



Taku Mana
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TE KARERE

A Newsletter from Aotea College

Important Dates: **Term 1 2022**

February

28th ~ 11PEO Porirua Local Outdoor exploring
Board meeting 6pm

March

1st ~ 11PEO Porirua Local Outdoor exploring
2nd ~ Western Zone Athletics
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
15th ~ CSW Golf Championships
17th & 18th ~ Y13PEO Kaitoke Leadership Camp
23rd ~ ACA google meet 7pm
25th ~ NZSS Volleyball Nationals
28th ~ Summer Sport Tournament Week
Board meeting 6pm

April

4th & 5th ~ 11PEO Rangatuhi Mt Bike Trails
11th & 12th 11PEP Rangatuhi Mt Bike Trails
14th ~ Last day of Term 1

May

2nd ~ First day of Term 2

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Kia ora e te whanau,

New Zealand's COVID-19 response continues amid much larger numbers of daily cases.

Today we have been notified of our first confirmed case in our school community. Please don't be alarmed by this. It is only natural as cases in our community increase, they will appear in our school. We have really good systems in place to respond to this and to keep any spread of the virus – should it appear – to a minimum.

You may have seen Dr Jin Russell in the media noting [research from New South Wales about their recent Omicron outbreak](#) showing that spread within the school setting is very low (less than 4% of cases at school infected someone else when at school). We have seen that in New Zealand too.

This is why school remains open at Red. [It's great for a child's wellbeing and learning to be at school with their friends and school staff, and we have very good systems in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.](#)

Your job remains the same, too: please continue to keep a really close watch of your whānau for anyone with symptoms. If unwell, please stay at home and get advice about getting a COVID-19 test.

[With Phase 3 of the Omicron response, the key change is that it is only confirmed cases and their household contacts who need to self-isolate.](#) Everyone else, including those who may have had close contact with the case but aren't in the household, must continue to monitor really closely for any symptoms of COVID-19.

Rapid antigen tests (RATs) are now being used to diagnose COVID-19 as well as PCR tests. This means that you will get an almost immediate test result back if a RAT is used.

If anyone in your family is confirmed as having COVID-19, you will be asked to notify your close contacts yourself. Please get in touch with us as soon as you can if your child has tested positive for COVID-19.

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Principal's message continued

Transmission of COVID-19 is still most likely to happen in your home – so please keep doing all those good things to keep your whānau safe. Wash your hands, get lots of fresh air, cover any coughs and sneezes, clean surfaces regularly, and seek advice if anyone is not feeling well. And please wear a mask when you are out and about. There is information online to help your family [prepare to isolate](#) if you need to.

The most important advice we can give to keep your whānau safe is to act as if you have COVID-19. More than a third of people who have COVID-19 will not have any symptoms if they have had three doses of the vaccine. Please think about who you visit and what health measures you can put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Getting three doses of the vaccine will really help you to do that. Research has shown that compared with being unvaccinated, three doses of the vaccine will mean you are 67% less likely to be infected with Omicron and 97% less likely to get Delta. If you can't get COVID you can't pass it on.

