



**Pūtahi maunga, tū te ao, tū te pō.**

**Tēnā koe e tū mai nā hei herenga tāngata, hei herenga kaupapa, hei herenga kōrero.**

**Whakawhiti mai nei ki Pārahirahi e tū ana hei āhuru mōwai mō tātou katoa. Whakarongo atu rā ki a Wairoro e rere mai nei. Whakawhiti mai ki Ōtuhi hei wāhi hākari mō te iwi.**

**Tēnā koutou katoa.**

Kei te rauika rangatira o tō tātou nei kura - tēnā koutou. Nei mātou te kāhui kaiako e whakamānawa atu ki a koutou i runga i ngā āhuatanga o te wā.

Looking ahead to 2025 we are preparing to level-up our focus on attendance, achievement and engagement for our ākonga. I am excited to announce that we will establish '*Te Whare Hākinakina*', a Sports Academy, in 2025 with excellent staff appointments confirmed for this kaupapa. We are also actively seeking an accomplished and adept kaiwhakahaere for '*Te Whare Tapere*' - an individual who can drive kapa haka at Northland College as a key performing art that hooks our students into learning. If you know of someone who may be the right person do let us know or tell them to get in touch.

As 2024 draws to a close I would like to thank you all for entrusting Northland College with your tamariki and mokopuna. Thank you to those whānau who supported our tuākana (senior students) over the past six weeks. Many of our senior students made significant gains in terms of achieving their respective NCEA levels through their hard work and effort.

Our junior prizegiving on Tuesday 10 December was amazing with so many whānau joining us to celebrate the success of our teina (junior students). This was a true reminder of our purpose, that is, to do all we can to provide pathways for our students to achieve personal excellence. The prizegiving was an opportunity to recognise academic, sporting, cultural and values excellence across our Year 9 and 10 students, and ultimately this is a reflection of the collaboration between whānau and kura.

Have a great summer break and we will see you all again in 2025.

E mihi ana ki a koutou e te whāmere.

Duane Allen  
Tumuaki



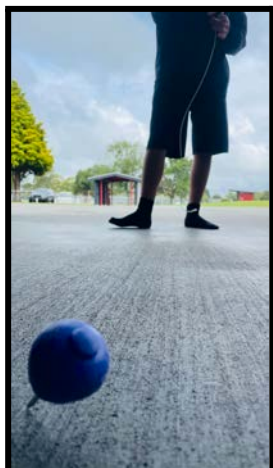
## Kampung Games: A Fun-Filled Finale

To celebrate the completion of their Asian Studies assessments, students were treated to a fun-filled afternoon of traditional Malaysian kampung (village) games. On Thursday, November 14th, the class delved into the rich cultural heritage of Southeast Asia by participating in a variety of games that have been enjoyed for generations.

Students had the opportunity to try their hand at:

- **Gasing:** A traditional spinning top game that requires skill and precision.
- **Sepak Takraw:** A popular sport involving kicking a rattan ball with the feet, knees, chest, or head.
- **Batu Seremban:** A strategy game played with five stones, testing hand-eye coordination and mental agility.
- **Congkak:** A board game that involves strategic thinking and counting skills.

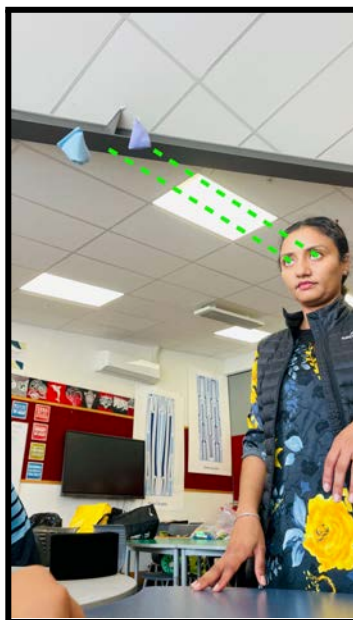
This hands-on experience provided a memorable and enjoyable conclusion to their Asian Studies journey.



**Top row:** Ākonga mastering the game of *spinning gasing* (spinning tops) **Bottom row:** Ākonga playing congkak



**Below:** Whaea Suvina teaching students how to play Batu Seremban (similar to knuckle bones). And boys playing Sepak Takraw - Malaysian hacky sack with a rattan ball.



