Nau mai ano, whānau.

Well that's Putangitangi 2026: well and truly done and dusted. This year, *Te Piringatahi* - our junior kapa - delivered a seriously good performance: we could not be more proud of them. The Civic Theatre stage can be quite daunting: it's a deceptively large area to walk onto, particularly when the backstage space is included and then add lights and an audience you can't really see: controlling the nerves while waiting is a challenge all of its own. Walking out onto the stage really amps up the energy levels. Yet despite all that, *Te Piringatahi* nailed their performance like seasoned pros.

Later in the morning, ***Tuinga Tahi*** took to the stage in their section and then delivered their bracket in what was definitely their most assured and powerful performance to date.



Tuinga Tahi in full flight *(Photo: the talented Jaime Smith)*

And the results? *Te Piringatahi* won several trophies and just missed out on "first overall" by the thinnest of tiny margins; while *Tuinga Tahi* dominated the intermediate section to justifiably earn the "first overall" bragging rights for 2026: just the third time in eighteen years of competing in Ngā Putangitangi. Tūmeke te mahi, kids: tūmeke te mahi.

We could not be any more proud of these rōpū and their support teams and it was a genuine pleasure to welcome them, their support teams, and their hard-earned trophies back to school with a mihi whakatau on Wednesday morning: *ngā tamariki o te kura - ora i te ako* (the children of the school living the learning).

If you've got a Waverley kid in either of these groups, you already have an appreciation of just how much goes into prepping for this event. The kids, their tutors, and their respective support crews have put in many, many, *many* hours of preparation. The onstage performance is just 10% of the kapa haka iceberg; it's only visible because of the support provided by the other 90%.

Thank-you, ngā Te Piringatahi a Tuinga Tahi whanau; your whānaungatanga a manākitanga makes a massive difference - not just for your kids but for all of us.

The calendar...

December
04 Assembly - Kia Kaha - 10.10am
Hui Whakapumau - year 6 Māori graduation
07 Final Board meeting for the year - 7.30pm
08 EOY celebration: Rooms 1,5,9,2,6 half each of 7&8
09 EOY celebration: Rooms 3,4, 10,11,12 half each of 7&8
11 Waverley's Got Talent
14 Year 6 Graduation
15 Last day of school for 2026 - noon

January
28 Teachers Only Day
29 Teachers Only Day

February
01 First day of school
06 Waitangi Day (Monday 08 day off for Waitangi Day)
23 Phoenix Zone athletics

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Things you learn over time...

- I started out with nothing and - I still have most of it!
- I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
- It is a whole lot easier to get older, than to get wiser.
- Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
- It's not hard to meet expenses . . . they're everywhere.
- Some days, you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.
- Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
- I wish the buck really did stop here - I sure could use a few of them.
- If God really wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.

Kā mihi, whanau.
Kerry Hawkins & team



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(PSST! Starring one Gemma McAllister... once a Waverley kid...)

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