



Community News



Maramataka

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Student Fortnightly Reports emailed for the first time

MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Photolife school photos for our whānau classes and your individual student head shots

TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY

New Student Meet & Greet Evening For all Year 9 & new KC students

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

First TIRA event for the year. Our across year levels Tabloids Day

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Student Fortnightly Reports emailed for the second time

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH

Year 12 students participate in the RYDA program

Year 9 Whānau: Now is a good time to start thinking about the Year 9 Camp and fee. You may like to set up an automatic payment for this activity to help spread the payments out. See more info in the Pānui regarding the Year 9 Camp in November (Term 4).

Principal's Kōrero



Kia ora koutou e te whānau

A very warm welcome to our new whānau and also those who are returning. The school year has begun very positively as we celebrated 2024 NCEA success and began introducing our students to new initiatives designed to support further success in every area of school life.

Our student's success in NCEA last year is a culmination of a lot of hard work over the last three years on the part of both students and staff. It was thrilling to see improved results at Level 2 and 3, that we were above the national average for Level 1, and that we smashed numeracy and literacy achievement out of the park, being well above the national average results.

It is with great excitement that we launch our new initiatives to support and bolster this success ongoingly – vertical whānau classes and our new Tira (house) system. Each Tira is named after a part of a waka and is associated with a whakataukī (Māori proverb). Have a look at pages 2 and 3 for more details on the Tira and how these work alongside our school values of Te WAKA o Kaipara and new vertical whānau classes. The purpose of establishing Tira in our kura along with vertical whānau classes is to support a values-driven community, increase a sense of belonging for students and ultimately increase student agency and engagement in learning, leading to academic and personal success and excellence.

Despite these exciting changes, Kaipara College is settling well into a calm routine that focuses on maximising learning and achievement for all. Our high expectations around positive behaviour for learning through our school values, effort, participation and achievement and so forth have been reiterated at assemblies last week and for our Year 9 students also at a session with me as part of their orientation days on “how to do school”. I also explained to our students our focus this year on “learning on purpose”, not leaving their success to chance but being purposeful in their approach, setting goals and working hard to achieve them. This will be supported for our students through work in their whānau time but ultimately must be driven by them.

You will receive the first round of fortnightly reports this Friday. This provides you with frequent and up to date information on how your student is going at school in terms of their academic work and their behaviour for learning. Please take time to view these reports and discuss your student's progress with them. By Friday you should also have received an email from your student's teachers introducing themselves. I encourage you to email during school hours if you have any questions or concerns about the progress your student is making in a subject (subject teacher) or overall progress (whānau teacher).

Finally, I would like to extend a warm invitation to our new students (Year 9 and other levels) and their whānau to attend our “New Whānau Evening” on Tuesday 25th Feb 6pm-7.30pm in the school hall. We will have a sausage sizzle and you will have an opportunity to meet key staff at school and also meet and spend time with your student's whānau teacher. I look forward to meeting all of our new parents and caregivers at this time.

I am looking forward to an exciting year full of learning.
Ngā mihi nui

C. Se...

Cindy

Welcome. Our Pānui has been created to support students and whānau to be ready to join us here at Kaipara College.

Navigate To Success.
Eke Panuku, Eke Tangaroa.

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Introducing Te Waka Eke Panuku (Our 2025 Pastoral Curriculum)

Our pastoral curriculum, Te Waka Eke Panuku, lies at the heart of our school day through Whānau time. This is a time in our day where:

- This year sees our students joining vertically structured whānau classes to cultivate tuakana-teina (peer mentoring) relationships.
- Students learn to live through the lens of our school values
- Each whānau class belongs to one of four Tira, creating smaller communities within the wider school. This alignment deepens connections, strengthens ties, and provides opportunities for students to live and lead through our values.
- Through the Search Institute's Developmental Relationships Framework and their REACH strategies for academic motivation and success, students develop core skills in care, growth, support, and leadership.
- Academic mentoring and guidance, goal setting, NCEA tracking, social and emotional well-being activities, and sessions celebrating cultural diversity and school spirit occur frequently

NEW



Your Student's Whānau Teacher is the best first point of call for support or if have questions at any stage. To find staff contact details see our website or find out more in our Pānui document.

Student Fortnightly Reports: We Share Our First This Friday 14 February

These are designed to help you stay up-to-date with how your student is tracking and to flag any concerns, you will be sent fortnightly reports on your student's progress grading them on both alignment with school values and academic achievement. You will also receive a written report just before the subject meetings. We've shared more detail with you in the Pānui & via email. Fortnightly reports are sent to caregivers emails.

**Congratulations
to our Year 13
KC student
Dylan Smith**



Angitūtanga - Our Success

Dylan Smith (Year 13) has recently had musical success with his music being featured on a Shortland Street episode. Congratulations Dylan Smith on this outstanding achievement, we can't wait to see where your music takes you next. Dylan has been supported by the Play It Strange Trust via Kaipara College. Play It Strange champion New Zealand's up and coming young artists, ka pai for assisting our students to succeed. Ngā mihi nui to the Shortland Street producers for also supporting young local talent. Check out the Play It Strange website for more on our young musicians work. Our music can also be found on Spotify Kaipara College "Where Music Lives".

