



TE KĀPEHU WHETŪ

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## TERM 2

Nau mai hoki mai ki a tatou taurira katoa, o rātou whānau me ngā kaimahi o Te Kāpehu Whetū whānui, tīhei wā Mauriora. E mihi kau ana ki ngā taurira hou ki te kura nei me ou koutou whānau whānui, haere mai haere mai whakatau mai rā. Ka mihi hoki ki ngā whetu o Matariki ki te whakanui i te tau hou maori, ngā whetu tēnā koutou katoa. Hēoi te tūmanako kia pai mārika te wahanga tua rua o tēnei tau, mauri tū mauri ora kia tatou katoa.

Term 2 is underway, the powhiri for new staff and akonga done and dusted and the vibe is magic. As explained last term we will do less panui so not to overwhelm whanau with too much info. But we thought it is important to cover off some key areas of achievement in Term 1. So I hope you enjoy.

One moment for me, as someone who attended the first festival 50 years ago was travelling through to Kaitaia to take part in the Tai Tokerau Festival. Our roopu were impressive. It was also the last stand for two of our senior akonga Tyreece Tuhiwai-Wharepapa and Natalie Maihi-Hansen. What a beautiful moment to see them both perform at the festival for Te Kāpehu Whetū.



Tyreece Tuhiwai-Wharepapa (with Tia)



Natalie Maihi-Hansen

**Kia pai to wiki**  
**Whaea Rae**  
**POUHERE**



# PAENUKU TERM 1 - HIGHLIGHTS

## Term 1 – 100% Attendance

Ka mau te wehi to our ākonga who achieved **100% attendance** in Term 1. Your commitment to learning and being present every day is outstanding.



### Meremere

Ariana Hikatangata  
Eden Nepsen  
Arita-Jay Tuhimato

### Tuahiahi

Bryn-leigh Mclean

### Rangi

Louis Nepson

### Tawera

Kauri MacKenzie  
Tamaiti Thompson

### Paetata

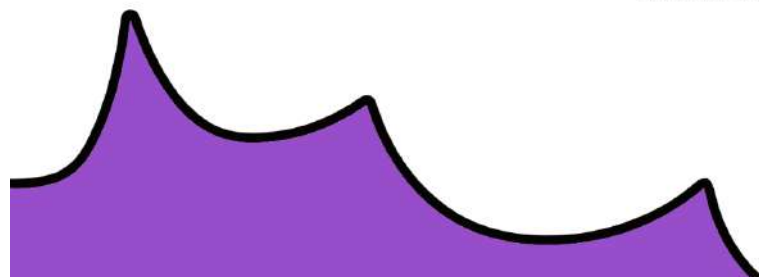
Puhi Tepania  
Charlotte Mclean

### Paetawhiti

Minamina Karetai-Mahanga  
Arapeta Tuiwai-Wharepapa

### Paerangi

Head Girl  
Natalie Maihi-Hansen



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

# NGA KARERE MANATU

## WALKING BUS TO BRIDGE!

We do a walking bus from Bernard Street. This helps to eliminate the car congestion outside the kura and mokopuna buildings. This route to the bridge is still place. If you're child is going to and from the bridge, please remember to let us know at the tari, to prepare them for the afternoon.

## MOKOPUNA CARPARK

**TO ALL OUR WHĀNAU! PLEASE RESPECT THE CAR PARKS ALONG THE PAENUKU BUILDING! These are for (under 5's) mokopuna tamariki ONLY! Please continue around the back for drop off and pick ups... or alternatively, park at the Bernard Street bridge.**

## KAKAHU KURA!!!

Please teach our tamariki to put their kakahu in their bags. We are already finding un-named kākahu in our first week back at kura. Also, please see Whaea Sam in the tari if you need any help regarding our kākahu kura.

*Morning Drop Off: 8.20am.* Please make sure that your tamaiti is not dropped off any earlier.

