Friday 6th November 2026

Te Punga Karere o Tukua o Punga

"SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS - THE ONLY OPTION"



Principal's Pānui - Celebrating Our Rangatahi

Kia ora koutou katoa

Welcome to Term Four! As we enter the final weeks of 2026, there is plenty to look forward to at Tikipunga High School. This is always a busy and exciting time as we bring together the learning, opportunities and achievements of the year.

Our focus is simple: finish strong, celebrate success and prepare for what comes next.

For our senior students, these final weeks are particularly important as they complete assessments, prepare for NCEA examinations and work towards qualifications and future pathways. Every credit counts, and we encourage our rangatahi to make the most of the support and opportunities available.

For our junior students, learning continues right through to the end of the year. End-of-year assessments will help us recognise progress, celebrate growth and identify next steps as we prepare for 2027.

Attendance remains a priority. As the weather warms and the holidays approach, we ask whānau to continue supporting regular attendance and positive learning routines. Everyday matters, and these final weeks are no exception.

Term Four also brings plenty of opportunities beyond the classroom, alongside our end-of-year celebrations and praisegivings. We look forward to recognising the many successes of our rangatahi, whether in academics, sport, culture, leadership or personal growth. Every achievement matters and reminds us that "*Our Mana Comes from the Success of Those Around Us*".

Looking ahead, planning is well underway for 2027, including curriculum developments, staffing and continued improvements to our learning environments. There is much to be excited about as we continue creating opportunities for our ākonga to thrive.

To our students, my challenge is simple: make these final weeks count. Be proud of how far you have come, keep striving towards your goals and finish the year knowing you have given your best.

Thank you to our staff, whānau and wider community for your ongoing support. Together, we continue to make a difference for our rangatahi.

Ngā mihi nui
Emma Leyland (Tumuaki)



Services Academy Graduation

Our Services Academy students recently attended the annual Services Academy Graduation at Waitākere College, joining students from across the region to celebrate their achievements, commitment and personal growth throughout the year.

Our students performed exceptionally well, and we are particularly proud to announce Khloe Topp as this year's Top Student – a fantastic achievement and well-deserved recognition of her hard work and leadership.

It has been rewarding to see how far our rangatahi have come this year, not only in their skills and confidence but also in their teamwork, resilience and leadership. We are incredibly proud of what they have achieved and the positive steps they have taken on their individual journeys.

Congratulations to all our Services Academy students. You should be proud of yourselves – we certainly are!

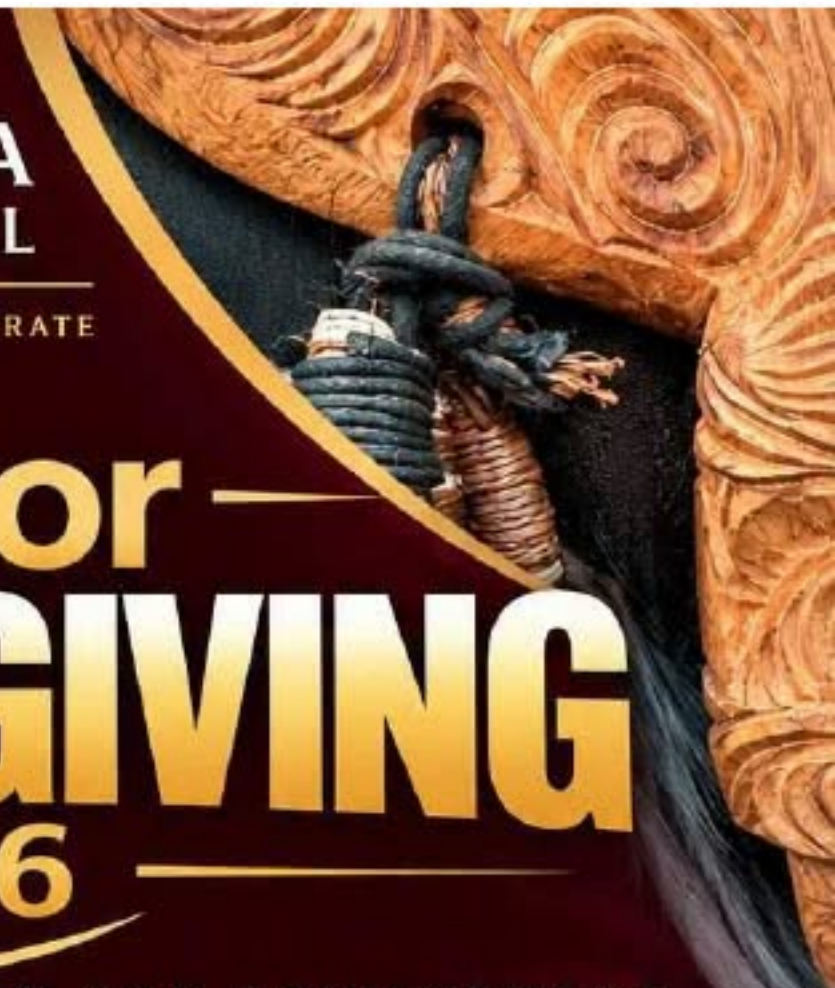





Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.
Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many.

