



*Taku Mana
My Prestige*

*Taku Manawa
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TE KARERE

A Newsletter from Aotea College

Important Dates:

September

20th ~ Biology Zoo trip
CWS Regional Athletics
20th&21st ~ Barbershop
Nationals
21st to 23rd ~ 3 Day Bush Craft/
Tramping Trip
21st to 22nd ~ Barbershop Nation-
als
23rd ~ Smokefree Rockquest/
Tangata Beats

26th ~ Queen Elizabeth Memori- al day

26th ~ Tuvalu Language Week
27th ~ Girls Sports Tournament
Board meeting 6pm
28th ~ ACA Meeting 7pm—all wel-
come
28th to 30th Y13PEO 3 day
tramping trip
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 e te whānau

You'll be aware that New Zealand will move to a new, long-term approach to COVID-19 with changes based on public health advice and reflecting the high levels of immunity and declining case numbers across New Zealand. This new approach will only result in minor changes to the way we operate.

The very positive news is that household contacts of a person with COVID-19 do not need to isolate, but instead are asked to complete a RAT test each day, for five days. Therefore, ākonga who are household contacts but test negative and do not have COVID-19 symptoms, should continue to attend. This is great news for students heading towards their qualifications. It is the best place for them to be so they can engage more easily in their learning, and stay connected with teachers, classmates and friends.

Information on how to get RAT kits can be found here: Request a [RAT—Ministry of Health](#) Mask wearing is no longer required but we are happy to see people continuing to wear masks as they need to, to feel comfortable as a precautionary measure.

All the other recommended public health measures will stay in place to reduce the spread of infectious illnesses including COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces being well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, encouraging everyone to cough or sneeze into elbows and, most importantly, staying home and getting tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Thank you for your ongoing support in protecting our community.

This week we hosted the Minister of Education, the Honorable Jan Tinetti, as she announced new measures to address the secondary teacher shortage and additional support for students to help make up for lost learning time this year. Please see inside this issue to see more details about summer school.

As we get back to business as usual there is one difference as we will be closed for instruction as the country observes the new Queen Elizabeth Memorial Day on Monday 26th September

Noho ora mai

Kate Gainsford
Principal

Subject Selection

The course selection area of the whānau portal will remain open until 9:00 am on Tuesday 20th September. Students' subjects for next year need to be entered into the portal by parents/caregivers by this time. If your student wishes to study a course that is at a higher or lower level than the ones showing, please contact the Hui Ako teacher who will make a note of this to be entered later. If you do not have your whānau portal login details these can be found in the email sent to parents/caregivers about course selection day or the school office can help you with this.

World Scholar's Cup 2022

This year saw 41 amazing Aotea College students compete in the World Scholar's Cup. The World Scholar's Cup is an academic competition that includes debating, essay writing and question & answer exams. It tests science, history, social studies, literature, art, and music and is contested in over 60 countries worldwide. These last years have been tough for this international competition but Aotea keeps plugging away and getting a bunch of the top prizes!

This year we entered twelve senior teams and three junior in the 2022 Wellington round of the competition hosted here at Aotea College. The organisers flew from Bangkok, Australia and Christchurch to run this event and we are so so grateful. We competed against 7 other schools - Scots, Wellington Girls, Wellington High, SWIS, Samuel Marsden, St Mary's and Wellington East.

Some of the awesome results were...

- Aotea teams taking out first, second and third in the Team Challenge (essay-writing) with the top spot going to Rachel Liao, Grace Ly, and Abigail Lee;
- Aotea teams taking first, second and third in the Team Bowl (multiple-choice quiz) with the top spot going to Tobias Williamson, Elliot Clark, and Aiden Harrison;
- Anamieke Moreton and Carina Ulm placed second and third in the individual Writing Challenge;
- Aotea students gained top in all 6 categories of the curriculum; Aiden Harrison won Social Studies and Science & Tech, Joy Ulm won Literature & Media, and Rachel Liao won Special Area, History, and Art & Music;
- Rachel Liao won the Asimov Overall Award for the curriculum categories;
- Bonita Huang was one of the top 6 scholars in the Junior division;
- Carina Ulm got top scholar in the Senior division;
- Three of our Senior Teams placed in the top five (with Rachel Liao, Grace Ly, and Abigail Lee being placed 2nd overall; Ava Latu, Freya Watson, Joy Ulm (3rd) and Carina Ulm, Harrison Benton, Charlie Trevathan-Tier (5th).

We are so proud of our Aotea Scholars and can't wait to get into more training next year and keep bringing home the gold medals!