Celebrating Our WAKA Values





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Celebrating Our NCEA Success

Kaipara College Student Results:



- Improved results in Level 2 and 3 NCEA for 2024
- Above the national average in Level 1 NCEA for 2024
- Numeracy and literacy achievement well above national average results for 2024

We wish to celebrate the hard work and diligence of our students in their learning last year. Congratulations on all you achieved in 2024. Thank you to our teaching & support staff who have dedicated their efforts to our students learning, supporting them to success in their studies.

Your students attendance is important!



How Do I

Report a student absence or inform you that my student has an appointment & needs to leave early?

Phone +64 9 420 8640 ext 810

Phone or text +64 27 420 8642

Email

attendance@kaipara.school.nz

or use the absentee function on the **SchoolAppsNZ** app.

Students are **not** permitted to leave the school grounds without a caregiver providing authority. This includes if they have an appointment booked.

NEW

Ngā Tira o te Waka o Kaipara Our Tira System



Taurapa



Tuihu



Te Rā

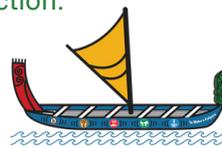


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This year, Kaipara College proudly launches Ngā Tira, our revitalised house system designed to embody the spirit of Te WAKA o Kaipara - our school values.

Ngā Tira translates to 'the travelling parties' and reflects the waka (canoe) journey we all undertake together. Each Tira represents a significant part of a waka, connecting our school's vision of **Eke Panuku, Eke Tangaroa (Navigate to Success)** to our daily lives.

- **Taurapa (Red):**
The stern of the waka, symbolises stability and resilience.
- **Tuihu (Green):**
The bow of the waka, representing leadership and direction.
- **Te Rā (Yellow):**
The sail, embodying energy and aspiration.
- **Takere (Blue):**
The hull, signifying strength and unity.



Each student and staff member belongs to one of the four Tira, forming a lifelong connection to their house throughout their time at Kaipara College. Tira will provide a platform for collaboration, competition, and community, fostering a sense of belonging and school spirit across all of our year levels.

Ngā Tira is more than a house system - it's a framework for belonging, leadership, and collective success. By embedding our waka-inspired structure into school life, Ngā Tira celebrates our shared journey and ensures every student and staff member is an integral part of Kaipara College's vibrant community and shared success.



Holidays in term time.

Kaipara College prefers that family trips (local or overseas) are taken during the holiday breaks. Requests for such trips should be made directly to the principal well in advance, informing us of your intentions. In terms of absence from school, the Ministry of Education deem family trips during term time as explained but unjustified.

If you have unresolved concerns and would like to be in touch with us at Kaipara College, here are the concerns and complaints process and policy. If you have any queries about the complaints process, please email principal@kaipara.school.nz





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DID YOU KNOW?

A device is a requirement.

We are a BYOD school and students are required to bring a device, fully charged to school every day. If the battery requires it, bring the charger to school also to ensure the device doesn't go flat during the school day.

We no longer offer short term loan devices as the onus is on the student to remember to come to school prepared for learning.

We are also changing the conditions of being able to take a device for a long term loan. This is to ensure that only students who really need to borrow a school device are able to do this. For more read our Pānui [<LINK FOR MORE>](#)

B.Y.O.D.
Bring Your Own Device

To see more detail on learning devices for students please read the Pānui Document (page 28 - 31)

Please read Our 2025 Visitor Policy

We want to inform our school community of our updated Kaipara College Visitor Policy for 2025.

- All visitors must report to our Front Office on arrival.
- All visitors are required to sign in at the Front Office and be collected by their host.
- We require our visitors to wear the visitor sticker or lanyard supplied during their visit to our school grounds.
- All visitors must sign out when they depart and this should be done the Front Office.

Ngā mihi

Supporting Information:

- If you are dropping off an item for your student this is now done at our Front Office. Students are not permitted to meet you in the carpark or front office area to collect items. No sign in is required when dropping items to our Front Office.
- If you are collecting your student from school during school hours this will be managed by the Front Office on your arrival. Please continue to advise our attendance team in advance of any required appointments or early pick ups needed.
- Impromptu visits are not possible. We ask that you arrange meetings/appointments officially when you need to connect with our staff.
- Our Student Centre area is for staff and students only. Visitors are not permitted past the front office reception without a host.

Thanks for abiding by our visitor policy when visiting our kura.



Extra-Curricular Activities

There are many opportunities to be involved in our school and our wider community through extra curricular activities. Students will learn more about these as the year progresses. The key place to watch for information about what your student can be part of is in the Student Notices. It's here as well as in whānau class and subject classes that options to join trips, teams, groups, exchanges and more will be shared. We also encourage students/whānau to champion new opportunities and activities that they wish to be involved in. Bring these ideas to whānau teachers, related subject teachers or our sports coordinator team. The list evolves annually so plenty of options for all!

[FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE PAGE 32 IN OUR PĀNUI.](#)

Caregiver/ Student Portal Access 2025



Many of you may have had problems accessing the Caregiver/Student Portal this year. Our team has now resolved the log in issue so everyone will now be able to successfully access the portal again. If you'd like to see the details on how to log on please click this [LINK](#) & follow these steps outlined.

Coming **CHANGE** to Uniform Shoppe Hours from Monday 10 March
Monday = Closed (this is a change) | Tuesday = 1.15pm - 2pm
Wednesday = 3pm - 4.30pm | Thursday = 1.15pm - 2pm
Friday = 8am - 9am (this is a change)

