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Whānau Pānui – Term Two 2023 Ākonga Māori @ Saint Kentigern College

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

We have now reached the mid point of Term Two 2023. This pānui is to highlight some of the achievements of Term One 2023 and the beginning of Term Two and to look forward to the rest of the term ahead. Our students continue to excel inside and outside of the classroom. Their achievements fill us all with pride in the way in which they approach and balance their everyday responsibilities. There are a world of opportunities here at Saint Kentigern College and a large support network. Please see the highlights and things to look forward to below, and get in touch with any of the support people listed at the bottom of this pānui if you or your tamariki require support.

Polyfest – A first for Saint Kentigern

We were extremely proud to have been a part of the ASB Polyfest Māori stage for the first time in the history of the college. Those in the audience were blown away by the performance of our roopu, Te Roopu Kapa Haka o Hato Keneti. The amalgamation of Te Ao Māori with the Scottish sounds of the bagpipes were enough to gain the attention of the judges and to wow everyone.

Congratulations to the members of our roopu:

Allen Martin (Kaiwhakatangi Taonga Pūoro)	Kees Kolose (Male Leader Support & Soloist)
Anamia Rangihaeata (Soloist)	Madison Sanele
Asha Pereka-Owens	Mahinarangi Warren
Benjamin Moughan	Manawa Rogers (Kaitātaki Wahine & Soloist)
Caleb Childs	Noah Heke
Cooper Te Ratana	Rawiri Martin (Kaitātaki Tāne & Kaikōrero)
Delta Ensor	Riley Grant-Faiva
Eleanor Montgomerie	Sean Duggan
Elsie Carter	Sunia Vaka (Reserve Performer)
Eva-Māria Kolose	Tara Arrol
Ezekiel Kolo	Tayla Kay
Ezra McCarthy	Tevita Naufahu
Haki Morunga-Rakuraku	Tiana Gray (Soloist)
Hunter Te Ratana	VJ Brown
Jade Nomani (Female Leader Support)	Zae Mangu
Jake White	Luka Manley (Piper)
Jordan Iosefa	

You can watch the [full performance on Māori+ here](#). Scroll down to '2023 ASB Polyfest Day 1' – #7

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Students were formally recognised in Full College Assembly on Friday 19 May with the presentation of certificates, badges for Y13 and taonga for placing 1st in an Aggregate item. Viewing of one of the items was also enjoyed by those in attendance. Those of particular mention from our kura are as follows:

- **4th place for Manukura Wahine** – Female Leader category **Te Pūmanawa o toku ate Rogers**
- **3rd place for Haka** – Traditional War dance category – Te Haka o Hāto Kēneti our school haka that was **written by Rawiri Martin and Iosua** a past student of SKC
- **2nd Place for Kākahu tāne** - Boys uniform category – Designed specifically for Saint Kentigern
- **2nd Place for Waiata tira** – Choral item category which included the Bag Pipes - a first ever for the Kapa Haka stage
- **1st Place taonga for Manukura Tāne** - Male Leader Category **Rawiri Martin**



A huge thank you to Whaea Jasmine Martin and Whaea Bridgit Larsen for their support of the roopu, the various whānau that assisted with performances, kai and kakahu leading up to and on the day among other things, and of course the taura for all of their mahi. The bar is now set for future competitions. This roopu will forever be the first Polyfest roopu from Saint Kentigern to grace the Māori stage.

Whānau hui – Term Two

*Our whānau hui in Term One was held with a committed group of whānau focussing on the issues that affect our ākonga and celebrating the academic achievements from 2022. With our second hui we will continue this mahi, looking at what will make the difference for our taura throughout the remainder of 2023. The date of this hui was originally scheduled for Wednesday 24 May, **but will now be held Wednesday 31 May.***

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Hui tuarua – Term 2, week 6 – Wednesday 31 May

If you would like to take part in the hui for this term please complete the following form (including preference of online or in person) before the end of Tuesday 30 May. The date of the hui will be Wednesday 31 May at from 6pm- to 7.30pm. This will be held in W6 at Saint Kentigern College (Whaea Jasmine's classroom) but we will look to link via zoom also, to ensure those that are unable to attend can still participate. Kai will be provided for those that attend in person.

