



# Kaitiāia College Pānui

June  
2025  
6th 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 whānau. Ngā mihi mahana kia koutou,  
warm greetings to you all.

We have had another successful end to the  
Term offering many opportunities for our stu-  
dents across sports, academics and cultural  
domains. I would like to personally thank our  
students, staff and whānau for supporting  
Kaitiāia College and contributing to our students  
wellbeing, learning and achievement. We look  
forward to celebrating a successful Term 3

## **NCEA ACHIEVEMENT**

Congratulations to the following students who  
have achieved NCEA already this year. They will  
continue to work on achieving course endorse-  
ments and NCEA qualification endorsement.  
We encourage all students to attend regularly to  
ensure NCEA success next term.

## **YEAR 11 NCEA LEVEL 1 LITERACY**

Bagley, Daniella  
Borja, Josiah  
Bowden, Anahira  
Burt, Olivia  
Cameron, Summer  
Choice, Petra  
Eramiha-Waru, Christina  
Foster, Vienna  
Frost, Hayden  
Frow, Tyrell  
Hammond, Kate  
Harrison, Eli  
Henry, Kaya  
Hunter, Shakayla  
Job, Kaia  
Kelly, Jayden  
Lundon, Taieyza  
Mane, Manasseh  
Massey, Ky-Marny  
MacDonald Tane  
Mikrut, Casper  
Mulholland, Lucy  
Murray, Analiah  
Natrass, Brooke  
Olsen, Paige  
Oughton, Hannah  
Perry, Sam  
Popata, Karanui  
Ruka, Rhiana  
Schrafft, Holly  
Soanes, Narnya  
Stanbury, Lucas  
Steed, Lucian  
Stirling, Torin  
Tahitahi-Matiu, Urbane  
Taitukara, Taha  
Taukilo, Hazel-Rose  
Taylor, Liam  
Thomas, Stevie  
Tobin, Sapphire  
Tuhura, Darnae  
Wagener, Lauren  
Waikato-Ulu, Laela  
Waipōuri, Caleb-Rose  
Wells, Jacob  
Wells, Lily  
Wright, Josie

## **YEAR 11 NCEA LEVEL 1 NUMERACY**

Bagley, Daniella  
Borja, Josiah  
Brooker, Indica  
Cameron, Summer  
Choice, Petra  
Cottle, Jake  
Foster, Vienna  
Frost, Hayden  
Hammond, Kate  
Hepi, Gabriel  
Job, Kaia  
Larkins, Bobbi  
Leota, Kasey  
MacDonald Tane  
Mackenzie, Olly  
Masters, Cage  
Schrafft, Holly  
Stanbury, Lucas  
Steed, Lucian  
Stirling, Torin  
Taylor, Liam  
Wagener, Lauren  
Wells, Jacob  
Wells, Lily

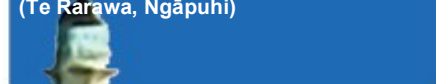
## **YEAR 12 NCEA LEVEL 2**

Harrison, Renzahl  
Howell, Tamzyn  
McRoy, Cruise  
Raison, Caress  
Tahu-Tecklenburg, Kaya

## **YEAR 13 NCEA LEVEL 3**

Chapman, Te Manawa  
Lunjevich, Brandyn  
Paewhenua, Serenity  
Tobin, Sarah  
Ulrich, Lara  
Vemoa, Ethan

**Louise Ānaru. Principal.**  
**(Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi)**





# Taha Hinengaro Curriculum



KAITAIĀ COLLEGE



## LEVEL 1 ART

In Week 8, our Level 1 Art students exhibited their hue (gourds) at our Pō Matariki evening. Prior to designing their hue, students explored their historical uses and studied the work of contemporary artists, including Veranoa Hetet and Numa Mackenzie. The hue were a highlight of the evening, and we are very proud of the outstanding work our students produced.

