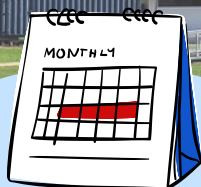


# Community News

MAY 2025



## Maramataka

### FRIDAY 16 MAY PINK SHIRT DAY

Students can wear PINK non-uniform items in support. Bring a gold coin. Funds going to [pinkshirtday.org.nz](http://pinkshirtday.org.nz)

### MONDAY - FRIDAY: 19 - 23 MAY

#### Kaipara College Arts Week.

Participation sign-ups still welcomed.

### FRIDAY 23 MAY

#### Fortnightly Reports will be shared

### 26 - 30 MAY

#### Common Assessment Activities (CAA) Week.

See emailed information.

### THURSDAY 29 MAY

#### Year 13 Careers Expo

### FRIDAY 6 JUNE

#### Fortnightly Reports will be shared

### THURSDAY 12 JUNE

#### Commerce Student Market Day

### FRIDAY 13 JUNE

#### Senior Reports will be shared

### FRIDAY 13 JUNE

#### Fluro Friday: Non-Uniform Day

Fundraising in support of Hato Hone St Johns. Non uniform Day - Bring a gold coin donation for non-uniform.

### WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE

#### Senior Subject Meetings

Information will be shared closer to the time. Meetings are with Student, Subject Teachers and Whānau.

### TUESDAY 24 JUNE

#### PhotoLife Sports & Group Photos

### SATURDAY 28 JUNE

#### Kaipara College School Ball

(Yr 12 & 13 students) Tickets & contracts due by 30 May.

Kia ora koutou

## Principal's Kōrero

It's great to be back at school again and underway with learning. This is a short term and therefore a busy one, with a lot of learning to fit into a short amount of time. To ensure that your student can reach their full potential, please support them to attend as often as possible. I know this is something that is currently being pushed nationwide, but truly it is difficult to overstate how important attendance is for your child's learning. Missing even a small number of days can have a surprisingly large effect on achievement. If for any reason your student is unable to attend school, encourage them to complete the work loaded on Google classroom or talk to their subject teacher about how to catch up on missed work.

Attendance is something we are actively targeting at school. One of our primary goals this year is to "maximise a positive school culture that focuses on equity and excellence, prioritising achievement, engagement, attendance, and belonging". We have several large projects supporting this aim, including some you will have heard of, such as our Tira (houses) and vertical whānau classes designed to foster a sense of community and belonging that encourages students to come to school.

Supporting these larger projects are a raft of smaller projects designed to improve the learning environment. Generally these projects do not make it as far as whānau ears, so I thought I would share one of them here to give you a sense of how we use research based practices to support our school goals. We are currently working to create and implement explicit shared routines across the school. Studies point to the fact that explicitly teaching routines for universal aspects of classroom learning (such as entering and leaving the classroom) removes uncertainty for our students and provides a predictable, safe and structured framework for them to learn in. When a student knows that the same thing will happen in class A, B, and C, it reduces distractions and frees up their working memory to focus on learning. This is one of the small initiatives we are implementing to make school feel like a safe and welcoming place for our students.

Next week we will have our first of two Common Assessment Activities (CAAs - previously known as literacy and numeracy corequisites.) If your student is sitting their CAAs next week you will have received an email from us. There are a wealth of activities on Google classroom students can access to prepare for the exam. If they have any questions, they are welcome to ask any of their teachers or come to "connections" at lunchtimes on Wednesdays to get some extra help.

We wish our students sitting the CAAs next week the best of luck and encourage all our senior students to put in a little study time here and there as the Term four exams will roll around very quickly!

Ngā mihi

  
Cindy





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## 2024 NCEA Excellence Endorsements

A highlight of the beginning of Term 2 is always the chance to recognise the success of our students who completed Level 1 and Level 2 NCEA in the previous year with excellence endorsements. Each student was presented with a Kaipara College NCEA level pin badge in recognition of these results at a special student assembly. Kaipara College is immensely proud to see that so many of our students are succeeding to this high level academically.

### NCEA LEVEL ONE Achieved with Excellence

Emily Rendall  
Ruby Clerke  
Sienna Duimel  
Monique Ross  
Olly Smith  
Sequoia Thomas

### NCEA LEVEL TWO Achieved with Excellence

Olivia Kelly  
Riley Barrett  
Lily Carter  
Ryan Cong  
Wendy Peng  
Kaiya Jones  
Samara Gostick  
Bella Cornelius  
Maggie Redman  
Zoe Phillips



*Congrats!*

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION MACBETH 24, 25 & 26 July

Note the correction to  
previously advertised dates



## NON-UNIFORM INFORMATION

We ask caregivers to contact the school to make us aware of any medical reason for your student to be wearing non uniform items so we can support your student and have this medical need officially noted.



