date: Saturday 17th September

Cost: Hangi will sell for \$20.

Location: The pick-up location will be at the back carpark off Frances Brown Ave.

Pickup Time: 12pm

You will get the following:

- Fried Bread
- Steam Pudding
- Hangi:
- Chicken
- Pork
- Stuffing
- Potato
- Pumpkin
- Kumara



Payments can be made either in cash to the main office or bank transfers:

- **BANK TRANSFER:** Payment can be made via bank transfer into the school account below. Please ensure that the *REFERENCE* says *Hillary Hangi - Name of Person Buying Hangi*

- Aotea College BOT
- 12-3140-0255922-00
- **REF:** Hillary Hangi - Name of person buying hangi

Grounds Maintenance Person

Do you love working outside?
Are you willing to give things a go?
Do you take pride in doing a good job?

Then we want you to join the great property team at Aotea College. We have a **full-time permanent role** starting as soon as you are available.

You will work with our Property Team Leader looking after our considerable grounds. The college operates on a vast property so there is always something that needs tending to. Hours of work will be 8am to 4.30pm, allowing for a half hour lunch break.

Our ideal candidate will be physically fit, eager to contribute, practical approach, good work ethic, enjoys working in a team and has a full, clean drivers licence (ability to drive a manual vehicle would be an advantage)

You will be

- mowing lawns and fields using various types of machinery
- weed eating
- spraying weeds
- gardening
- marking and preparing sports fields
- maintaining tools and equipment
- helping keep the college grounds to a high standard

What can Aotea College offer?

- A friendly and supportive team
- A job that makes a difference to a multitude of people
- Varied work
- A full time permanent position starting asap

All applications will be considered as soon as received.

Remuneration is dependent on the experience and skills that you will bring to the role

A full job description and application form are available at www.aotea.school.nz.

To be considered for the role a covering letter and support staff application form must be completed and emailed to Tui Brunner at tb@aotea.school.nz

Any questions please contact Tui Brunner by email or on 237-3174

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 29th Sep 2022 between 2pm-3:30pm. Follow updates via TK and College page on Instagram! Thank you for supporting us in our fundraising efforts!

The Arts



Upcoming Events

ACBC - Aotea College Barbershop Chorus
Rehearsals - Every Tuesday and Wednesday
Lunchtimes in Te Manawa

Barbershop Nationals
September 21st & 22nd - Palmerston North

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



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

Navigate the website or see the Pathways team for more information about the programmes Massey offers.



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.

Sports News

Congratulations to Joe Reiher, Cameron Wilkinson and Felix Thomas who recently competed in the NZ Short Course Swimming Nationals held in Auckland.

- Joe Reiher in the 15 year old boys, did extremely well with PB's (Personal Best times) in all 3 Breaststroke events and with those times winning Bronze for the 50m Breaststroke, Silver in the 100m Breaststroke, and 5th in the 200m Breaststroke. A huge achievement to be medalling at a National event. With these times Joe was then able to race in the Open Finals in the evening which is the top 30 swimmers across all age groups and including the open age group (19yrs+)
- Cameron Wilkinson had 3 PB's in his 3 Backstroke events and top 10 finishes in the 15 year old boys 100m and 200m Backstroke.
- Felix Thomas - this being his first National meet - got a PB in his 50m Freestyle and was just 0.06 split seconds over his PB for his 50m Butterfly.
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- Cameron and Joe along with 2 of their PCA club teammates were also part of the PCA Medley relay - Cameron Backstroke and Joe Breaststroke. Relays are Open (all ages) so they were up against adult teams including swimmers just returned from the Commonwealth Games. Given the scope of talent in this relay the PCA team finished an impressive 12th out of 23 teams.

Term 4 Sports registrations-

Please register through the sports website for Volleyball, Cricket, Ki o Rahi Tournament & Futsal

Important dates coming up:

Volleyball trials

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.

Sports photos are being held on Monday 26th September in the small gym, the timetable for the day will be sent to all parents, students, coaches and managers. All sports team's will be expected to have their full uniform with them for photos.

Lower 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.



Wellington Trades Academy

Applications for 2023 are now open.