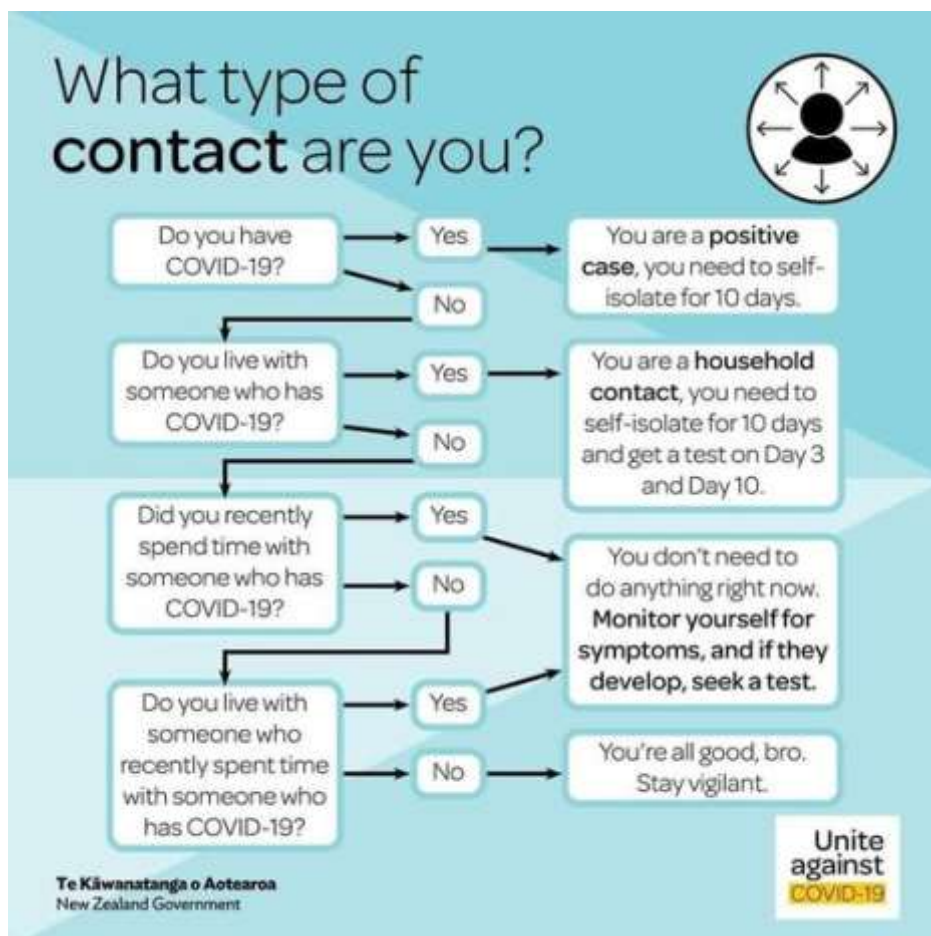
Finally, we know how hard the impacts on COVID-19 have been for many families in New Zealand. If you know of a family in your community who is struggling, please encourage them to reach out for support for example to access food, medicine, or access financial support: [Help is available – COVID-19 Health Hub](#).

If you have any concerns about sending your child to school, please do get in touch. We are here to help.

Under phase 3 three we will attempt to communicate with potential closer class contacts if and when we are informed of a confirmed covid case. In phase 3 the school is NOT required to do this but we see this as an important service to endeavour to provide. We will provide additional information through our usual communication channels. Thank you for your continued support.

Aku mihi,

Kate Gainsford
Principal
Aotea College



Tena Koutou Katoa, Nga mihi kia koutou i tenei wiki.

Te ahunga o tō tātou hunga taiohi, ngā rangatira mō ō rātou hiahia, ō rātou moemoeā. Ko tēnei whakaaturanga te kaiwhakaputa i ēnā whakaaro o te hunga taiohi, mā te toi whakaari, mā te kanikani, mā te kapa haka anō hoki me ētehi atu mahi whakangahau. I te reka o ngā mahi, i te ātaahua o ngā whakaaro, o tēnei hunga taiohi e tārei nei i te ara ki te anamata.

After many weeks of deep creative exploration of self, culture and identity, our rangatira taiohi (young leaders) will share this week with the online community and restricted audience. Their ideas, dreams and experiences in a large-scale, electrifying performance of movement and storytelling. That will be reflective and inspired by the Rangatahi and under the guidance of Ihaia Ropata, Ariana Thompson, Te Te Ahu Taiohi Organisation and Instructors. Current Aotea College student performers include Caleb Smith, Kauri Leach, Wanita Muldrock, Erena Page, Rylee Herewini, Amelia Taatiti, Acacia Leigh Nuttal, Trani Sciascia, Rosemarie Kokiri Scott, Ronita Kuaoni and Manaia-Rain Vardey are performing alongside experienced and formally trained dancers.

Through performing arts, founded in tikanga Māori, Te Ahu Taiohi uplifts the voices of the leaders of Aotearoa nō Porirua. This kaupapa is the rangatahi providing a window into their life experiences and to encourage others to reflect on their realities, provoking a shift in our collective landscape. Rangatahi are the present of who will carve out our future.