*Afternoon pick up: 3.20pm.* Please make sure you are here for collection by this time. No later please!

## E TE WHĀNAU!!!

**Please check your emails or our TKW school app for all our pānui, notices and any important information!**

## 2026 TE TAI TOKERAU FESTIVAL

# Tai Tokerau Kapa Haka Festival 2026



Last Wednesday, our kapa haka group proudly represented our kura at the Te Taitokerau Secondary Schools Festival held in Kaitiaki. It was an incredible opportunity for our students to take the stage and share who we are through the powerful expression of kapa haka.

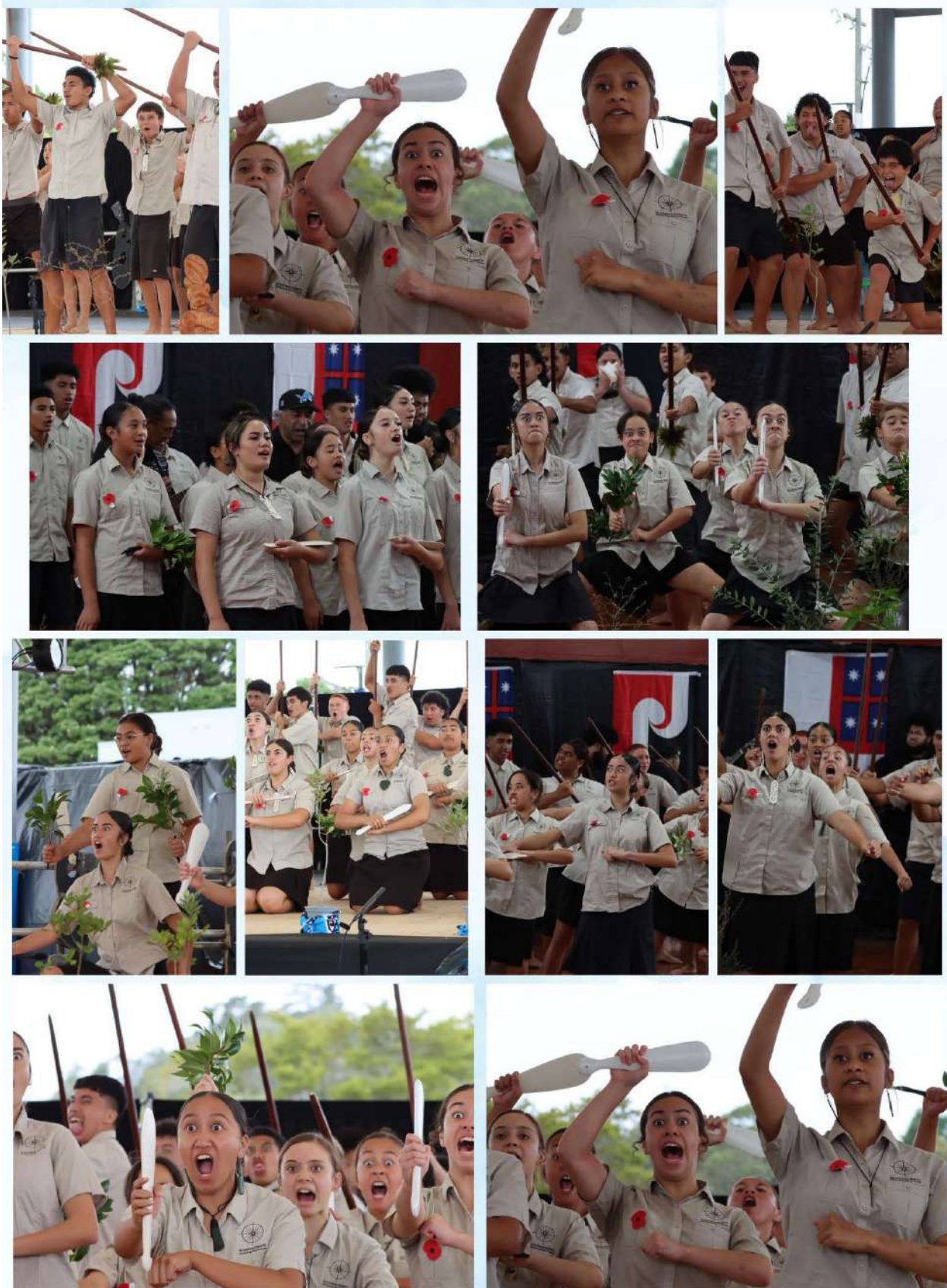
Throughout our bracket, the rōpū showcased the kaupapa of our kura with passion, unity, and pride. From the opening to the final note, our students gave their all, demonstrating not only their talent but also their commitment to each other and to our kura values.