### Snapshot of the Uniform Code

- Only school sanctioned items are to be worn as part of the uniform.
- Undergarments (eg. thermals) are allowed, but must not be visible.
- When wearing the school hoodies the 'hood' must be down at all times. The school shirt or blouse must be worn under the hoodie.
- Students may wear either plain navy blue or plain black waterproof jackets to/from school.

[<CLICK to review the full uniform code>](#)

**Kaipara College is a uniform school.** Students who have incorrect uniform items must report to the deans' room at the beginning of the school day. They will be issued with a loan uniform item for the day.

### Permits will only be issued for medical reasons.

Please be aware that students who refuse to swap their shoes will be given an after school consequence.

### The Uniform Shoppe Hours

[shop online](#) Contact: 027 546 2507 [kaiparashop@sas.co.nz](mailto:kaiparashop@sas.co.nz)

**Monday:** CLOSED

**Tuesday:**  
1.15pm - 2.00pm  
(during lunch time)

**Wednesday:**  
3.00pm - 4.30pm

**Thursday:**  
1.15pm - 2.00pm  
(during lunch time)

**Friday:**  
8.00am - 9.00am



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](mailto:principal@kaipara.school.nz)



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## TRENDING TOPIC

**"Adolescence" on Netflix has been trending as one of their most watched limited series over recent weeks.** The series has created much commentary about adolescent male development. Dr Justin Coulson, parenting expert, has written an [article](#) about the series. Below are some steps taken from his piece. We hope some or all may resonate with you as you support your students journey through adolescence.

### What You Can Do: Practical Steps for Parents

- Monitor your kids' online activities - Know what they're watching and who they're engaging with.
- Talk to them regularly (and listen twice as much) - Open communication is key.
- Minimise screen time and foster face-to-face relationships - Encourage real-world socialisation.
- Spend more time together as a family - Connection builds resilience.
- Make sure they get enough sleep - Poor sleep impacts emotional regulation.
- Know where your kids are - Awareness prevents risky situations.
- Ensure they have access to great adults who care about them - Role models matter.
- Tell them the three most important words they can hear - Not I love you, but no matter what. They need to know they're worthy of your love-always.

From [Adolescence on Netflix: Boyhood In Crisis happy families info Dr Justin Coulson March 23, 2025](#)

## Parent & Whānau Attendance Survey

Studies investigating the impact of attendance on achievement consistently show that attendance is critical for success at school. As you can see from the graph below prepared by the Education Evaluation Centre, the higher a student's attendance is, the more NCEA credits they will achieve.

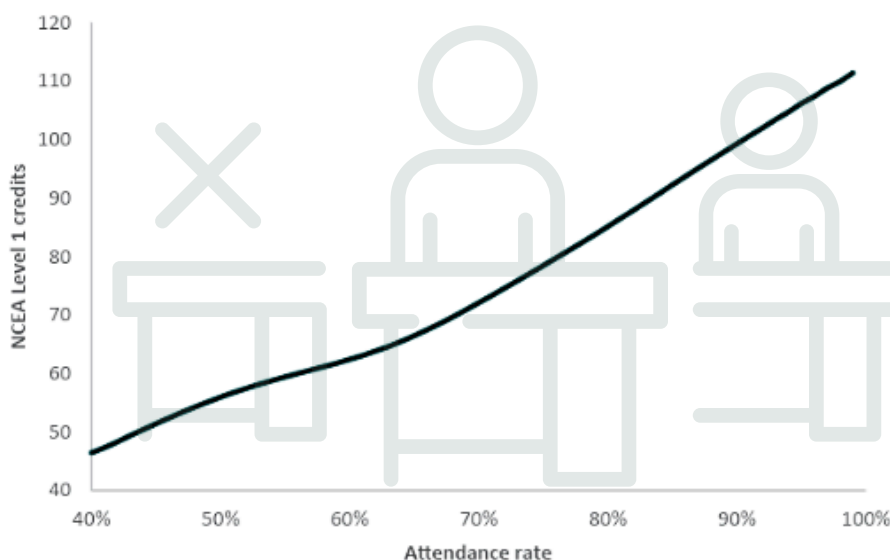
Researchers at the Education Review Office (ERO) are doing some research about school attendance. They want to hear your thoughts about what makes a difference. Please help by clicking on this survey link:

**[Parent and Whānau survey](#)**



Photo of some of our recent recipients of NCEA excellence Endorsements. See more on the previous page regarding this celebration.