- Barbering
- Creative Technologies
- Salon Environment
- Construction Mixed Trades
- Engineering & Automotive
- Engines
- Animal Care
- Cooking Cafe Services
- Cookery
- Health Science Level 2
- Health Sciences Anatomy & Physiology

How to apply:

1. Express Interest via Google Form:
<https://forms.gle/9Ru1oU4dyhBbaHca6> or email Ilse at sns@aotea.school.nz for the link
2. Application form & Reference forms will be emailed to you
3. Applications must be in by 19 October 2022
4. Students to be informed if a space is offered beginning of Dec 2022
5. Student to accept space by 18 Jan 2023

Ngā Huarahi Mahi | Pathways

->supporting student Pathways through and beyond school.

Community Notices

Spend the best 8 days of your life in Tokyo!

This 8-day structured program, hosted by the Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education (TMBoE) and conducted by TEPRO (TMBoE's related organization), provides students with a life-defining experience in Tokyo, Japan.

You will stay at a hotel with hospitality in consideration of the health and safety, attend a host school in Tokyo, and participate in various activities.

You'll not only learn more about Japanese culture, but also forge lifelong connections with Japanese friends and other students from a diverse range of countries. On behalf of the TMBoE, this program will give you life skills that no other experience can – you'll learn more in 8 days than you ever thought possible!

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS:

On-arrival orientation program

Accommodation

Placement in a host school in Tokyo

Participation in school activities'

Activities provided by the TEPRO outside of school

EXPENSES PAID BY PARTICIPANT:

International airfare to Japan from your state/territory capital city

* Please book your flight by yourself after confirmation from TEPRO

* In case you cannot leave Japan on the departure day due to the COVID-19 infection, each insurance company determines whether to cover your new return ticket or not case by case.

Travel costs from your residence to the airport

Purchase of personal items and personal meals

Personal holiday travel expenses

EXPENSES PAID BY THE TMBoE:

Program expenses in Japan

Travel expenses in Japan

Comprehensive medical insurance

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:

Currently enrolled in 9 th grade to 12 th grade

Have an active interest in Tokyo and the desire to become a global citizen

Be in good health and meet the application requirements for this program PROGRAM DATE:

Arrive in Japan on December 10th and leave on December 17 th 2022

APPLICATIONS DEADLINE: September 16,2022

TO APPLY contact cox@aotea.school.nz



AC LIBRARY



3 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

September

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

The most recent banned book in NZ is the Christchurch terrorist's manifesto.

September is Banned Book month where we promote and celebrate our individual freedom to be able to read what we choose.

There are lots of reasons why books are challenged or banned including profanity, suicide, racism, LGBTQ content and nudity. Many books that people object to are banned because they speak of, or for minority groups in our society. Mostly this censorship happens in other countries but has happened here. You and your family can decide not to read something but can't decide what others can and can't read.

Our school library has a wide range of books from many different perspectives to show everyone's voices with the aim of promoting empathy and understanding.



LITERARY NEWS



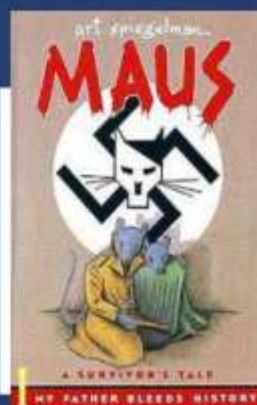
Tohatoha Aotearoa Commons works for a fair and equitable digital world.

Sign up to their newsletter to keep informed about misinformation and tips on navigating the digital world.

The Internet Weather Report www.tohatoha.org.nz/newsletter/

BANNED BOOKS

(Mainly in America)



Holocaust Graphic



Non-binary Memoir



Black Lives Matter

These provide valuable different perspectives of society and are highly recommended reads.



Library
Online
Catalogue

nz.accessit.online/ATC00

Questions? Book suggestions help?
email Library Manager, Kristy Wilson
win@aotea.school.nz



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

@aoteacollegelib

MANA FEST

Mana With UNICEF Ukraine



Come see Mana's amazing talent and more, and help support children in need over in Ukraine. We plan to raise \$5000 to go towards UNICEF Ukraine.

When & Where:
Thursday, 22nd
September

7:00PM - 9:30PM
Mana College School
Hall

There will be a \$2 sausage sizzle during a brief intermission to help reach our donation target of \$5000.

\$10 tickets for Adults, \$5 for ages under 13 years from the Mana College Office. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the Hall door for \$15 each (Cash Only).



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