By Matua Kyle & Whaea Suvina





## A Flavourful Fusion: A Cross-Curricular Culinary Experience with Celebrity Chef Perry

Catering and Asian Studies kaiako collaborated to create a unique learning experience for our ākonga. Catering students prepared a variety of Asian dishes, including fried rice, spring rolls, congee (Chinese rice porridge), and samosas. These dishes, inspired by China and India - two countries which featured heavily in our Asian Studies course this year - were introduced to our Asian Studies students, fostering a deeper understanding of Asian cultures and cuisines. This cross-curricular project provided a hands-on approach to learning, combining culinary skills with cultural knowledge and experience. This lunch was also a reward for all the hard mahi our Asian Studies students had done this semester. Fēicháng hǎo! ('Fantastic' in Mandarin Chinese)

By Matua Kyle, Whaea Suvina & Chef Perry



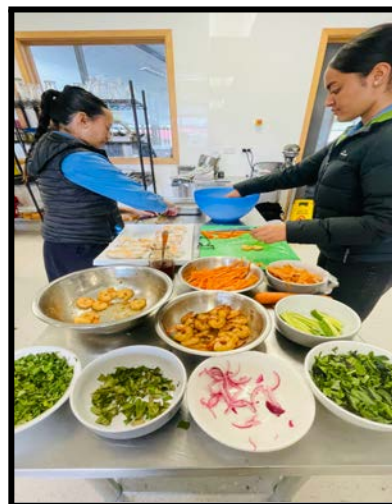
**Above:** In typical Dutch-East Indies fashion, Master Chef Perry instructs catering students on how to prepare traditional fried rice. No half measures! Young chefs wearing the traditional Indonesian Songkok hat. **Below:** As our young chefs prepare the fried rice, the Chinese rice porridge (Congee) is boiling over the stove, fresh spring onions, fried vermicelli and coriander added as a garnish.





**Above:** Whaea Suvina introduces the congee to the students; adding sesame oil, fish sauce and soy sauce for an explosion of flavours!

**Below:** Catering students busy in the kitchen, preparing the second course: Vietnamese rice paper spring rolls!







**Above:** Tasting the final round of food and discussing the flavours, Vietnamese rice paper spring rolls!



**Above:** Final round: Whaea Suvina serving Indian samosas, while a lonely Tommy-Dre reflects on life and seeks comfort in a bowl of fried rice.



## Veg Out! NC Promotes Healthy Eating With The Big Vegetarian Challenge

In Week 7 our school kitchen transformed into a vibrant culinary battlefield as students from 10 TTR participated in the exciting Vegetarian Challenge. The goal? To create a mouthwatering stir-fry using only vegetables, proving that plant-based dishes can be just as delicious as their meat-filled counterparts.



**Above:** With chopping boards gleaming, students eagerly embraced the challenge. The air was filled with the tantalizing aromas of sizzling vegetables and fragrant sauces as they experimented with different flavours and textures.



**Above right:** The winning dish, which the judges praised for having both a sweet and peanutty flavour.

To add an extra layer of excitement, two in-house vegetarian experts, Whaea Hayley and Whaea Desiree, made an appearance as special guest judges. Their keen taste buds and discerning eyes scrutinized each dish, evaluating its presentation, taste, and overall culinary prowess.





After much deliberation, the judges crowned NC Gentlemen's Club members: Ziggy, Rewi, Herewini, and Te Haruru as the ultimate champions. Their masterful creation captivated the judges' palates, earning them well-deserved recognition for their culinary skills and creativity.



**Middle:** Herewini serves up the winning stir-fry. **Above right:** The celebratory lunch, proud Gentlemen's Club members enjoying their well-deserved victory meal.

This Vegetarian Challenge was not only a fun and engaging learning experience but also a testament to the versatility and deliciousness of plant-based cuisine. Congratulations to all participants for their enthusiasm and culinary prowess!



