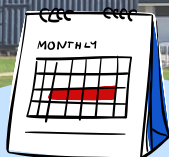


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JULY 2025



Maramataka

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST

School Board Nominations Close!

Submit your nominations by noon on 6th August.

THURSDAY 7 AUGUST

ART SHOW - Year 12 & 13 Painting & Printmaking winter show & print sale. Students, whānau and the community welcome. Free entry. 5.30 - 7.30pm in our new Te Rito learning space. Prints \$25 ea eftpos/cash.

FRIDAY 8 & 22 AUGUST

Fortnightly Reports Sent

WEEK STARTING 25 AUG

UNISS Netball Tournament
NISS Equestrian Champs
Northern Cup Basketball Comp

TUESDAY 26 AUGUST

Junior Reports Sent and Bookings Open for Junior Subject Teacher Conferences.

THURSDAY 28 AUGUST

Sneak '25 Band Factory and other students performance night held in the Hall. \$10 entry for friends and family. KC Students free.

WEEK STARTING 1 SEPT

Senior Practice Exam Week

FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Fortnightly Reports Sent

8 - 10 SEPTEMBER

Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Week

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Kaipara College Ag Day Event

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Junior Subject Teacher Conferences. 4 - 8pm in-person.

Principal's Kōrero

Kia ora koutou



Over the past few months, we have observed a troubling trend: a noticeable increase in the number of students vaping. We thought we had turned a corner last year when there was a sharp decline in vaping, but it seems to have resurfaced, and it is a matter of growing concern for our entire school community.

Let's be clear—vaping is not a harmless habit. Despite the marketing of these products as a "safer" alternative to smoking, the reality is that vaping poses serious health risks to young people. We know from both local and international research that vaping can lead to nicotine addiction, respiratory issues, and in some cases, long-term lung damage. Teenagers are particularly vulnerable, as their brains are still developing and are more susceptible to the addictive nature of nicotine. Our teachers talk about the noticeable effects on students' concentration and behaviour in class.

In New Zealand, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase vape products. This law exists for a reason: to protect young people from the very real harms associated with vaping. Unfortunately, many of our students are gaining access to these devices through older peers or online sources. This not only places them at risk but also puts them on the wrong side of the law.

As educators and caregivers, we have a shared responsibility to address this issue head-on. At KC we are strengthening our approach to education around vaping, including clear messaging around the health risks, and increased support for students who are trying to quit. We are also stepping up monitoring and consequences for those who bring vapes onto school grounds—students who are caught vaping are given a stand-down and a research assignment about the dangers of vaping.

But we cannot do this alone. Parents and whānau play a crucial role in helping our rangatahi understand the risks and make better choices. I urge all families to talk openly about vaping—what it is, why it's dangerous, and how to resist peer pressure. Keep an eye out for signs that your student may be vaping and perhaps check their bag occasionally if suspicions arise. We are here to help so contact us so we can refer them for addiction support.

Vaping is not just a school issue—it's a public health issue, a legal issue, and most importantly, a youth wellbeing issue. Let's work together to keep our students healthy, safe, and focused on building a positive future.

Ngā mihi nui,

C. Smith
Cindy





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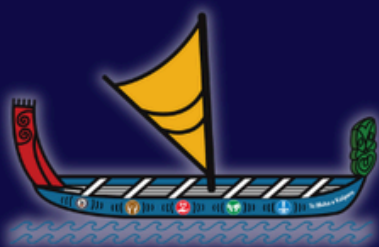
TERM 3 UNIFORM WINTER UPDATES

The school board has approved amendments to the uniform during winter (terms 2 & 3). This is support our students and whānau with winter related uniform pieces.

