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A Newsletter from Aotea College

Important Dates: Term 1 2022

March

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,

As you know there are confirmed COVID-19 cases in our school and community.

The health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is a top priority so we are closely following the Ministry of Health guidance for schools and I'd like to thank these families for being proactive about letting the school and other potential contacts know when a student has become a confirmed case. We'll be doing our best to make sure people who are isolating whether they are well or unwell, have good connections with their teachers and the learning they will continue with or return to when they are back at school.

It's been heartening to see how prepared our families have been when I've been in touch with them. There's a lot of click and collect grocery shopping and lots of connecting across the community with helpful friends and family making deliveries. **Parents and caregivers have been very helpful contacting the school to let us know about a positive test.** Please continue to keep us informed even over the weekend, by sending your information to enquiries@aotea.school.nz

At Phase 3 of the Omicron response, only cases and household contacts are legally required to isolate and I am pleased to say we have large numbers of students doing the right thing and getting on with the business of school activities.

For more information, go to [the Unite Against COVID-19 website](https://www.uniteagainstcovid19.org.nz/).

Please do check your emails for updates from the school from the beginning of next week. We are aware that we may need to make some changes to current arrangements to make sure the provision of teaching and learning continues throughout Red phase 3.

Noho ora mai,

Kate Gainsford
Principal
Aotea College

Taking care with COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough.
- Sneezing and runny nose.
- A fever.
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste.
- Sore throat.
- Shortness of breath.

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.



Library update

Library Orientation Sessions

Our junior integrated classes have been having fun exploring the library over the last couple of weeks. Finding the diverse range of fiction, graphic novels, manga, dyslexic reads, picture books and non-fiction sections to help them with reading for pleasure as well as their studies.

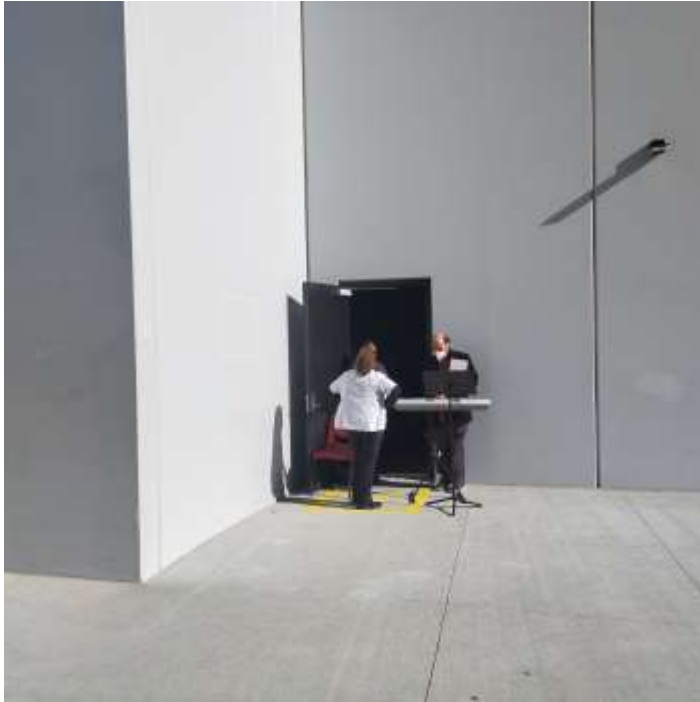
They have all issued books for reading in the classroom and at home. Books are issued for 3 weeks and students receive email reminders before a book is due. Parents will receive an email after a book has been overdue for more than a fortnight asking for your help in reminding students to find and return books so others can enjoy them. Your help with this is appreciated.



Senior Performing Arts

Senior Performing Arts and 9/10 Dance did some sharing of their work today when they combined into one group. The Senior dancers taught the junior dancers some moves and the senior drama students showed the beginnings of their Musical Theatre acting excerpts.

It was such a positive session, showing that the Performing Arts Department can still create amazing work in ventilated spaces or with the all speedbumps that Omicron provides.



Senior Textiles

Senior textile students enjoying learning about harakeke weaving.



11PEO

This week the Year 11PEO class hiked the Escarpment Walk from Pukerua Bay to Paekakariki. Despite some challenges along the way, fun was had by all. Looking forward to the next trip, and long may the good weather last.



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.

Sporting opportunities

CSW Open Softball Champs
College Sport Wellington are running a softball tournament
Fraser Park
Boys Team 28th March
Girls Teams 29th March
Entries must be in by 16th March.
Minimum of 9 players needed
Parent supervision / transport will be needed on the day.
Please email gre@aotea.school.nz to register your interest.



Football registrations

A reminder to anyone wanting to play football this year (Boys 1st XI, Junior boys & Girls 1st XI) you need to register ASAP so that we can have teams playing in term 2 & 3. Without the numbers we cannot put teams together!



Hockey Registrations

The Aotea College Boys hockey team is looking for more players so we can make two teams this year. We warmly welcome new players. No previous experience necessary. Here are some of the benefits of joining our team:

- Dedicated and experienced coaches
- Excellent management and communication
- Friendly and supportive team culture
- Team building and social events
- Carpooling
- Hockey sticks available to borrow (you will need your own shin pads, long socks and a mouthguard)
- Please come and see the sports office to find out more or sign up!

