



Community News



2024 Kaipara College and
Helensville District High School

CENTENARY

Join us on **20 - 22 September**
for Centenary Celebrations



Our Maramataka

Mon 26th Feb

- Whānau class & individual photos

Thu 29th Feb

- New Student Meet & Greet Evening & BBQ
Gather in the school hall at 6:30 pm

Fri 1 Mar

- Have a Go Day (Year 9 & 10)
Activities on the field

Mon 4 Mar

- Community Centenary Meeting
Join us at 6:30 pm in the staffroom

Tue 5 Mar

- NETSAFE Whānau Meeting
6:30 pm in the school hall

Fri 8 Mar

- Photo Catchup Day

Thu 14th Mar

- NCEA Information Evening
7pm in the school hall

Fri 29 Mar - 2 April

- Easter Holiday



Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora e te whānau

The 2024 school year has begun! To our new families, welcome; to those who are already part of our school family, welcome back – we are delighted to have you with us.

As you will see from the photo collage on page 3, this year began with a huge helping of whanaungatanga and aroha as teachers and peer support leaders welcomed our new year nine students in a two-day orientation that saw students go home exhausted but happy. The orientation featured activities and opportunities for students to get to know each other, their teachers, and their way around the school. Based on conversations with students and my own observations it was an overwhelmingly positive experience and a great introduction to Kaipara College.

The whanaungatanga and aroha displayed by our student leaders, peer support leaders and teachers represent two of our school values. If you have a year nine student here, or are new to Kaipara College, I invite you to take a look at the WAKA values descriptors on page 4. Last year, we introduced these WAKA values (Whanaungatanga, Aroha, Kaitiakitanga, and Angitūtanga) to better reflect what we stand for as a school. You will see these values referenced throughout our communications and newsletters as we continue the process of embedding them as part of our school *kaupapa* (value system). Here is a [link to a video](#) produced by our 2024 student leaders to introduce the values to our students.

This term we have a number of information-sharing events planned for new and returning families alike. These include a whānau meet and greet evening for our new families, and an NCEA information evening and NETSAFE Whānau meeting with valuable information for everyone about keeping our students safe online. I hope to see you at these events. The dates are on the left.

Finally, as you may know, 2024 marks 100 years of Kaipara College and Helensville District High School. We will be celebrating this occasion with a series of events over a weekend in September. I imagine many of our parents and/or grandparents are graduates of this school and we would appreciate your input. If you are interested in being involved, please come and join us at the Community Centenary Meeting on Monday the 4th of March in our staffroom. You can also find more information about how to get involved under News and Events on our website.

Cindy Sullivan - Principal

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Mobile Phone Use - Changing Legislation

Current rules

- Phones must be in bags during class time, unless they are being used for learning purposes.
- Phones may be used during interval and lunchtime

Rules coming into effect from Term 2

- **Under new legislation**, students are not permitted to use their phones at **any time between 8:45 am and 3pm**, unless it is for learning purposes as determined by a teacher

Click to tell us how you want us to manage mobile phone use



UPDATE



BUILDING PROJECTS

The Awaroa Road Carpark Project



We are excited that the Awaroa Road carpark project is nearing completion. Thank you to the community for your patience during this construction. The end of this project is in sight!



Artist's rendering of the new whare ako

The Whare Ako New Build Project

With the Awaroa Road car park almost complete, the next stage of our exciting build is the new Whare Ako. The site is already sectioned off with fencing, and a ground-breaking and blessing ceremony was held at dawn one morning in January. Construction is expected to commence in the next week.



The Innovation Center

As you may know, at the end of last year a pause was put on the planned Innovation Centre. We are currently in talks with the Ministry to determine a plan going forward for our technology and art block.



NEW STUDENT & WHĀNAU MEET AND GREET EVENING WITH BBQ



WHEN: Join us to:
Date: Thursday 29 February
Time: 6.30 - 8pm
Venue: School Hall

- Get to know Kaipara College
- Meet our staff
- Ask questions
- Get to know the school community
- Share in some kai

WELCOMING DONATIONS OF SECOND HAND UNIFORM ITEMS



NCEA INFO EVENING



Thursday 14 March 7.00pm

Whānau meeting will be held at Kaipara College. This will be an informative session to introduce NCEA to whānau and students.

Note the change of date from the one previously advertised.

WE SHARE NOTICES LIKE THE ABOVE ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA. KAIPARA COLLEGE FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGES

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WAKA VALUES
TE WAKA O KAIPARA



WHANAUNGATANGA
OUR PEOPLE



Our Peer Support Leaders organise games and activities once a week during whānau time for Year 9 students to help ease them into life at KC and make sure they have a tuakana (mentor) at senior level that they can talk to if they need a friendly ear. Ka rawe Peer Support Leaders - your aroha and whanaungatanga make a difference!