Ka Rawe Koutou.

1. [If you would like to buy a ticket to access the video recording \(available to view 18 Mar - 3 Apr\), follow this link.](#)

2. [https://pataka.org.nz/whats/events/Tungia Tahia Festival 2022/](https://pataka.org.nz/whats/events/Tungia_Tahia_Festival_2022/) (link to students practicing

Goal Setting Day ~ Friday 4th March

At Aotea College we are firmly of the belief that students are more focused and motivated when they have goals, and a plan in place to achieve these goals. This is why we take the time to work with each student and their whānau to set meaningful goals at the start of each year. Goal Setting for 2022 occurs on the afternoon of Thursday 3rd March (2:30-3:30pm), and throughout the day on Friday 4th March (8:30-3:30pm). Each family will make a booking for a 15 minute Google Meet with their young person and their Hui Ako teacher at some point on these 2 days. This booking system is now open. It will be open until Tuesday 1st March, but we urge you to make your bookings early to secure a time that suits you best.

To make a booking login to <https://www.parentinterviews.co.nz> and enter the code: [D64VJWAM](#)

Once bookings have been made, your young person's Hui Ako teacher will then invite you to a Google Meet for the scheduled time. It will be important that the student, parent/caregiver and Hui Ako teacher attend so that all parties are on board with the goals set, and the plans in place to achieve them. This is an important part of our process so each student is required to have a meeting. Any questions can be forwarded to coe@aotea.school.nz

Textile Technology

The textiles department are looking for donations of knitting wool, knitting needles and crochet needles of any size, for use for our costumes this year.

If anyone has unused knitting stashes you are feeling guilty about let us help you! We will give them a new home.

Please drop any unwanted wool and needles to the office for the Tech department to collect.



Sports News

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 has mandated that all participants must have a vaccine pass to participate in their competitions.

Please read the following link:

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



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

- Hockey
- Rugby
- Football
- 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.

Gymnasium Carpark

Important- please read...

The top car park closest to the turf and gym will now be locked at 5pm each night - unfortunately there have been repeated cases of vandalism in the car park.

For any games or trainings that finish after 5pm please use the main car park that can be accessed by coming up the school driveway.

Vaccination pass issues when registering

We have had a few students unable to register for sport as they don't have a vaccine passport - this information is from the Unite Against Covid 19 website -

Some sites that are providing COVID-19 vaccinations (like pharmacies) can also help you request and print a My Vaccine Pass for free. Confirm in advance that they offer this service, and bring your NHI number if you can when you visit.

You do not need to have an ID or an email address, but you will be asked to provide some personal details.

Sport Photos

Some sport photos from our trainings and games this week!



Community Notices

Pacific Vaccination Clinics this Saturday 26th Feb in the Hutt Valley and Porirua



This Saturday, get that added protection against Covid



Get vaccinated at these special Pacific vaccination events in Porirua and the Hutt

Protect your young one's, protect yourselves, protect your families this weekend with a Booster dose for eligible adults 18 years and over, and also for the Children's vaccine for 5-11years.

Hutt Valley Pacific Community Vaccination Clinic

When: Saturday 26th February, 2022, 11am – 2pm
Where: Pacific health Service – Hutt Valley
1 Hewer Crescent, Naenae
Ph: 04 5770394

Walk-ins welcome: Come and get your
1st or 2nd dose (12yrs+)
Booster dose (for eligible 18yrs+)
Paediatric dose (5-11yrs)

Elsdon, Porirua - Pacific Festival Vaccination Day

When: Saturday 26th Feb 2022, 10am – 4pm
Where: Menorah Prayer Mountain Church
11 Mohuia Crescent, Elsdon, Porirua

Walk-ins welcome: Come and get your
• **1st or 2nd dose (12yrs+)**
• **Booster dose (for eligible 18yrs+)**
• **Paediatric dose (5-11yrs)**
All denominations and all Pacific people are welcome.

NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING

Offering

The PARENT SURVIVAL KIT PARENTING COURSE



- *Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child*
- *Do you feel you have lost touch with your child*
- *Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result*

TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE	TIME IN
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
		QUALITY TIME



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