**Figure 1:** Overall relationship between attendance rate and attainment



Source: Ministry of Education



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## STAFF UPDATES

Last week we farewelled Jean Reilly who has been looking after our Year 13 cohort as Dean while Samantha Pilkington has been on parental leave. Jean has also now headed off to welcome a new addition to her whānau soon. Our Year 13 cohort Kaitiaki will be



**Year 13 Kaitiaki**  
(Interim Dean)  
**Bronwyn Neville**  
bneville@  
kaipara.school.nz

Bronwyn in the interim till we welcome back Samantha in a few weeks time. We're excited to have you support all our

Year 13s during Term 2. Ngā mihi. We also welcome to the Kaipara College teaching team Alexander Tian and Danny Cadungog who have both joined our Maths Faculty. Mr Allan Moran also starts soon with our Technology Faculty. Mr Moran will take up the role in our hard materials learning area as Mr Harris wrapped up his time at Kaipara College last week to enjoy his retirement.

Learn more about what our Year 13 Automotive Engineering students have been up to. [\[Link\]](#).



### Reminder to all Students and Whānau.

No puffer jackets are permitted to be worn during school hours. Students may wear these to school & then home at the end of the day. Our Kaitiaki team will support when a day loan of a school uniform jumper/jacket is needed for warmth during school hours. Only regulation uniform items can be worn at school. Thank you for wearing the uniform jacket/jumper correctly each day.

## World Vision



World Vision Conference was attended by a group of our senior students. A big thanks to the Outwest Youth team who made this opportunity happen.

## MATCH RESULT: a confident KC win!



During the term break Kaipara College Rugby hosted a visiting USA team from Mira Costa High School based in Southern California. The friendly game was played at Rautawhiri Field & a post match gathering was held at the Helensville Rugby Club. This was a great opportunity for our Kaipara players. Thanks to all who made this game possible. We hope to have another international match up in the future with a San Diego team coming out from the USA later this year.



**MIRA COSTA**  
HIGH SCHOOL





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**NZ Blood held a blood drive at Kaipara College last week. The team were kept busy with donors from the community, staff & students. Ngā mihi to all the students who assisted the NZ Blood team with the preparation in the lead up to this great event.**

## KAIPARA COLLEGE AG DAY 2025 SAVE THE DATE

### FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

AG DAY 2025  
PLANNING IS  
UNDERWAY &  
FROM NEXT  
WEEK OUR

Can you



STAFF & STUDENT AG DAY COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN MEETING. AG DAY WILL AGAIN BE OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR. THIS MEANS WE ARE REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY TO SEE IF YOU CAN HELP. SEE OUR WEBSITE NEWS PAGE FOR MORE INFO OR CONTACT [KMULES@KAIPARA.SCHOOL.NZ](mailto:KMULES@KAIPARA.SCHOOL.NZ)



## Anzac Day 2025

Great to see so many of our students involved in this years Anzac Day celebrations. Eva Phillips (Yr 13) sang the national anthem beautifully at the Dawn, Servicemen's Cemetery and Civic services. Olivia Kelly (Yr 13) delivered a speech at the Dawn & Civic services and then with brother Ethan (Yr 10) presented a wreath on behalf of Kaipara College. Year 13 Student Leader Logan Waru said the Ode in te reo Māori and Deputy Head Student Matai Harrison said it in English for the Civic Service. Moko Pairama and Lily Carter supported fellow Student Leaders who were official flag bearers: Wade Graham, Ayla Mowat, Taylah Winters, Matai Harrison, Ben Harvey, Theo Bayly and Freddy Komornicki. Great to see our students' leadership in the wider community.

## Do you recognise this taonga?

(See photo on right) It has been unclaimed for a number of years after being found in a school hockey team kit bag. Call 420 8640 ext 800.





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## 2025 WORLD CHAMPION

### Junior All Girl Elite Category Cheerleading

Congratulations to Year 11 student Hayley Wallace and her team for their incredible victory winning GOLD at the World Cheer Leading Championships held in Orlando Florida over the recent April School Holidays.



Thanks to the Helnsville Bridgestone team who kindly helped change the tyre on our school van so our Hockey team could still make their game last week. We appreciate your kindness and generosity when we sent out an SOS last minute for help. Ngā mihi.



THANK  
YOU  
😊



## Reminder

Caregivers please Print, Photograph, or Pin this Info

- Please report student absences.
- Please inform us in advance of an early pick-up time for your student.
- Please inform us in advance if your student has an appointment to attend.

Phone +64 9 420 8640 ext. 810 (attendance)

Text +64 27 420 8642

Email [attendance@kaipara.school.nz](mailto:attendance@kaipara.school.nz)

Use the **Absentee function on SchoolApps**

**Please be aware:** With approx 800 students on our roll it takes time to manage getting messages and early pick up requests to your students. Often multiple whānau need help all at once. Help our Student Centre by giving advance notice (+45mins) when you can.

SMOKEFREE  
ROCKQUEST 2025

IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2025 SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST

# INTO THE FIRE

7:00 PM 15 MAY, 2025  
KAIPARA COLLEGE HALL

Starring  
5th Mirage, Daughters in Lawn, Her Fixation,  
Kindred Light, Pre-Chorus, Silver Thorn, and T.S.K.