Study Wananga tuarua – Monday 12 June (term 2, week 8), 5.30pm to 8.30pm

Our first study wānanga was held in term one with 26 students and 10 staff in attendance. 3 hours purely focussed on the academic progress for our ākonga in the subject areas of which they would like support.

Our **second study wānanga will be held on Monday 12 June** in the Sports Centre Lounge. Students may register here, attendance is limited to 30 students. *This was originally scheduled in our first pānui for Wednesday 7 June but due to a timetabling clash the date has been moved as mentioned. Please see the attached slides for more information*

Te Amokura Council

Te Amokura Council have had the first meeting of 2023. This was to introduce the purpose of the council and to get to know each other. From here the council will be the Māori and Pasifika voice of the students, be able to bring attention to what is important for the students, as well as be involved in events of interest for Māori and Pasifika students. Te Amokura Council 2023 is listed below. Well done to those that put their names forward to be involved in helping promote Māori and Pasifika in 2023:

Te Amokura Prefects: Rawiri Martin & Jade Nomani

Nora Caffrey	Jamaria Chan Kau	Sean Duggan	Tiana Gray
Noah Heke	Lata Holi	Ezekiel Kolo	Kees Kolose
Sophia Lafaiali'i	Montana Ma'aelopa	Zae Mangu	Allen Martin
Levonah Motuliki	Benny Moughan	Tevita Naufahu	Siale Pahulu
Hame Palelei	Anamia Rangihaeata	Manawa Rogers	Maddison Sanele
Elianna Su'a	Isaiah Su'a	Eden Tuala	Ashleigh Tuumaialu
Mahinarangi Warren			

Te Amokura Assemblies (for Māori & Pasifika students)

Each Term we hold an Assembly (sometimes two) for Māori and Pasifika Students, 'Te Amokura Assemblies'.

This term our first assembly was held on **Friday 12 March (week 3)** the second assembly will take place on **Friday 16 June**.

The assembly held on Friday 16 June will have a matariki theme, heading towards Matariki celebrations that will occur during the mid year holidays. This is a time for reflection and goal setting and this will be the overarching theme of the gathering.

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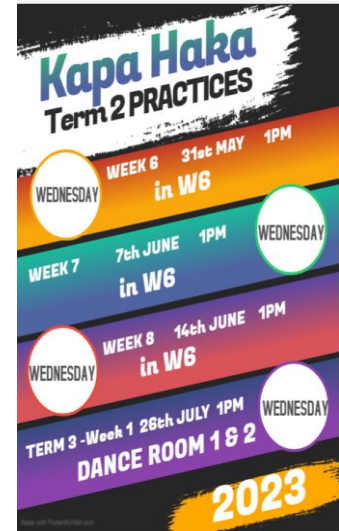
Kapa Haka

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 encouraged to attend and share in our culture through Kapa Haka.

Practices are in Weeks 6-8 **at lunchtime on 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.

Whānau support in continuing to build kapa haka is necessary. If you are able to support in any way please also contact Whaea Jasmine.

Within this there are opportunities to take part on a casual basis or as a committed performer. Opportunities to perform this year include Dance Showcase, Cultural Celebration Evening and in school powhiri (assemblies, prize givings, key school events) in addition to other opportunities that may arise.



There are NCEA Credits on offer to those that are a part of the performance kapa haka roopu.

Te Reo Māori Classes

With the continued growth of Te Reo Māori nationally in Aotearoa, Te Reo Māori is following the same pattern at Saint Kentigern College. The knowledge of both Te Reo Māori and Tikanga Māori is now being seen as fundamental within the business sector in our country.

