



# Naenae Intermediate School

## Fully Focused On Learning

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#### WELCOME

As this is our first newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new students and their whanau to Naenae Intermediate. It was great to see so many of you at our powhiri on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we estimated at least 500 in attendance. Thank to those who stayed behind and shared in some kai, it was nice to meet you.

It is hard to believe that we have already had 2 weeks at school. Teachers have been making the most of this time to establish relationships with the students in their class, in particular their new students. Our new students are finding their way around our school and also getting an understanding of our expectations in terms of learning and behaviour. We have had a significant roll increase this year and find ourselves starting the school year with 421 students. Whilst this is a good problem to have, we have had to work extremely hard to ensure we are fully staffed, which we are, however, because of this increase we have made a few changes to class make up.

#### STAFF LIST FOR 2020

Below is a list of teaching staff at our school. If you have a concern regarding your child, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

<b>Ariana Tyson</b> Principal	<b>Sarah Pavihi</b> Deputy Principal	<b>Amy Uriaro</b> Kete Leader Room 11	<b>Marcia Waikato</b> Kete Leader Room 19	<b>Jenny Raumo</b> Kete Leader Room 6
<b>Bryan Botha</b> Room 3	<b>Sam Winnie</b> Room 16	<b>Kelly Steere</b> Room 12	<b>Tracy MacCreadie</b> Room 1	<b>Grant Yarrall</b> Room 14
<b>Erika Campbell</b> Room 15	<b>Liz Pereira</b> Room 7	<b>Lynley McInnarney</b> Room 8	<b>Carlene Angus</b> Room 5	<b>Matthew Sue</b> Room 18
<b>Malia Soane</b> Room 2	<b>Shynade Mellish</b> Room 13	<b>Colin Thomson</b> Hard Materials	<b>Jean Dickinson</b> <b>Visual Arts</b> Mon-Tues, Thurs-Fri	<b>Liz Jefferys</b> <b>Food technology</b> Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
<b>Rebekah Elisara</b> <b>Science</b> Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	<b>Gordon Macdonald</b> <b>Senior Management</b> Mon-Thurs	<b>Meredith Morris</b> <b>Extension</b> Mon, Tues	To contact your child's teacher via email, use the following  Teachers Christian name @naenaeint.school.nz e.g. ariana@naenaeint.school.nz	

#### WHANAU SHARING HUI

We would like to invite all of our whanau to come and meet your child's teacher. We have set aside 2 dates, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 3 – 8pm. This is an opportunity for whanau to come and share your story with your child's teacher, more importantly it gives us the opportunity to meet each other, put a face to the name 'kanohi ki te kanohi.' We have allowed for 10 minute slots and we hope as many of you will take up this opportunity as possible. Bookings will go live from next Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February onwards and you can expect to receive more information about this during this week.

#### INQUIRY LEARNING

On Wednesday last week we released our whole school launch for Inquiry for Terms 1 and 2. We are really excited about the opportunities of learning for our students. Our Inquiry is Te Wero – The challenge. "What does it take to be the greatest bilingual well beings?" Have a look on our Facebook to watch our Te Wero video, that was made to introduce our kaupapa to our students. Hopefully your child will share with you their learning and if not we encourage you to ask them.

#### NOTICES HOME LAST WEEK

Last week we sent home 2 notices. One being the permission slip and notice for our whole school picnic at Days Bay in Eastbourne, which is next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. This is an annual event for our students and is a wonderful opportunity for our students to mix and meet other students, whilst having a good time. On this notice there is a slip requiring whanau to fill out whether or not

your child can swim etc. Please ensure this is returned, as without it, your child will not be able to swim during this day. If you need another notice, please contact the office on 04 5677 813 and talk to our helpful staff Karen or Megan.

The other notice was about lunches online which had all of the information outlining what lunches can be ordered and on which day. Again if you did not receive this notice contact our office.

### **FEES, CHARGES AND DONATIONS**

For 2020 our Board of Trustees choose to opt into the \$150 payment per student, offered to decile 1-7 schools by the Government. What this means is that as a school, there are certain things we can and cannot ask whanau to pay for and to make this easier to understand we have attached an information sheet created by the Ministry of Education. Please note that if your child is wanting to play a sport for school e.g. Friday night touch, or Saturday Netball, these are considered optional activities, therefore your child will need to pay in order to play. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me.

### **A FEW THINGS YOU NEED KNOW**

- We expect all students to have their stationery by the end of this week. A stationery pack can be bought from the school office for \$40, this will last them for the year. If you choose not to purchase from the school, we have a list available for you to purchase from elsewhere.
- Keep an eye out on our school Facebook page, this is an easy way to share with whanau what we are learning and we often put notices on there also.
- We expect our students to use their AKO school values as they travel to and from school each day. As they are in our uniform they are representing our school and our reputation in our community is really important to us
- Please do not stop on the yellow lines down Walters Street to drop off or pick up your child. Also please do not drop your child off in our carpark, they are more than capable of walking a few meters down the road. We have a number of special needs students who use taxi vans to get to school and we need to ensure there is room for the 7 vans to do their daily pick up and drop offs

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10
17 Feb- 21 Feb	24 Feb- 28 Feb	2 Mar- 6 Mar	9 Mar- 13 Mar	16 Mar- 20 Mar	23 Mar- 27 Mar	30 Mar- 3 Apr	6 Apr- 10 Apr
17/2 Board of Trustees meeting	26/2 School Picnic	3/3 School photos 4/3 School athletics 3/3 and 5/3 Whanau sharing hui			27/3 Interschool Athletics		8/4 Interschool Touch  10/4 Last day of Term 1

### **CAN YOU HELP US?**

We have a staff member collecting milk bottle tops for an art project. Please start keeping your milk bottle tops (any colour) and have your child drop them off to the school office. We also have a student collecting the tags from the loaves of bread. My understanding is that these are used as a fundraising effort to help get wheelchairs in Africa. Look what you can find out from Google <https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/113816289/collecting-bread-tags-to-raise-funds-for-wheelchairs> Again if you can collect these for us and then drop off to school, we'd really appreciate this.

We know that for some students and whanau settling into a new school can be quite overwhelming. At NIS we pride ourselves with our school culture, our school values and our learning programmes. It is important for whanau and school to communicate, therefore if at any time you have any questions, queries or concerns regarding your child, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. Any general school queries contact our staff in the office and I'm sure they will be able to help you.

Nga mihi mahana

Ariana Tyson  
Principal