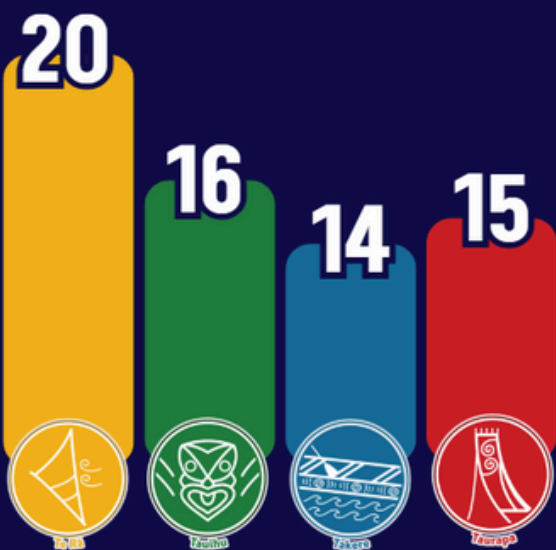
Please read the key information below.

- Students are encouraged to wear the official school jackets. The benefit of this is these can be worn all day including in the classroom space.
- TERM 3 Students may wear plain black or navy blue rain jackets to and from school and during break times. The jacket must have sleeves.
NOTE: These are not to be worn in class.
- Students may also now wear plain white socks as well as plain black socks. This is a change to the current uniform policy.

This information has been communicated with the student body. All of our other uniform policies and code remain the same. Students must always be in correct uniform at all times.



CURRENT OVERALL TIRA POINTS



PhotoLife

ORDER NOW

Sports Teams & School Group photos were taken at the end of last term. Photolife have emailed students and whanau directly regarding the ordering information. If you missed this you can still order via the Photolife website. <https://photolifeonline.co.nz/ordering/access> To order you'll need your unique student Access Key Code. If you missed this emailed information, please reach out to Photolife directly or email info@kaipara.school.nz to request a KEY CODE.

CASINO ROYAL - 2025 SENIOR SCHOOL BALL: Our students who attended the School Ball at the end of last term have been sent the details for ordering the photos.



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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BYOD

(Bring your Own Device)



BYOD is compulsory for ALL students at all year levels here at Kaipara College. In the past we've had small day-loan and long-term loan programmes available for students. These loan programmes are no longer in place due to it becoming financially unsustainable for the school.

We advised whānau whose students had a chromebook on long-term school loan to make plans over term 2 so they could have their own device in place for the start of this new term.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Reminders:

The onus is on the students to bring their chromebook to school fully charged and ready to use each day. Teachers will offer paper copies of work for students who have forgotten their chromebook or forgotten to charge their chromebook overnight. We recommend that students bring their device power supply to school each day.

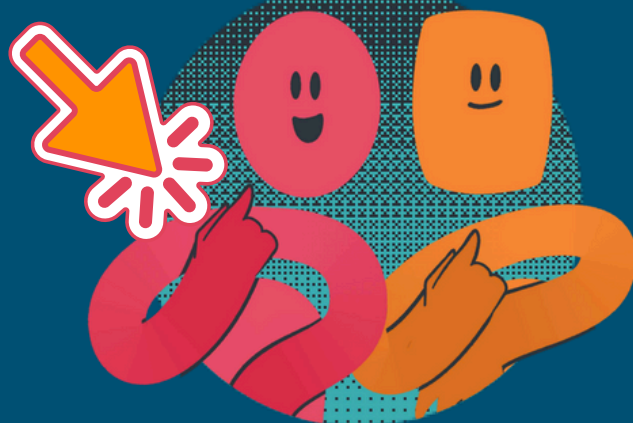
Talking to rangatahi about ONLINE SAFETY



Need advice about safer internet use?
Contact the Netsafe helpline for free confidential advice:
phone 0508 638 723

Regular conversations at home help to minimise the harm if things go wrong online. Research shows that parents are key to the success of children and young people becoming safe, confident and capable in their use of digital technology. Get the kōrero going with these [online safety conversation starters](#) from Netsafe.

CLICK FOR MORE



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member.


SCHOOL BOARD
ELECTIONS



SNEAK

THE GIG WITH A TWIST!

WHO KNOWS WHAT YOU WILL HEAR?!?

