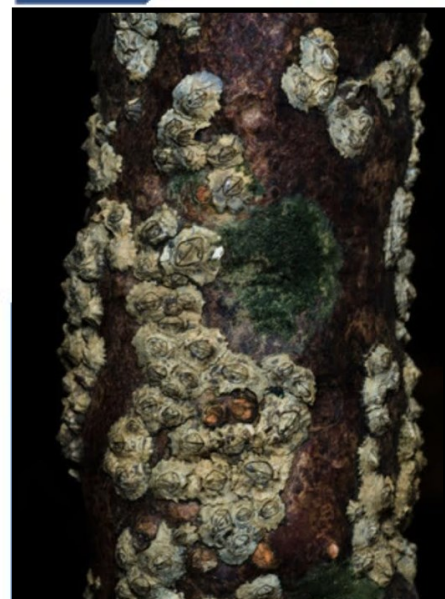




Kaitaia College Pānui

May
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5th Edition



TUMUAKI TAUTOKO
PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Tēnā koutou katoa,

*Me maumahara he tino toa i ia tangata.
Rapua te toa nei, me whāngaia, ka tupu,
ka puāwai.*

*There is a champion in everyone.
Search for the champion, nurture them
and they will grow and flourish.*

Kia ora e te whānau. Ngā mihi mahana kia
koutou, warm greetings to you all.

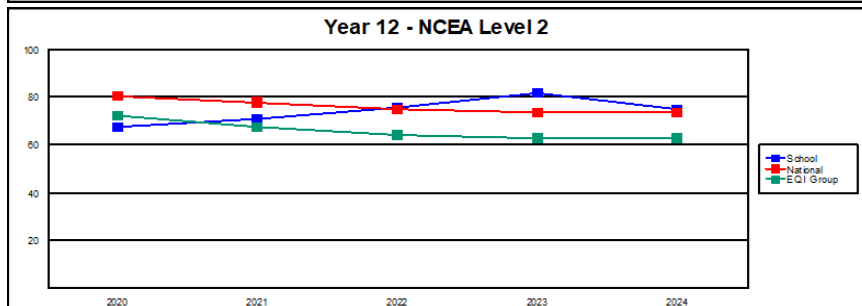
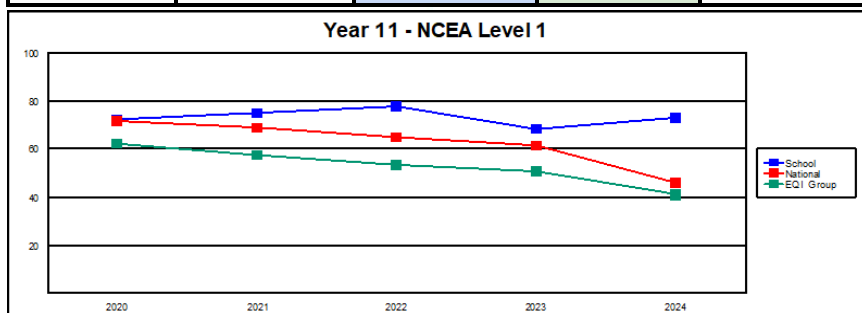
CELEBRATING NCEA ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to our students who have
achieved NCEA last year. It is pleasing to see
Kaitaia College students are performing
above national averages.

I would like to acknowledge our **excellent
teachers** who have provided **quality
teaching and learning** contributing to the
results below. This year we have raised the
bar again to achieve higher levels. We
encourage all students to attend regularly to
ensure NCEA success again this year.