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Senior PRAISEGIVING 2026

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION AND ACHIEVEMENT

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2026	7.00PM	WAIMIRIRANGI (AUDITORIUM)

Parents, caregivers and whānau are warmly invited to join us for the Senior Praisegiving.

Join us to celebrate and recognise the successes gained by our senior students in 2026.

STUDENT DRESS	Please wear smart, tidy, semi-formal attire. Shirts with a collar. No jandals, please.
STUDENT ARRIVAL	All students are to be at school by **6.45pm.** Year 11 – TK1 | Year 12 & 13 – TK2.
DURING THE CEREMONY	All students are to remain in Waimirirangi for the duration of the ceremony.
CERTIFICATES & REPORTS	Certificates and reports will be available for whānau to collect in the wharekai at the end of the evening.
SUPPER	We look forward to seeing you all at this special occasion and invite you to join us for supper in the wharekai following the praisegiving.

Middle and Junior School students are warmly welcome to attend the celebration.

Year 7 & 8 Kawakawa Train Trip

Our Year 7 and 8 classes recently headed off on an exciting day trip to Kawakawa. A major highlight was visiting the historic Kawakawa Railway Station where students got to step back in time and explore the town's unique heritage. It was a wonderful day of hands-on learning and discovery.

"*I met some Year 7 students from your school on the Kawakawa train. I am writing to say they were warm and engaging and proud to be members of Tikipunga High School. Their good manners were also remarked upon by the train staff. -Member of the public*".



Unforgettable Adventures at Te Ruapekapeka & Kororāreka!

Year 9s hit the road for an incredible history-packed trip to Te Ruapekapeka and Kororāreka! Blessed with gorgeous sunshine, our students brought their classroom learning to life out in the real world. From student-led peer discussions to listening to captivating local pūrākau shared by Joe Brien from the Ruapekapeka Trust, our young people truly shone and showcased our core school values every step of the way. And of course, the ferry ride remains an absolute crowd favourite!

A Massive Thank You!

This trip wouldn't have been possible without our amazing team. A huge shoutout to Catherine Martin, Cameron Thomson, and Whaea Kellie for their awesome support in making sure every student could join in.

Special mihi to our dedicated navigators, Dwayne and Marcia, for your ongoing support, and to Joe Brien for sharing your wisdom with us. You all made this trip one to remember!



WHAKAIRO – WHAU VALLEY PRIMARY



Bringing the art of whakairo to life at Whau Valley Primary School! Today, our talented students Nivana and Te Koha joined Whaea Ange to share the rich traditions of Māori carving with the younger generation. Using polystyrene as a creative, hands-on medium, the students explored traditional patterns and storytelling. It was an inspiring day of tuakana-teina, cultural connection, and incredible creativity. - Clint McEwen

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Junior Volleyball Season

Spikes, Smiles, and Success at McKay Stadium!

Our Year 7 and 8 girls' volleyball team brought the fire to McKay Stadium recently for an action-packed day of tournament play!
Putting weeks of hard training to the test, the girls battled through four intense matches to bring home an impressive record of **2 wins, 1 draw, and a hard-fought battle!** But the scoreboard only tells half the story—our players showed unbelievable hustle, growing confidence, and outstanding team spirit from the first serve to the final whistle (with plenty of laughs in between!).
The day left the squad buzzing and hungrier than ever to hone their skills for the next round of fixtures. Watch out, future opponents—this team is just getting started!

Not to be outdone though, our Year 9 and 10 rising stars brought the heat to the court! Taking on fierce competition, they showed incredible grit, banked invaluable big-game experience, and proved they've got the hustle to build a seriously bright future for our school sports program. Watch this space!











Fast Five Netball Thrills!

A huge congratulations to both of our teams who competed at the recent Fast 5 Tournament. As always our players brought incredible energy and positive vibes to the court. A special thank you goes to senior students Capri and Kiara who joined us to umpire and support our teams throughout the day. The highlight of the event was seeing our *Tuakana Teina* kaupapa in action so naturally. Watching Capri patiently guide another student through her very first umpiring experience was truly special—sharing her knowledge, building confidence, and passing her skills on to the next generation.
This is what sport and community are all about. We are so proud of our Tiki whānau!



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