By Matua Kyle, Matua Reyne & Matua 'Magic' Myke

(And a big 'ngā mihi' to Chef Perry and our Judges)





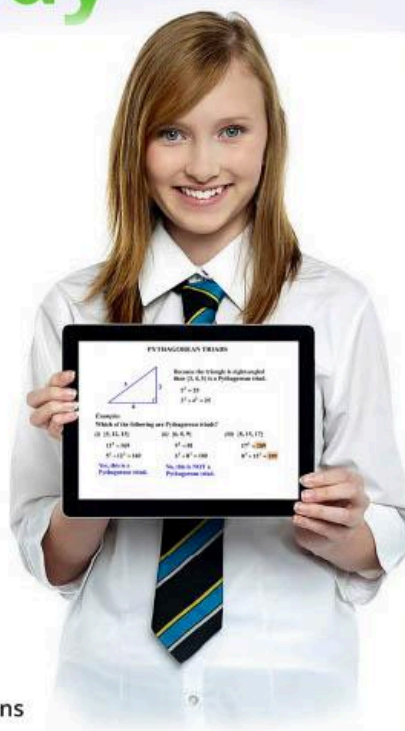
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## Sweet and Irie End of the Year for Hiwa-i-te-Rangi

After a long year of study and parenting challenges it was wonderful for the staff and students at Hiwa-i-te-Rangi to celebrate our successes with a graduation ceremony held Kiwi-style, with a beach barbeque in Paihia.

Students, pepi, tamariki, whanau and staff sheltered under a marquee on the beach while chef Maraia Wikaire fired up the barbeque and rustled up her usual stunning feed of sausages, chicken, salads and breads, not to mention her over the top Christmas Crackle slice. Manager Eleanor Barker, a Paihia local, supplied hand-made ice creams for dessert from Cellinis Icecream and Espresso bar.



After everyone had taken advantage of the cool surf and the beautiful surroundings, it was time for the serious business of rewarding those students who had excelled in their studies and achievements for the year. New Mama Pippa Sanderson and Magic Matenga-Henare tied for their achievements in Numeracy, recent mama Paige Williams-Cooper stood out as our most focused student, Jireh

Tahere for her creativity in writing

and performing a stunning range of original songs, and our standout student and undisputed Mama of the Year was Moerewa's Tylah Holland who also took home awards for the Most Credits, Literacy, Star Careers and Manaakitanga. She and fellow student Arihia Apiata have been accepted to the ITC Tourism course in Whangarei next year and we look forward to supporting and celebrating their future successes.







Tylah Holland:

“A famous whanau quote that I stand by is, “education is your ticket out of poverty” and Hiwa has given me the opportunity to put that quote into reality. Being a part of Hiwa over the last year has not only given me my education but important life skills that I will take with me on my future in tertiary studies as well as friends for life and an extra support system. It has been one of the best opportunities of my life and I will be forever grateful for my Hiwa family.”

The feeling is mutual. The staff of Hiwa-i-te-Rangi - Eleanor Barker, Philippa Moor, Marlene Ransfield, Maraia Wikaire, Mary Groom and Susy Pointon wish to mihi to all our hardworking and focused students - Arihia Apiata, Gail Apiata, Henare Atkinson, Te Aute Broomfield-Nelson, Te Puawai Cooper, Tayla-Ann Edwards, Patu Hapurona, Shaunice Harris, Tylah Holland, Diarvion Kukutai, Hayley Lee, Joel Little, Magic Matenga-Henare, Jonelly Nicholson-Cralen, Penelope Rihari-Norman, Phillipa Sanderson, Rachelle Smith-Tahu and Paige William-Cooper.

We look forward to sharing your journey towards an exciting future when we all return in 2025.

A-I-O Ki Hiwa

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## Mathematics and Statistics

Our senior students have completed a comprehensive course of study this year with most of our cohort achieving the required standards to obtain their numeracy credits at each level. Those who didn't complete their coursework requirements for the internal achievement standards will be given another opportunity next year to complete their program of study. Our Junior school continued its teaching program covering topics from the 3 strands: Number and Algebra, Geometry and Measurement, and Statistics.

The Mathematics Faculty would like to thank all the teachers who have taught in our learning area throughout the year. We are sincerely indebted for your valuable contribution and prowess in our subject area.

Please contact us anytime for any inquiries at Ph: 4013200, You are more than welcome to come into school and discuss any matters regarding our teaching program and student progress.

Christmas greetings to you all, from the Mathematics Faculty

## Social Sciences End of Year Summary

The Social Sciences Learning Area would like to acknowledge our teachers in 2024, Matua Kyle, Whaea Mitchel and Whaea Suvina along with other teachers who have included Social Sciences in their courses. The success of a number of our students in 2024 should also be acknowledged. We look forward to 2025 and further successful outcomes for our staff and students.