\$10 ENTRY FRIENDS & FAMILY

FREE FOR K.C. STUDENTS

7PM KICK OFF
**THURSDAY
28 AUGUST
'25**

**KAIPARA COLLEGE
HALL**

WHERE YOU CHOOSE THE SONGS

FROM THE MUSOS OF
**K.C. BAND FACTORY
& APAK**



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KC CROSSFIT



Our Lion's Den crew had an awesome experience competing at their first Crossfit Games at the Due Drop Arena last term. They went hard & three teams came away with medals. 1 1 2

A massive shout out to their amazing coach Mrs Leonie Enoka for all her mahi! Thanks also to the Bibbie family & Russell Gordon for their generous team sponsorship.



COLLEGE YOUTH GAMES



TE RITO

Te Rito officially opened on the 25 June at dawn. The blessing was well attended by students, whānau, staff and dignitaries. We are so excited to have this amazing new learning space for our kura which will be home for our Māori Studies faculty. It will also be a space that is utilised for events and gatherings which have already included the pre-ball meet-up, senior subject meetings and, coming soon, the Art Show. >

**KC ART DEPT:
PRINTMAKING +
PAINTING
WINTER SHOW
& PRINT SALE**

drinks & nibbles provided!

Where?
Kaipara College
Te Rito

When?
Thursday
7th August 2025
5:30-7:30pm

Please come along and view
our Level 2/3 Printmakers &
Level 2/3 Painters work -
limited edition prints for sale
\$25.00 each - eftpos available



Community News



Our students are always involved in so many activities, classes and events that we wish we could celebrate every moment of angitūtanga in each newsletter. Here are a few highlights from the past few weeks. The Macbeth Production wrapped last week. Congratulations to all involved the show was incredible! Our KC Turbo Touch Team became National Champions last term which is amazing! Well done team! We had so many wonderful staff and students involved in our recent Open Evening. Each and every one of you were awesome ambassadors for our kura. Thanks for all your energy and kaitiakitanga during this event. Finally our TIRA Chess Tournament ran over the last week of term 2 and was a resounding success! Finals were held on the Friday. Entrants were well supported by friends who watched and cheered each other on. Congratulations to all who competed and to Yr 12 Nicholas Zvyagintsev (Te Rā) who took out the TIRA Tournament. Keep an eye out on our social media & website for more highlights!

Kaipara College Shines at the International Netball Festival on the Gold Coast during the school holiday break.

During the recent July school holidays 20 enthusiastic Kaipara College students travelled to the Gold Coast to represent our school at the International Netball Festival. We participated in a four day tournament featuring three action packed games per day. This incredible opportunity not only pushed us as athletes, but also allowed us to grow as individuals and as a team.

The tournament brought together teams from across New Zealand, Australia, and Fiji giving us the chance to experience a wide range of playing styles and strategies. Competing against international teams was both challenging and inspiring, and we returned home with improved skills, a deeper understanding of the game, and stronger bonds within our own teams.

Set against the backdrop of beautiful, sun soaked netball courts, the festival was an unforgettable experience filled with learning, laughter, and friendship. Off the court, we made lasting connections with players from other schools and countries, and strengthened our own team spirit through shared challenges and celebrations.

Beyond the netball court, our 10 day trip was packed with adventure. Thanks to our amazing Coaches Mako Wilson and Tania Stokes and Managers Tracy Bradly and Kelly Brown we explored some of the Gold Coast's most exciting attractions. From thrilling roller coasters at Movie World and Wet'n'Wild, to magical encounters with marine life at Sea World and cuddly moments with kangaroos at Currumbin Wildlife Park, each day brought a new adventure.

This trip was far more than just a sports tournament, it was a once in a lifetime experience. It encouraged us to step out of our comfort zones, to laugh together, support one another, and grow not only as netball players, but as friends. The memories made and friendships formed over these 10 days are ones we will treasure for years to come. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to represent Kaipara College on the international stage and for the lifelong memories that came with it.

