

# Ngā Tira o te WAKA o Kaipara



**Taurapa**

## "The sternpost"

"E tū me he **taurapa** whakairoiro."

"Stand like an ornately carved **sternpost**."



This metaphor emphasises not only the importance of standing firm and confident but also the beauty and craftsmanship that come with it. Just as a finely carved sternpost enhances the aesthetics and strength of a waka, standing proudly embodies resilience, elegance, dignity and strength.



**Tauihu**

## "The prow"

"Mā te **tauihu** o tōu waka e ū te waiora, kia mahue atu ngā mea whakahirahira i roto i te kōriporipo."

"May the **prow** of your canoe, cleave the waters of life and leave in its wake, mighty deeds."



As you navigate to success, may you look back at your life and reflect upon all of your achievements.



**Takere**

## "The hull"

"E kore e ngaro he **takere** waka nui."

"The **hull** of a great waka will not be lost."



This whakatauki signifies that the core or foundation of something significant will endure despite challenges. It's a reminder of resilience and the lasting strength of what's truly important.



**Te Rā**

## "The sail"

"Hūtia te punga, tākiritia hoki **te rā**."

"Raise the anchor and unfurl **the sail**."



This is a call to action, urging one to embark on a journey or venture forth. It encapsulates the idea of readiness and initiative, suggesting that it's time to set sail, leave behind constraints, and embrace new opportunities.