Ngā mihi Louise Ānaru
(Te Rarawa, Ngapuhi)

| NCEA Qualification | 2024 Board Target % Variance +/- | 2024 Kaitaia College NZQA Data Results | 2024 Similar Schools Comparison | 2024 New Zealand National Comparison |
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| CAA Literacy | 90 (-4.4) | 85.6 % | 66.6 | 76.6 |
| CAA Numeracy | 90 (-15.1) | 74.9 % | 63.8 | 74.8 |
| Level 1 NCEA | 90 (-16.7) | 73.3 % | 41.1 | 45.9 |
| Level 2 NCEA | 80 (-4.9) | 75.1 % | 62.6 | 73.6 |
| Level 3 NCEA | 70 (-5.9) | 64.1 % | 60.2 | 69.4 |



Taha Hinengaro Curriculum

BIOLOGY TRIP TO SHIPWRECK BAY

YEAR 12 BIOLOGY AT AHIPARA

On the 22nd of May 2025, our Level 2 Biology class departed on a day trip to Shipwreck Bay in Ahipara. The purpose of this trip was to investigate and study the organisms living across the rocky shore. We placed quadrat every four-six metres along a transect line, from high tide to low tide. We collected data on a range of organisms and their specific habitats, studying the adaptations each species has which enables them to survive while being exposed to air during the tidal cycle.

This data collection was for our internal assessment on 'Shore Life' in which we are to investigate a pattern within an ecological community. On this field trip we were lucky enough to have beautiful weather conditions with bright sun, warmth and light winds. The opportunity to have a day out on our beautiful Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, allowed us to work on our assessments with real life biological data and visuals. It also enabled us to experience how the subject of biology relates to reality, enhancing our ability to comprehend the relevance of biology within our own local environment.

With our collected data, we have noticed patterns amongst the spread of organisms on the beach, with organism species of columnar barnacles, little black mussels and oyster borers most predominantly noticed. We were also fortunate enough to see a few rarer organisms, such as a starfish within the habitat.

By Serena Laurenson



**NO CELL
PHONES**

School Time = Grind Time



Level up your brain,
not your feed!

Taha Wairua Cultural

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL IN WELLINGTON

Over King's Birthday Weekend, the talented Year 11 performers of Kaitiāia College Drama, Sam Perry, Tavin Norman, Taieyza London, and Lailani Barrett-Chadwick, travelled to Wellington as winners of the Tai Tokerau Regional Shakespeare Festival to take part in the Shakespeare National Festival. It was an unforgettable experience from start to finish.

On Saturday, the students took to the stage at the iconic St James Theatre, performing their winning scene from *Romeo and Juliet* to a full audience. Their passion, precision, and stage presence made for a memorable performance and earned them huge applause. Despite a slight mishap with a prop flying off stage mid-scene, the group didn't miss a beat, carrying on like true professionals. For this, they were awarded the *Best Recovery Award*, a fitting recognition of their resilience and stagecraft. As the saying goes, the show must go on – and they absolutely did!

Beyond the stage, the group explored some of Wellington's most iconic locations, including private tours of Parliament and the Governor-General's residence, gaining insight into our nation's leadership and history. A visit to Te Papa gave students the



chance to experience the Gallipoli exhibition, a moving and masterfully crafted installation that left a powerful impression on all who attended.

They also attended the original play *On God*, which sparked thoughtful conversations and left a deep emotional impact. The students participated in a range of exciting drama workshops, including stage combat and character/scene creation, gaining new skills and building on their performance techniques.

From zipping around the city in double-decker buses and Ubers, to cheering on the Hurricanes vs Moana Pasifika rugby game at Sky Stadium, and enjoying a gourmet Mexican dinner, the students soaked up the energy of Wellington while forging friendships with other drama enthusiasts from across Aotearoa.

The festival wrapped up on Sunday night with a special prize giving ceremony, where Kaitiāia College Drama proudly received their Best Recovery award. The evening also featured a hilarious, simplified, and modern version of *Romeo and Juliet* performed by the Young Shakespeare Company—made up of last year's national winners. Our students are now in the running to be selected for this prestigious company, with the results due in just one week.

The weekend was a rich celebration of creativity, courage, and connection, an inspiring experience our students will carry with them for years to come. They're already buzzing with ideas and beginning to plan which Shakespeare scenes they'll perform in next year's competition.

Books, Not Screens!

Phone Time Is After School Time



Keep those phones powered off!

Taha Tinana Sports

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

On Wednesday, 4 June our Clay Target Shooting Team braved the weather and travelled to Kaikohe to participate in Round Three of the NSSSA competition.