We also held a printmaking workshop with Shelley Ryde. Shelley is a highly experienced artist and was the Head of Art at Diocesan School for Girls in Auckland for 40 years. She worked with students, teaching lithography using pronto plates, as well as introducing them to etching techniques. This was a valuable opportunity for students to learn specialised skills from a practicing artist.

Finally, on Thursday, our Level 1 Art students were visited by Kaitiāia College alumni Kauri Peterson, who generously shared her mahi toi. Kauri discussed her creative journey, processes, and inspiration, giving students valuable insights into how mātauranga Māori informs her practice. Her visit was both inspiring and encouraging for our students as they continue to explore their own artistic pathways.







# Taha Wairua Cultural

## "KO TE REO TE MAURI O TE MANA MĀORI"

*"THE LANGUAGE IS THE CORE OF OUR MĀORI CULTURE AND MANA"*

By Tā Himi Henare

The Tai Tokerau Secondary School Regional Ngā Manu Kōrero Competition was held at Te Ahu Centre, Kaitiaki, from Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 June. This prestigious Māori speech competition focuses on nurturing oratory skills in both English and te reo Māori, uplifting taitamariki voices while celebrating the vitality of the Māori language.

The competition featured five sections: **Junior Māori (Rāwhiti Ihaka)**; **Junior English (Sir Turi Carroll)**; **Senior Māori (Pei Te Hurinui Jones)**; **Senior English (Korimako)**; **Senior Bilingual (Tā Himi Henare)**. The Senior Māori and Senior English categories also included an impromptu speech section.

The three day event began with a combined pōhiri, with all hau kāinga secondary schools and wharekura—Te Rangi Āniwaniwa, Pukemiro, Tūtutarakihi, and Kaitiaki College welcoming 19 schools from across the Tai Tokerau region. Overall there were 55 speakers competing over the three days.

Kaitiaki College proudly hosted this successful event, with students and staff playing vital roles both onstage and behind the scenes; caring for our judges; timekeeping; managing security; backstage support; staffing information desks; sound technician; and directing traffic and crowd control. Their manaakitanga towards peers and manuhiri embodied the whakatauki: "Ka pai ki mua, ka pai ki muri, ka pai ngā mea katoa"



Special acknowledgement goes to Kaitiaki College students who participated in the competition: Darnae Tuhura, Levi Ashwell, Olivia Hauiti, and Malia Cook.

We acknowledge all staff, whānau and students who made this kaupapa a success. Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.

The Official Results:

**Sir Turi Kara - Junior English:** **1st:** Pou Ariki Hemara-Daniels - Te Rangi Āniwaniwa; **2nd:** Pohatu Randell - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Rāwhitiroa; **3rd:** Maia Harris - Whangārei Girls' High School

**Rāwhiti Ihaka - Junior Māori:** **1st:** Taiahoaho Smith - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Rāwhitiroa; **2nd:** Te Pua Tawhiwhi Rapi Teira-Tawhara, - Te Rangi Āniwaniwa; **3rd:** Te Atamahina Warren - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kaikohe. **Top Male Speaker:** Te Pua Tawhiwhi Rapi Teira-Tawhara - Te Rangi Āniwaniwa **Top Female Speaker:** Taiahoaho Smith - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Rāwhitiroa

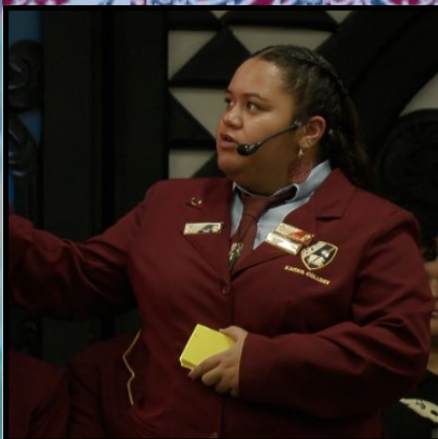
**Korimako - Senior English:** **1st:** Fahren Capri May Rapana - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kaikohe; **2nd:** Chelsea Reti - Te Rangi Āniwaniwa; **3rd:** Kahu Poulson-Hendriks - Whangārei Boys' High School.

