

10 May 2022

Saint Kentigern College Māori Whānau Pānui

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Each Term we will have a hui for whānau of ākonga Māori; unfortunately Covid-19 restrictions prevented us from having a hui in Term One. We will advise of the date of the Term Two hui in the coming weeks. This pānui is in the place of the Term One hui, focussing on a few highlights as well as giving some insight into what is coming up in the coming month.

Te Amokura Council

Te Amokura Council has been confirmed for 2022. Te Amokura Council is our collective of Senior Māori and Pasifika students who assist in promoting and celebrating Māori and Pasifika culture here at Saint Kentigern College. This Council comes under the care of Amanda Raea (Academic Advisor for Pasifika Students) and myself, Hamish Muirhead.

Ngā Rangatira/Leaders: Dontae Russo-Nance, Ocean Scott

Year 13: Charlie Leasi, Maia Mealamu, Maia Tahapehi

Year 12: Becca Clements, Etimoni Taufa, Ezekiel Kolo, Isaiah Su'a, Jade Nomani, Kaia Ashmore, Nikita Tairea, Rawiri Martin

Year 11: Anamia Rangihaeata, Benjamin Moughan, Epalahame Palelei, Lata Holi, Madison Sanele, Mahinarangi Warren, Te Pumanawa o Toku Ate Rogers, Tiana Gray

A big congratulations to all of those that have been selected, and I look forward to working alongside you throughout this year.

Te Reo Māori

Te Reo Māori classes in Term One centred on Tikanga (protocols) and correct pronunciation of Māori language. The main focus this term in Te Reo Māori classes will be on Matariki; understanding what Matariki is and its importance to Te Ao Māori. For information regarding Matariki see <u>www.matariki.net.nz</u>

Te Ao Haka

We are fortunate enough to be a pilot school this year for Te Ao Haka, a new NCEA achievement standard, University Entrance (UE) approved, course. We have almost completed two internals at each level of Te Ao Haka (NCEA Level One, Two and Three). It has been great to see the enthusiasm of the students enroled in these courses.

Please see the following link for more information regarding Te Ao Haka: <u>https://ncea.education.govt.nz/arts/te-ao-haka</u>

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Kapa Haka

We strongly encourage all our Māori students to take part in Kapa Haka as a way of connecting to our cultural heritage. In saying this, all students of all ethnicities are also encourage to attend and share in our culture through Kapa Haka.

Practices are at lunchtime Wednesdays in W6. Feel free to get in touch with our Head of Māori, Whaea Jasmine Martin for information regarding Kapa Haka for your tamariki.

NCEA Information:

NCEA (National Certificates of Education Achievement) are national qualifications for secondary school students - one of two assessment frameworks used at Saint Kentigern College. It is important that whānau understand how their tamariki are being assessed (or going to be assessed in the future in the case of middle school students). <u>Please click here for NCEA information for parents</u>

IB Information:

The International Baccalaureate is the other assessment framework used at Saint Kentigern at Years 12 and 13. Please see the following link for IB information: <u>IB Diploma guide for parents.</u>

An information evening on both qualification pathways will be held later this Term.

Student Futures:

The Student Futures department frequently communicate information regarding subjects, careers, university study, scholarships along with other information relating to the future of our tamariki. Please keep an eye out for this information in your email inboxes, and in the notices on the OLE. The Student Futures team also make one to one appointments with learners and their whānau to discuss anything related to future pathways. To make an appointment please email carla.adamson@saintkentigern.com. I would also like to direct you to the student futures OLE page for a wide range of information and resources regarding this. Student Futures OLE page.

REACH (Realising Educational Aspirations for Careers in Health)

I would like to highlight particularly an opportunity for Year 13 Students of Māori descent that have aspirations to student Health at a tertiary level. REACH is a scholarship to give these tauira a taster of life at university in Dunedin. This scholarship includes flights, accomodation, food and activites for 3 days at the University of Otago in Dunedin. If this is something that your tamariki may be interested in please find more information here – <u>REACH Scholarship information</u>

Assembly for Māori & Pasifika students

This coming Wednesday, 11 May, we will be holding our first Māori and Pasifika students assembly of the year during Extended Tutor Time (12.30pm, Gym 1). This will be a chance to gather and discuss what is ahead regarding Māori and Pasifika culture this year at Saint Kentigern College as well as celebrating our Māori and Pasifika leaders for 2022.

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Other support people:

There are a wide range of support for our ākonga at Saint Kentigern College. See the list below of some ideas of who to contact if support is needed:

Tutor Teacher Head of House Academic Advisor for Pasifika Students Enhanced Learning Specialists Boarding House Staff (for tauira that are boarding) Subject Teachers School Counsellors Student Futures

Please do not hesitate to make contact directly – details can be found on the <u>OLE</u>.

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

Together, ākonga, whānau and kura, we can ensure the best for our rangatahi.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

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