Mr Andrew Peters,  
Head of Social Sciences





## NC 2024 Junior Volleyball Teams Okaihau Outdoor Tournament

Four of our mixed Junior Volleyball teams entered the Beach Volleyball Tournament held at Okaihau College on Friday, 6th of December. The four-court set-up was well-received and the 29 teams entered all played with great enthusiasm and pride. Five senior volleyball players assisted with the coaching and organising team duties and refereeing. Their assistance was greatly appreciated and I wish to thank Maiyah Moon, Mereana Tulua-Rameka, Harmony Nikora, Terrah-Kaine Kopara, and Juztice Kopa for a great job done. I also thank Whaea Suzee for her contribution to our wonderful day.

The tournament was divided into 4 sections of which we won 3 sections and were placed 3rd in the other section. Congratulations to you all for representing our school with enthusiasm, dignity, and pride.

| <b>Red Team</b> |          | <b>Blue Team</b> |                |
|-----------------|----------|------------------|----------------|
| William         | Maxwell  | Journee          | Kopa           |
| Delayne         | Hetaraka | Kayson           | Cooper-Matenga |
| Corrin          | Barnett  | Mia              | Tanuvasa       |
| Marissa         | Diaz     | Elijah           | Grace          |
| Tyson           | Compton  | Parahaki         | Rurehe         |

| <b>Green Team</b> |              | <b>Gold Team</b> |              |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Calaise           | Kaho-Wynyard | Sireenity        | Kaka         |
| Unice             | Kalougata    | Abbey            | King-Te Kani |
| Tayten            | Gary-Nikora  | Egypt            | Kopara       |
| Elijah            | Quitta-Moses | Vinny            | Leef         |
| Kymani            | Kingi        | Manuera          | Tomuri-Grace |
|                   |              | Shaniah          | Wharekawa    |



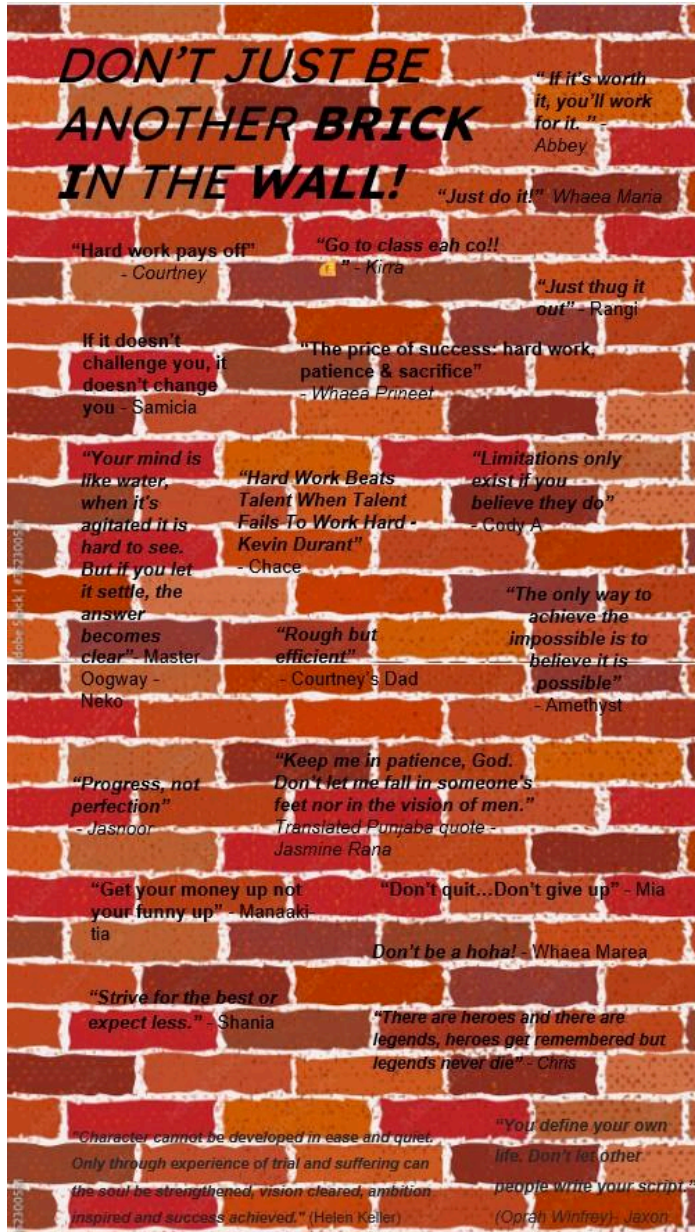








## Wise words from ENGLISH!



Another brilliant year 'done and dusted'!!! Well done to both seniors and juniors. Your efforts to improve your literacy and critical thinking skills must be commended.