**Pei Te Hurinui Jones - Senior Māori:** **1st:** Mihi Te Rauhi Daniels - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Rāwhitiroa; **2nd:** Ngataitangirua Ngatau Hita - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kaikohe; **3rd:** Hineteaio Chapman - Te Rangi Āniwaniwa **Impromptu:** **1st Equal:** Hineteaio Chapman - Te Rangi Āniwaniwa and Mihi Te Rauhi Daniels - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Rāwhitiroa

**Tā Himi Henare - Senior Bilingual Section:** **1st Equal:** Nevaeh Tua - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Rāwhitiroa and Billie Diane Baker - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kaikohe; **3rd:** Hera Tauhara - Te Rangi Āniwaniwa

**Representing Tai Tokerau at the National Ngā Manu Kōrero Competitions in Whanganui 2025:** **Sir Turi Kara - Junior English:** Pou Ariki Hemara-Daniels - Te Rangi Āniwaniwa; **Rāwhiti Ihaka - Junior Māori:** Taiahoaho Smith - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Rāwhitiroa; **Korimako - Senior English:** Fahren Capri May Rapana - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kaikohe; **Pei Te Hurinui Jones - Senior Māori:** Mihi Te Rauhi Daniels - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Rāwhitiroa.

**2026 Tai Tokerau Regional Ngā Manu Kōrero Hosts:** Pompallier Catholic College in Whangārei.







# Taha Tinana Sports

## KAITIĀIA PREMIER BASKETBALL TAKES SILVER

Looking sharp in their travel kit and ready for a showdown, our Kaitiāia College Premier Basketball Team travelled to Whangārei on Friday night for a 7.30pm final against Whangārei Boys' High School.

They were undefeated all season and confidence was high. It was a battle from the first whistle. The boys looked on track, taking out the first quarter. However Whangārei came back at them and lead going into half time. The boys may have been behind on the score board, but they were fighting for all their worth. They were unable to make up the difference, finally going down 96-88. So close!

Silver is an incredible achievement and reflects the hard work, commitment and teamwork these boys have shown throughout the season.

We will lose some of our senior players at the end of the year, but rest assured



Back Row: Te Manawa Chapman, Coach Rangī Lewis, Jahn Ryan, Pryce King, Cody Anderson, Mekhi Heka, Atama Roberts, Reagan Paul, Manawa McLean, James Nasr, Ngawhare Robinson  
Front Row: Roman Nasr, Assistant Coach Alexander Campbell-Lewis and Oscar Parlour

we have a very solid foundation for 2026.

A massive congratulations to the team - we are so proud of you all!

Kaitiāia College would like to thank Coach Rangī Lewis for his never ending support, knowledge, experience and time. The endless hours you have dedicated to our teams, both past and present, is astounding. You're a legend!

We would also like to acknowledge Assistant Coaches Alexander Campbell-Lewis and Cade Stench (Northland Basketball), who also gave their time and shared their experience with us. See you at training!

We would like to thank our travelling referee Darwin Delizo. A game is not a game without a referee, it's just training.

We also want to thank and acknowledge Yvette, not only for what she does for our basketball team but all our sports teams, whether it be driving the van, organising the teams or ensuring they all have nice kits, it's a hard task. You rock!

To all who travelled to watch and support, thank you.







# Taha Whānau Social



## PŌ MATARIKI

Last week, Kaitiāia College held a Matariki evening celebrating the Māori New Year. We enjoyed performances from the Kapa Haka group, Mau Rakau, drama and music students, and a performance from the school Jazz Band. There was also art on display from the L1 Art students, and steamed hāngī for sale.

