

Akoranga Today

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Welcome

This is the first edition of Akoranga Today to go out during Summer School.

Some of you may be wondering why the first edition is going out on the 27th when the school does not start until the 28th. The fact is that for the organising committee and for a number of attendees the 27th is when the school gets underway.

The examination class has its first session from 4pm to 9pm on the 27th and continues throughout the school, finishing with exams on the 3rd of January. To those in the examination class we wish you all the best.

A number of dancers from outside Auckland fly in on the 27th in order to arrive in time for registration and the opening of the school on the 28th. A special mention needs to be made of our Logistics Director, Helen Greenwood, and her team of drivers who will be shuttling people from the airport to the school from 11am to midnight on the 27th and from about 10 am on the 28th.

This is not the earliest start however. Our fearless Accommodation and Staff Director, Yvonne Gray, has her team starting from 9am on the 27th making beds and arranging accommodation at the student village.

Our Organiser and our Administration and Finance Director, Andy and Lesley Nicol, will be busy bees on the 27th and 28th putting the final touches in place ready for registrations to open on the afternoon of the 28th.

Campbell Mckay, our Venues and Equipment Director, starts construction in the main hall on the morning of the 28th and will be shuttling people from the airport on the 27th.

Campbell will be joined by others to help with stage construction including Cheryl Graham, who is providing the decorations.

Not to be out done, the newsletter editor (and this will be important for claiming prizes), Duncan Laidlaw, who is also the Publicity and Communications Director, is up at 1am on the 27th getting a head start by writing this editorial.

Fire Alarms

Residents in the student village who like toast for breakfast take note.

Should the smoke alarm in your apartment go off because you burnt your toast or for some other, similar, reason please ventilate your apartment by opening up the windows.

Do not get tempted to increase the airflow by opening your apartment door to let in the breeze - if the stairwell alarm trips it calls the fire brigade and evacuates the student village.

Safety is of course our first concern - if the smoke alarm goes off and you are not sure of the cause or you are concerned for your safety please evacuate your apartment and don't worry about using the door.

Parking

Parking is prohibited on Akoranga Drive at certain times of the day and we cannot pay enough protection money to stop your car getting taken.

As a general security precaution and to prevent your car being targeted by parking wardens we recommend that you don't park on Akoranga Drive. There is plenty of parking on campus for evening functions and in the student village for residents.

What's Happening

Sunday 27th

16:00 - 21:00 Exam Class, Northcote Primary School

Monday 28th

14:00 - 17:00 Registration, Student Village Common Room

14:30 - 17:00 First timer's reception, Northbridge Hall

17:00 - 17:30 Welcome, Conference Centre

17:30 - 18:30 Dinner, Conference Centre

19:30 - 22:00 Opening Social, AUT University sports centre.

22:00 - 23:00 Tea & Coffee, Student Village, Common Room

Name Tags

If you are attending the school in any capacity (volunteer, staff, dancer or musician) and are on campus you must wear or have on your person your name tag.

Campus security will be on patrol and may ask people to leave if they cannot identify themselves as part of the school.

This may seem like a nuisance but this is as much for attendee's benefit as anyone else as it protects you.

If you are attending evening functions casually your ticket will serve as identification.

Electrical Faults

If you are a resident at Summer School and discover an electrical fault in your apartment (even just a blown light bulb) please do not attempt to correct this problem yourself.

In all cases please ask at the Summer School office for help and they will arrange for the problem to be fixed.