Although our campaign leading into the festival was short, the dedication and effort shown by everyone involved made it a truly memorable experience. The energy, discipline, and mana displayed on stage reflected the hard work put in behind the scenes.

A big mihi to our kapa haka rōpū for their outstanding performance, and to all the whānau and supporters who came along to uplift and tautoko our students throughout the day. Your presence made a real difference.

Ngā mihi nui, Matua Ropata





# Leadership Academy Of A Company

## TERM 1 - HAERENGA KI KAREPŌNIA

At the end of term 1, the current Academy boys travelled up to Karepōnia to finalise the Charlie Norris intake of 2025.

They met up with the whānau of Charlie Norris at the urupa, conducted karakia, waiata, waerea and did a clean-up of his grave. This was a great way to thank the whānau for the gift of naming our 2025 intake and to offer our continued support. Ngā mihi nui, Sergeant Major Norris.

## 2026 INTAKE NAMING

The 14<sup>th</sup> Intake of The Leadership Academy of A Company will be named after 801828 Lt Reuben Paniora from Waimamaku. The Academy and Te Kāpehu Whetu Whangarei welcomed the whanau of Lt Paniora at Maumahara with a very moving powhiri. The Academy is honoured to carry yet another name of one of our 28<sup>th</sup> Maori Battalion men.

Initially the 14<sup>th</sup> Intake was due to be run 2nd week of the Term 1 holidays but due to the cyclone it was postponed. We are looking to run it Week 7 Term 2

**Te Ahi Kaa** – For the first time we are also running an intake for our mareikura to align with the 14<sup>th</sup> Academy Intake. Similar to the boys our mareikura intake will be named after one of the wahine of that time.

## COMING UP IN TERM 2...

- **ANZAC Day 2026. – THIS SATURDAY 25TH APRIL**
  - Dawn Service – Whangarei
  - Civic Service – Motatau Cemetery
  - Dusk Service – (TBC)
- Selection Course – Dates to be confirmed

## 2026 T1 - HIGHLIGHTS

Kia Māori    Kia Mātau    Kia Tū Ranagatira ai

# Paetawhiti

WEEK SIX



Thank you to whānau who were able to make it to Thursday's Hui Whakapiki. We were pleased with the turnout, and it was great to have the opportunity to meet with new and familiar whānau to talk about how ākonga are settling in this year.

The two questions that came up most often from parents were:

Is my child behaving and listening? and

What can I do at home to help?

The biggest thing, in my personal opinion, to support all ākonga at home is to get them reading, even if it's only for 10 minutes a day. It helps in ALL areas of the curriculum, from maths to science to social studies, and creates a lifelong habit. Reading something that interests them is the key to getting started. It builds vocabulary and supports writing, strengthens comprehension, and improves focus.

In terms of behaviour, we are working hard to create a respectful, safe whare for all ākonga. We hope to focus on the positive, but we have chosen to start holding detentions for those who find it challenging on some days to follow the rules. Detention involves ākonga being excluded from their break times and writing about what they did, why it was a poor choice, and what they can do better next time.

Behaviour that distracts themselves and others from learning can be frustrating for everyone, and we hope that as the year goes on and rules and routines become habits, detentions will no longer be needed.