A big thank you to the Music and Māori departments for running this event smoothly and bringing our kura together to celebrate Matariki. Your mahi helped to create a positive and meaningful evening for our school and community.

I'd also like to acknowledge the Junior Council for their contribution to this event. The Junior Council proudly represented our school in their blazers and helped throughout the evening — from greeting and directing guests at the door to running the bake sale. Their hard work and dedication played a major role in the success of the event.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made a donation — your support is greatly appreciated.

Danica Herring  
Junior Council Chairperson

## Mufti Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Theme: Wear your  
Pyjamas to School

Gold Coin Donations  
to Support the Foster  
Hope Pyjama Drive



## Pyjama Drive

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

The Junior Council  
will be collecting  
donations of New,  
Unused Pyjamas,  
outside the main  
office before school

Donations will go to  
Foster Hope  
Northland, to  
support the Foster  
Hope Pyjama Drive



## MUFTI DAY - FOSTER HOPE NORTHLAND

On Friday the 27th of June, the Junior Council will be running a "Wear Your Pyjamas To School" themed mufti day. Please bring a gold coin donation as all funds will be donated to Foster Hope Northland.

Also on Friday 27th the Junior Council will be collecting new, unused pyjamas (sizes 0-18) outside the main office before school. These will be donated to the Foster Hope Pyjama Drive.

Foster Hope is a local charity who provides for kids in foster care, and the Foster Hope Pyjama Drive is currently collecting donations of pyjamas to help foster kids during the winter months. Please donate if you can, any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Danica Herring  
Junior Council Chairperson



# Rangatahi Round-up



## MANU BURKHARDT-MACRAE INSPIRES ACADEMY ATHLETES

On Monday 3rd June, our Sports Performance Academy had the privilege of hosting guest speaker, and ex-Kaitiaki College student **Manu Burkhardt-Macrae**.

Manu shared an insightful presentation with our athletes, centred around *twelve key things he wishes he had known at eighteen*.

His kōrero reflected on his journey through professional rugby and his transition into the workforce, offering valuable life lessons along the way.

Students were thoroughly engaged, and the

messages shared resonated deeply, particularly around resilience, self discipline, and making the most of opportunities.

We extend our sincere thanks to Manu for giving his time so generously and for the authentic way he connected with our athletes.

Manu's company, **Far North Rooding**, is also a proud sponsor of the Sports Performance Academy, making this visit even more meaningful. It's fantastic for our athletes to be able to learn directly from those who support and believe in their potential.

Ngā mihi nui, Manu!



## 2025 HEAD BOY COMMENT

Hey team.

Term Two is nearly over, and soon we'll head home for a well-earned two-week break. As we wrap up these nine weeks, I want to take a moment to reflect on what we've achieved — as students, staff, and whānau. This isn't a motivational speech or a farewell to Term Two, but simply a chance to acknowledge the activities and successes that have filled our days.

Thank you to everyone who planned, hosted, and spoke at the Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition. What a unique opportunity, I have no doubt we've raised the standard for others to look up to.

Trades Academy — has also had a strong term, giving students valuable hands-on experience and skills that will help them in future careers. I admire the opportunities you have — learning to build structures that could one day house and support our whānau.

To our Senior basketball team. What a great crew, Yvette. The result wasn't what we hoped for, but you've still made us proud.

Arts Department — fundraising, Matariki concerts, art, taking our future actors to Wellington for the Shakespeare Festival, you've truly shined.

Long story short, we've had some real highlights. I do have a word limit on this write-up so I better cut it there, I could write about the Kaitiaki College whānau all day.

Huge respect to everyone who gave their time and energy this term — whether you were on stage, on the court, or supporting from the sidelines.

Enjoy the break, look after yourselves, check your smoke alarms, and I'll see you Term Three.