Our new Yr 9 students enjoying activities facilitated by Yr 13 Peer Support Leaders at orientation and during whānau time.



We Need You

We are Capturing Memories and History this Centenary Year

As part of the 2024 Centenary celebrations we are collecting alumni histories and recollections that we will share with the school, community and alumni throughout this special year. A commemorative Centenary Magazine is also being curated & you will be able to order this later in the year.

Email to register your interest in sharing your memories, photos and family history of Helensville High School & Kaipara College. You can also read more on our website about this important project. centenary@kaipara.school.nz



Important

Reminder To All Students & Whānau:

There is to be **NO** vaping or smoking on school buses. Using vapes or smoking on school buses is strictly forbidden. Students who vape or smoke on a school bus may be removed either temporarily or permanently from the bus service.

KNOW OUR COMMUNICATION METHODS IN AN EMERGENCY



If there is an emergency, such as a lockdown or severe weather event during school hours, we follow our emergency management plan to maximise the safety of all.

In the instance of a schoolwide emergency we will communicate with whānau via social, email and SchoolAppsNZ app alerts.

We strongly recommend downloading the free SchoolAppsNZ app from your app store so you can receive alerts from the school. These pop up on your standby screen when you connect to Kaipara College.

WAKA VALUES

TE WAKA O KAIPARA



IN CLASS WITH FEATURE



IN CLASS WITH TE AO MĀORI YEAR 12

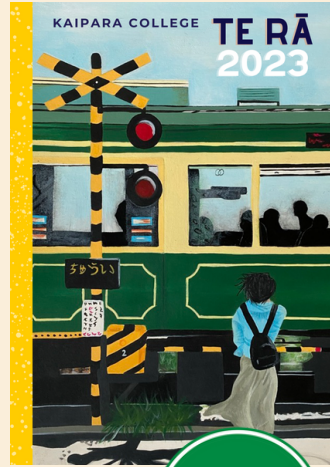
Our Year 12 Te Ao Māori students this week have been busy making a clay koauau. The koauau is a type of Māori musical instrument. This is one of 3 instruments the students will have to make throughout the term.

ANGITUTANGA - OUR SUCCESS



Thanks to these students for sharing your mahi. (left to right)

1. Ocean Waata-Menzies and Mairangi Gray-Hohepa
2. Zhairrah Porter & Divine Edwards
3. Logan Waru & Cynthia Ratima
4. Emily Dixon



KAITIAKITANGA - OUR PLACE

A limited number of the 2023 Te Rā yearbooks are still available. \$25 per copy. Pay at the student centre.

You can still request digital copies of the 2023 przegiving photos. To request yours email: info@kaipara.school.nz



Te Rā is the place where we celebrate all aspects of the Kaipara College year. Students are welcome to be involved in creating this yearbook. Email yearbook@kaipara.school.nz to submit content or to share interest in being part of creating Te Rā 2024.

To learn more about our WAKA values, you can view all the detail on our website. The four values are the guiding values for all Kaipara College students and staff.

WAKA VALUES TE WAKA O KAIPARA



WHANAUNGATANGA - OUR PEOPLE

We believe that strong relationships are vital to learning. We develop genuine connections with students, whānau, staff, and our wider community. We come together and share experiences, celebrate diversity, and foster family-like bonds by being intentional and inclusive. These bonds of whanaungatanga create for us a sense of belonging at Kaipara College. **Whakatauki:** Whiria te tangata - Weave people together

AROHA - OUR WAY

We approach all interactions with kindness, caring and empathy. We have high expectations of others, and ensure that their mana is maintained with each warm and demanding encounter. We are accountable and responsible for our actions. We show respect for others, their cultures, their beliefs, and we act with integrity and humility. **Whakatauki:** Aro ki te hā o te tangata - Pay heed to the breath that is within us all.

KAITIAKITANGA - OUR PLACE

We take care of our learning environments, and are considerate in both natural and virtual spaces. We protect people's right to education, while understanding that some knowledge is a privilege to have, that we must care for with respect and gratitude. We look after our school, we look after the environment, and we look after each other. **Whakatauki:** Manaaki mātāuranga, manaaki tala, manaaki tīngata - Care for knowledge, the environment, and people.

ANGITUTANGA - OUR SUCCESS

We aspire to reach personal excellence in all we do. We value creative and innovative ideas, and solutions. We set challenging goals that motivate us as we strive toward success. We expect that our people will achieve, and we enjoy celebrating our accomplishments. **Whakatauki:** Ehara taku toa i toa takitahi, engari kē he toa takitini - My success is not mine alone, but that of the collective.



You're Invited!
to join us for a
Community Centenary Meeting

> Monday 4 March <
See the Kaipara College
website & Facebook page
for more meeting details or
call 09 420 8640 - ext 800