Indoor Bowls

On 28 August the NZ Indoor Bowls Secondary Schools Championships were held at Titahi Bay, with experienced bowlers coming from all around the country. Year 9 student, Hadley Fale, decided he wanted to represent AC after having minimal practice time in the weeks leading up to the tournament. After a win and some close games, Hadley found himself in the Plate competition where he won his first game and lost his second to the eventual Plate winner. Well represented! Indoor bowls is played every Thursday lunchtime in either PK01 or PK08 - for those interested please come along and have a go.

Aotea represents in outdoor bowls also, and we will be entering teams to play in a novice competition at Johnsonville Bowling Club on Thursday afternoons for 6 weeks of Term 4. Anybody interested in playing should speak to Mr Morpeth - coaching will be provided.



Success at Special Olympics

Year 9 student Grace Hapeta competed in the Special Olympics in Levin last weekend. Grace's swimming speciality is Backstroke. She achieved two first places, and a third place. This an impressive achievement as she competes against adults



Wellington Trades Academy



- 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.

The Arts



One of our cake auction winners from the Barbershop Showcase last Thursday, 8th of September. Thank you to the HOS100 class for your cake and to the Ulugia Ah-Sini family for your generous donation!



Another amazing cake made by our HOS100 students! Thank you to the Vaotuu family for your generous donation!

Upcoming Events

Barbershop Rehearsal

Saturday, 17th of Sept 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Te Manawa

Barbershop Nationals

Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 of Sept
Palmerston North

Year 11 Class Production

Ed Sheeran Tastes Like Chicken,
by Alistair Emerson.

Thursday 29th and Friday 30th
September
Koha at the door.

Drama News

The year 11 Drama class will be performing their production of *Ed Sheeran Tastes Like Chicken*, a play written in Aotearoa about the dwindling numbers of Maui dolphin. Alistair Emerson wrote the play as a parody of the interactions between government, Department of Conservation, local pāpori (community) and the taiao (environment) of Aotearoa.

All are welcome to watch.

Cost: Koha entry.

When: Thursday 29th and Friday 30th September

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Te Manawa, Aotea College

Who: All welcome, no age limit

Music News

Te Manawa was alive and ticking last Thursday night with performances from the Aotea Jazz Orchestra, West Coast Modern Groove Club, KAJG (Kaydence, Aruana, Jayme & Gabriel), Merroo & Fuamai, William Scott, Anita Ulugia Ah-Sini, The Senior Performing Arts Class performing a scene from the Addams Family, Zung La Htaw, Seymour Dauanakamakama, Harumi Tsuji, Aotea Theatre Makers, The New Life Barbershop Quartet and the Aotea College Barbershop Chorus! What a stellar lineup of performances.

There was delicious chop suey, vegetarian curry and baking that included brownies from *Cole's Creme Brownies*, a company started by Year 13 Business students, Shayne Wesley, Jakson Perez, Christian Mata and Letisha Smith.

Your generous donations and purchasing of food made just of \$1800.00! This money will be distributed to help our ACBC Chorus get to Palmerston North on Wednesday, 21st and Thursday 22nd of September for the Young Singers in Harmony Convention / Competition! You can find out more information about this event including times that we are performing here:

<https://www.ysihnz.com/>

The Arts continued

Visual Arts News

ATTENTION Senior art students:

The school holidays are coming up and so are portfolio due dates early in term 4. If you are in the classes: ART100, ART200, ARP300 or SPA321 having a painting kit at home is going to be essential.

These basic kits include paints, paintbrushes and pencils as well as the option of adding a sketchbook. 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 our Junior A Netball team for their finals win on the weekend. The team was undefeated this season. Well done to all these girls for their hard work and thanks to the team coach Nic Grennell for helping the team achieve such an outstanding achievement.



Sports News

Term 4 registrations are open for Cricket and Futsal - please register through the sports website.

Basketball Junior Competition

There will be a 3x3 basketball competition for Aotea College students, starting in Term 4. The games will be held on Tuesdays after school in the gym and will run from 2:30-5:30 pm. Each player will need to register through the sports website. If you have a team of three or four you would like to play with, please email gre@aotea.school.nz otherwise you will be put into a team.

- You are allowed a maximum of four students per team.
- The cost per student will be \$10
- All genders are welcomed (boys/girls/mixed) however, it will only be one league/draw

This competition will be used as a selection process for the tournament team that will be competing in mid-November against other schools in the CSW 3x3 Basketball tournament.. Make sure to register if you wish to participate in this tournament.



Coaches and Managers - if you are interested in supporting a Volleyball by coaching or managing a team in term 4 please email rsn@aotea.school.nz

A reminder that the car park closest to the gym (Frances Brown entry) 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.