In spite of the horrendous conditions, our team proved that they can compete with best in the North. Once again senior student Pearl, placed in every category for the Ladies' Division, coming third overall.

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| Ladies' Single Rise | second place |
| Ladies' Points Score | second place |
| Ladies' Single Barrel | third place |

In the Mens' Division the competition was fierce. The boys were up against some strong opposition, just missing out on placings in their divisions. However they did themselves and Kaitiā College proud with their efforts.

Unfortunately we are unable to attend the meet in Dargaville, but will be there for the meet in Whangārei which will be held in August.



Students can now purchase our new Kaitiā College school socks for \$16.00.

Please see Tayla at the main office for payment options and distribution.

These socks are suitable for both the school uniform and when representing our school in sports teams. Please note: these are not compulsory, but are a great option for students needing new socks.



**No Texting,
Just
Learning!**



Focus your brain, not
your screen!

Taha Whānau Social

On arriving at the B&B in Auckland there was much last minute polishing and practicing of speeches. Early the next morning we travelled to the venue at Rossmore College on the North Shore. Throughout the day delegates representing each country stood up before the assembly and spoke on behalf of their country. Points of order were thrown back and forth as were rights of reply on contentious issues. Our teams presented themselves very well and spoke with authority on their countries' issues.

A great time was had by all and much was learned about how the real United Nations assembly works as this one is run using the same procedures and systems. On the last day the keynote speaker was retired politician Chris Carter who had worked for the United Nations for seven years. He had many interesting stories about his time in Afghanistan and other United Nations hot spots.



2025 MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA)

On the 16th and 17th of May, five senior students from the gifted and talented class travelled to Auckland to compete in the model United Nations assembly. In this competition school teams are randomly assigned a country they will represent in the assembly. Our teams were representing Bangladesh and Denmark. In preparation for the event each team must research the current social, political and financial issues that their country is dealing with. They must also prepare a speech to present to the assembly and costumes in the traditional style of their assigned country.

The teams were:

DENMARK

- Pearl Serhijenko
- Geraldene Leefe
- Corin Morris

BANGLADESH

- Bailey Jordan-Murray
- Rata McCarthy

ETHNIC OLYMPIAD

The Ethics Olympiad was a very enjoyable experience. Throughout the entire competition, we were able to work together against other schools around New Zealand. It was very eye opening, hearing other people's opinions and perspectives on the different topics. How some would agree, while others would fight back and argue as is why they thought about it differently.

One of our topics, "Tobacco ban", was interesting to listen to, as we had a similar perspective to the other team. We were able to understand each other's thoughts on the matter, how we felt about it and how we were able to expand on it. It helped us strengthen our teamwork, fight for our points and to collaborate effectively.

Even though the competition wasn't a debate, we were still able to argue effectively, and open up other schools' eyes to our opinions and vice versa. For

example, one of the groups we went against were Year 12's and Year 13's from Selwyn College. Despite us only being Year 11's, we showed our resilience against the other school and continuously expanded not only ours, but their thoughts on the topics we were given. We were able to widen other groups' ideas.

We had to think of all possible perspectives involved in the topics. We had to compromise with each other, and had to walk in one another's shoes to make a compelling argument. The competition helped us to take the critique given to us to improve our arguments, to make every word meaningful.

We were all happy to attend the zoom meeting it was hosted on, and to receive an honourable mention by the judges. Overall, it was a delightful experience that we will be able to grow from. We look forward to competing in next year's event.



Rangatahi Round-up

ALL THINGS SPANISH

My Spanish camp was an unforgettable experience. I met so many new people, made new friends, practised a lot of Spanish, and learned new things about Hispanic culture.

On the first day of camp we went to the beach, got into our groups and made sandcastles, with the theme being the Hispanic world. We then got ready for dinner and walked to El Restaurante Mexicano. After we had our dinner, we had dessert and me and my friends had churros and ice cream sundaes. When we got back to camp, everyone met in the student lounge for a quiz night, where we answered questions about Hispanic culture and more.