### SCIENCE LAB WITH MATUA CHIPO

We have not had a science teacher for a few years, so we are pleased to have Science back on the subject list this year. It has taken some time to establish the rules and routines in the labs to ensure everyone stays safe, but experiments are already getting ākonga engaged and interested in the world around them.





# Whānau As Career Educators

## Infrastructure and Construction - Northland

An evening designed to help families better understand the career opportunities available in Northland's infrastructure and construction sectors - Equipping whānau with practical tools, industry insight, and local connections to support young people into meaningful careers.



**13 May 2026**  
5.30pm - 7.00pm



**Whangārei Boys High School,**  
245 Western Hills Drive,  
Whangārei 0110



### Learn and obtain career resources

We'll share tips and resources to help you support your young person with their career and job search journey.



### Discover new opportunities

Discover the opportunities that the industries have to offer - regionally, nationally and abroad.



### Hear from local employers and industry leaders

Representatives from across the sector will be available to answer any questions

In collaboration with:



**Te Tāhuhu o  
te Mātauranga**  
Ministry of Education

## YES SPARK TANK

Our Year 11, 12, 13 business students attended the first YES (Young Enterprise Scheme) event for the year last week. This was an opportunity for the students to meet the organisers, other students in the programme and most importantly discuss their business ideas with local business owners. Each business team pitched their product ideas and the mentors gave advice and feedback to help improve aspects of their business, the product, price, marketing, potential customer base, and so on. By the end of the day our students were had gained confidence in speaking and valuable insight into the business world.



Over the past week these students have been applying for seed funding. This is where they have to produce a short video explaining their product and encouraging the YES Trust to invest in their business to help with a certain aspect. They will find out the results of this mahi in a couple of weeks. Their first challenge is due on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April which is based on their planning and market research. Next term it is all about creating the product and selling!

# Action Matakana

Once again our Paerangi akonga ventured of to tackle to walls, nets and mud of Action Matakana. Not only if this excellent for challenging their perceived limits, confidence, resilience and teamwork skills it helps with gaining NCEA credits.

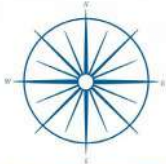
Our Year 11's focus is kotahitanga strategies – how can they effectively contribute to the overall success of their roopu.

The Year 12 and 13s focus is health and safety – what measures are out in place by the organisation running the event, what instructions to they give to reduce risks and how do they themselves put it into practise.

Every year staff are overwhelmed by the manaakitanga and whanaungatanga of the Paerangi students – you need to be there to truely understand how amazing these students are when it comes to looking out for each other and supporting their class mates, which ever way they need; loud encouragement and positively, spotting and helping people down from high obstacles, calming the situation down when someone is sitting at the top of an 8 foot wall completely afraid of heights. The students are racing in 2 teams but at one stage it was just everyone helping everyone across the cargo net – completely forgetting they were competing – the main goal had changed to awahi and aroha ensuring everyone was uplifted and empowered.

Paerangi we are so proud of your kotahitanga, maanakitanga and whanaungatanga you have with each other, 'no man left behind', nga mihi.





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**ACTION MATAKANA**  
ULTIMATE TEAM EXPERIENCE

## KAUPAPA



We passionately believe in our culture, our people, and our ākonga, and we know that, through hard work, commitment, and focused support, they will achieve within the Kura and beyond. We do this by acknowledging the 28 Māori Battalion and the price paid for citizenship, so that ‘we’ can “Navigate Māori Futures”.

To do this, we commit to success in all its forms:

**Kia Māori - Be Māori – Be**

An education that validates Māori knowledge and ways of learning.

**Kia Mātau – Be Knowledgeable – Know**

Encouraging innovation, inquiry, the development of specialised knowledge and skills.

**Kia Tū Rangatira Ai – Be Rangatira – Do**

Development of strong character and personal excellence, living with mana.

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Raewyn Tipene

POUHERE