### Farewell Year 13:

A special shout-out goes to our Year 13 students. As you prepare to leave us and take the next steps in your journey, we want you to know how proud we are of all you've accomplished. You've worked hard, faced challenges, and contributed much to our school community.

While we're sad to see you go, we know you're off to new adventures.

### Looking Ahead to 2025:

We're excited about what next year will bring and can't wait to see everyone back in 2025, ready to take on new adventures and challenges together. But for now, we hope you all get some well-deserved rest over the holiday break.

### A Special Thank You to Our Incredible Educators:

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of our department's educators: Whaea Prineet, and Whaea Shelly. Your incredible dedication, passion, and commitment have not gone unnoticed. You have gone above and your impact extends far beyond the classroom. You are more than teachers; you are mentors, guiding our students through their educational journeys and beyond. Thank you for your tireless efforts.





## "Peace out 2024" from ENGLISH!

### Wishing You All a Safe and Special Meri Kirimete!

Finally, whether you're taking a break or gearing up for what's next, we hope you have a safe and relaxing time with whanau and friends.

Nga mihi kia katou katoa from Whaea Maria, Whaea Prineet and Whaea Shelly.

*Meri Kirimete to everyone – enjoy your holiday!*





# Kaikohe Kōrero

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## Year 12 and 13 Science Trip to Auckland Zoo: Learning in the Wild!

This term, our Year 12 and 13 science students enjoyed an incredible day at Auckland Zoo. With clear skies, a full van, and plenty of excitement, we dove into hands-on learning to complement our studies on adaptations, speciation, and human evolution.

The day kicked off with a guided walk around the zoo, focusing on real-world processes that lead to speciation. One highlight was the story of the takahē, a native bird that has faced bottlenecks and benefited from translocation efforts to support its survival—an often-discussed example in exams. This brought our internal assessments (AS91155 for Year 12) and externals (AS91157 and AS91605/ AS91606 for Year 13) to life!

Next came an engaging workshop on human evolution, we handled real hominin and hominid skulls (yes, some were real!), comparing their features to explore bipedalism, brain size, dentition, and diet. We even had a fun quiz to test our knowledge of evolutionary trends, tying these concepts to adaptations that have shaped humans over time. Comparing a full chimp skeleton to a human one made the importance of bipedalism crystal clear—it's what frees our hands for tools and advanced tasks! This workshop offered insights into the incredible adaptations that define us as a species.

We were also incredibly lucky to see the Asian elephant, Burma, before she left for Australia—a bittersweet moment, as she will most likely be the last elephant in New Zealand. It was a poignant reminder of how unique opportunities like these are, highlighting the importance of preserving wildlife and creating meaningful connections with animals.

Another highlight was the nocturnal house where we spotted the kiwi. These iconic birds are a powerful reminder of the importance of protecting our unique wildlife, especially here in Northland, where many kiwi call home. Native species like the kiwi play crucial roles in maintaining healthy ecosystems, which ultimately benefit humans and the planet. Conservation isn't just about saving animals; it's about preserving biodiversity and the balance of life on Earth.

After the workshops, students explored the zoo in groups, marvelling at everything from roaring lions to the docile elephant to some of their favourites, the playful otters. Their curiosity, excellent behaviour, and enthusiasm made the day one to remember!





This trip was a perfect blend of education and fun, giving our students a deeper appreciation for science and conservation. It's a highlight of the year and, hopefully, a tradition for all senior classes in the future!

### A Final Note from the Science Department

As the year draws to a close, we want to congratulate all our senior students on completing their studies and sitting their exams. A special shoutout to those who went above and beyond, including a student who tackled Scholarship Science—an amazing achievement!

We also want to thank our junior classes for trying out and attempting science - probably some for the first time ever!

To our Year 13s, we wish you the very best in your future studies and adventures. You've been a fantastic group, and we're excited to see where life takes you, we know you will do amazing things,

From all of us in the Science Department, have a Merry Christmas, a well-deserved break, and as always take care of our Taiao and one another. See you in 2025! 🌲✨

- Whaea Desiree, Whaea LeeAnn and Whaea Janette