On the second day we had desayuno - breakfast- and then made our way downtown and had el concurso de la carrera increíble, also known as a scavenger hunt. The rest of our day included dancing, cooking, snacks, top town, and then preparing for our carnival- all in Spanish! We had arts and crafts and made face masks and headbands to wear to the carnival that was happening later on. We then had dinner and got prepared for the carnival which was my favourite part of the camp. We sang songs, did "Just Dance" and danced the salsa y (and) merengue.

The last day of camp we had games of fútbol and my team came third, then we headed over to El Supermercado Four Square and got our ingredients for masterchef. After cooking up a storm in the kitchen, all the groups had finished cooking their Hispanic dishes- my group made a Spanish omelette.

Overall, I really enjoyed this camp and I can't wait to go next year!

By Karanui Pōpata



**2025 HEAD GIRL
COMMENT**

Nau mai, piki mai, and welcome all to the halfway mark of Term 2. This term has come around fast, kicking off to a busy start with our Sports Academy, Subject Conferences, Basic Leaders, Pink Shirt Day, Youth Week, and Wellington Shakespeare trip having taken place. The start of the winter sports season is now truly underway, with many sports teams in action such as our Premier Boys' basketball team, and our UNISS netball team. Congratulations to everyone of those involved on their contributions, commitment, and achievements over this time.

This week has seen us proudly hosting this year's Ngā Manu Kōrero Speech competition. This kaupapa has given countless students in our school an opportunity to serve not only themselves, but their whānau, school and our wider community. We have had four students representing our school over these days. It highlights their hard work and dedication to stand up to share their thoughts on important topics to them. I want to thank our kaiako for supporting such a significant kaupapa and our students for taking part and helping out. How awesome is it to get out there, represent our school, and build stronger connections in our community of the Far North with other kura such as Pukemiro, Te Rangi Aniwaniwa, and Tūtūtārakihi.

This courage is something that I'd like our peers to take on, especially as the end of term approaches. It may not be getting up to present a speech in front of a big crowd, but it could be something like going to that meeting you heard about and thought was interesting, or introducing yourself to new people and building connections with those around you.

In the coming weeks, we have our Matariki Night on the 18th June where our very own kapa haka roopū, Te Puawaitanga will be performing alongside our talented school Jazz Band and Choir to raise funds to get our Kapa Haka roopu to this year's Tōkihi Ki Tua (regional Kapa Haka competition) later this year.

Our trip to Japan is only a few weeks away. How exciting and what an amazing opportunity to be part of!

With all that has happened so far this term and with upcoming events, the future is bright. I encourage all my peers to be proactive. Get out there and ask questions, go to meetings, make decisions, and ask for help. Each of these things puts you in a better position to find what matters to you, what you like, and what you can do. This is the place of growth and learning.

I'd also like to remind our students that our school is not a dumping ground, so please respect it. Remember to keep rubbish in your bags or use the many rubbish bins around our school.

In conclusion "don't be measured by the standards of others, rather set your standard that others can be measured by"
Ngā mihi Geralene



Celebrating community



It takes a village to raise a child



KAITIĀI COLLEGE SPORTS PERFORMANCE ACADEMY FEATURED IN LOCALS SUPPORTING LOCALS!

We're incredibly proud to be featured in Te Hiku's latest 'Locals Supporting Locals' series - a celebration of the amazing people, businesses and organisations who continue to back our young people and community.

Our Sports Performance Academy may have only been up and running for a term and a half, but thanks to the belief and support from local businesses like:

Fish Jones Electrical Ltd T/A Kinetic Electrical Far North
Northland Waste Kaitiāi
FNR Group Ltd
9TEE Mile Screenprint & Design
North Contracting Ltd,
and **Adidas NZ**, we've hit the ground running.

Their support has helped us offer high quality gear, inspirational guest speakers, and training opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach. But more than that, it's shown our students that they are seen, valued, and believed in by their wider community. These rangatahi are the future of the Far North. Every contribution big or small plays a part in lifting them up and strengthening our whole community.

Massive thanks to everyone who's helped bring our vision to life, we are so grateful.





**Phone-Free
Zone**



Let's keep it real,
not virtual!

Kaitiāia College

Our whānau in action