We have two trips planned this Term for students taking Te Reo Māori as an option. The first is to Autaia Haka Theatre and the other to Ngā Manu Kōrero.

We are seeking whānau support, from those who might be available to attend one or both haerenga (trips) in a kaitiaki role. If this is you and you are available, please follow up with an email to Whaea Jasmine.

Te Ao Kori

This Term all year 9 students are participating in Te Ao Kori as their unit for Physical Education. Within this unit students are exposed to karakia, practise haka powhiri (Toia Mai) and learn various physical skills through traditional Māori games as well as adapted games weaving in Māori stories and historical events. This allows students to continue with their building of physical and social skills, as well as learning more about tikanga Māori, te ao Māori and everyday use of te reo Māori. This kaupapa is supported by our Te Amokura prefects, in the creation of demonstration videos to help guide our students. We thank them for their contributions.

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Autaia Haka Theatre

Created by Hawaiki TŪ in partnership with Auckland Live, Autaia celebrates the richness, diversity, and importance of Ngā Toi Māori (Māori performing arts). A vibrant night of powerful haka theatre and captivating performances by talented rangatahi from across Tāmaki Makaurau.



Students from six different kura kaupapa Māori and high schools will unleash their powerful, creative expression on the Kiri Te Kanawa stage, as they break into the world of performing arts with their own original haka theatre performance pieces. An opportunity to support our rangatahi, the emerging generation of Māori performers and artists, as they share their stories through haka theatre.

Date: Friday 9 June
Time: 6pm - 10pm
Return Trip: From Saint Kentigern College
Transport: Travelling by bus

Ngā Manu Kōrero

Ngā Manu Kōrero is regarded as the most significant event on the Māori education calendar for nurturing the oratory skills and providing the stage for young people to express their views and to lay down their challenges to an admiring and critical audience of peers, parents, whānau and judges.



The speech contests are intended to encourage the development of skills and confidence of Māori students in spoken English and te reo Māori. All secondary schools are invited to participate in this wonderful event, noting that the Māori section is open to all students as part of a strategy to support everyone to learn and to speak in te reo Māori.

Our intention this year is to provide an opportunity for our students to experience this significant event. To inspire future orators to lead and represent our kura.

Date: Tuesday 27 June
Time: 7am – 6pm
Return Trip: From Saint Kentigern College
Transport: Travelling by bus

On Campus Experience (opportunity for Year 13 students of Māori descent)

The On Campus Experience is an amazing, fully paid experience for students of Māori descent to experience campus life at Otago, live in a residential college and meet an array of academics and support staff. **A big congratulations to Year 13 students Kaia Ashmore and Zae Mangu** who were selected to attend this amazing opportunity. This experience will take place for a week in July, during the school holidays.

If you would like to learn more about this experience for future years please visit <https://www.otago.ac.nz/future-students/oce/>

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NCEA me te whānau

NCEA me te whānau offer study workshops to help inform whānau and students with NCEA and deepen understanding of how it all works. If you would like more information about these workshops please get in touch with me, Hamish Muirhead (Kaihāpai Māori). If there is a desire to hold a workshop we can look into this opportunity further.



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. 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](#)
[University closing dates and scholarship information](#)

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). [Please click here for NCEA information for parents](#)

IB Information:

The International Baccalaureate is the other assessment framework used at Saint Kentigern. This begins in Year 12 for those that opt in and runs for two years. Please see the following link for IB information: [IB diploma guide for parents](#)

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 see if support is needed:

- *Te Amokura Prefects Te Amokura Council members*
- *Tutor teacher Subject teachers*
- *Head of house School Counsellor*
- *Head of Pasifika students Student Futures*
- *Enhanced Learning Specialists Boarding house staff (for tauira that are boarding)*

Please look to the OLE for contact details of people within this support network.

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,

Hamish Muirhead

Kaihāpai Māori - Academic Advisor for Māori students

Kāi Tahu/Ngāi Tahu

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