Ngā mihi,  
Nathaniel Vemoa



Back Row: Calista Shanks, Rylee-Jae Fisher, Corban Thorpe, Ngawhare Robinson, Carlos Robinson, Crallen Jackson-Haze, Oscar Parlour, Josiah Kave  
Front Row: Geraldene Leef, Tianah Petera-Waa, Tay Phillips, Manu Burkhardt-Macrae, Ashton Wiessing, Skyla Rogers, Casanita Tuhi-Tepania

## COLLEGE YOUTH GAMES

On Sunday 15th June, five students from Kaitiaki College competed the College Youth Games held in Tamaki Makaurau.

In preparation for the games, our rangitahi trained for months, twice a week, starting at 6.30am.

They trained with He Kura in conjunction with Whitirau Cross100 and Natives. They were coached and supported by Mer and Amy.

They had a hugely successful day with both teams coming third in the 12-15 year old divisions.

Congratulations team and what a fantastic effort!



Raya, Kenzie Puckey, Kamryn Puckey, Jayden Kelly, Hunter Marsh, Josiah Kava





# Celebrating community



# It takes a village to raise a child

## Spotlight on Supporters

## KC Supporters Wall

### ATTENDANCE

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.

If a student **misses one day of school every two weeks**, they miss more than **one whole year of school by 16 years of age**. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky. Health guidance to support you to decide is available. If you are still unsure, get in touch with us and let's work together to support your learner.

**If you are finding it hard to get your child to school**, please talk with us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

Our school continues to build a culture that fosters attendance every day by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and family.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from and what you value.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.
- A school that is safe and welcoming for everyone in our school community.

If you have any attendance queries and issues, please contact us so we can work together.

Ngairi Tauhara-White  
Deputy Principal - Attendance  
KAMAR PORTAL

Students and parents can access their child's attendance by logging into their KAMAR portal. If there are some discrepancies please contact your whānau teacher. This week is a good opportunity to tidy any attendance issues.

If you need your username or password to access your KAMAR portal as a student or a parent please contact the main office.

**NCEA me te Whānau workshop registrations**

Kei ngā pou whakahiā, kei ngā pou whakawhitinga o te mātāuranga i ngā kura puta noa i Aotearoa, tēnā koutou katoa!

The NCEA me te Whānau team would like to invite you to book our upcoming workshops for Term 3, 2025. These workshops assist ākonga and whānau in understanding NCEA, and how it may benefit ākonga with their chosen pathway. These workshops will be available to both junior and senior ākonga, and whānau.

**In Term 3, we will be offering the following workshops:**

1. **NCEA A-Z** is designed to ensure ākonga are well-prepared for their NCEA journey. This workshop delivers content in an easily digestible format, focussing on essential information that ākonga can quickly grasp, instilling confidence within themselves when embarking on their NCEA journey.
2. **Study Skills** is designed to equip ākonga with the tools and skills to keep on top of their studies and assessments. This includes the prioritisation of their workload so that they are confident in achieving what is required to further their aspirations within their chosen pathway.
3. **NCEA me te Whānau** is designed to assist parents and caregivers in supporting their tamaiti. It covers every crucial aspect of NCEA and offers guidance on how to help their tamaiti make informed subject choices.

**How our workshops are designed:**

Workshops are 1-hour long and can be delivered in-person\* or online. The NCEA me te Whānau workshop is delivered in the evening when whānau are available to attend. Ākonga workshops are offered during school hours.

\*Note: In-person delivery is subject to the availability of a kaiāhāpai (facilitator) in your area or region at the date/time requested.

**How to request a workshop:**

If you would like to host a workshop, please complete our registration form by scanning the QR code or clicking [here](#).

Once the registration has been received, a member of our team will be in touch to confirm dates and other arrangements.

For more information about our workshops, please reach out to [nceametewhnanau@nzqa.govt.nz](mailto:nceametewhnanau@nzqa.govt.nz)

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# Kaitiāia College

## Our whānau in action