Most Valuable Player Awards:

Kaipara Kokako - Taylor Bradly
Kaipara Kahu - Stella Fairweather

Written By Stella Fairweather - Year 12
and Captain of Kaipara Kahu

WE SEND OUT WELL WISHES TO
MRS WILSON FOR A GOOD RECOVERY
JOURNEY AS SHE MENDS HER KNEE
FOLLOWING A GAME INJURY DURING
A FRIENDLY SUPPORTERS
MATCH PLAYED DURING THE
GOLD COAST FESTIVAL.

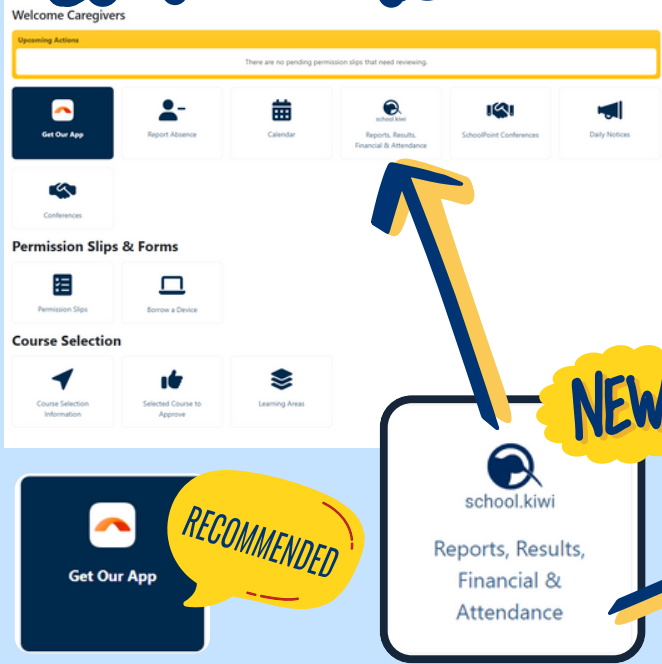


A massive thank you goes to Mrs Wilson for making this trip happen. It is a big undertaking to organise an experience like this. Thanks to everyone that helped to make this happen - including the travelling team (coaches, managers & whānau) that went with the players to the festival.





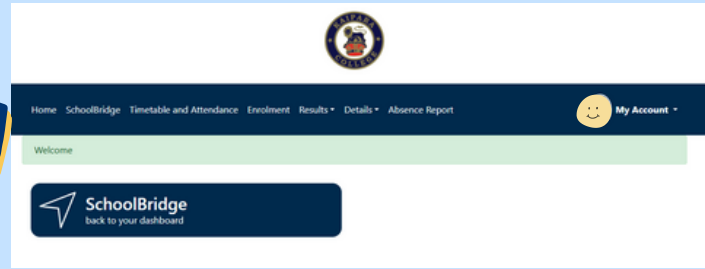
for the School Portal following a system update:



- The portal dashboard has changed. See the **NEW** button school.kiwi This replaces several buttons.
- **CLICK** this button to go into the secondary dashboard for **RESULTS, REPORTS, FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE**. As per the enlarged menu below.

Home SchoolBridge Timetable and Attendance Enrolment Results ▾ Details ▾ Absence Report

- We also recommend downloading the free App so you can use the portal on your mobile as needed. See enlarged button on the left.



SHARE WITH US ANY AMAZING ALUMNI STORIES YOU HEAR OF. THEY ARE SO INSPIRING FOR OUR CURRENT STUDENTS AND WE LOVE CELEBRATING ALUMNI SUCCESS! SEND INFO BY EMAIL TO US. info@kaipara.school.nz



NEWS TO SHARE FROM ONE OF OUR VERY SUCCESSFUL SWIMMING ALUMNI STUDENTS

Congratulations to Tate Pichon who has again been selected by Swimming New Zealand to represent his country, this time at the Virtus World Swimming Champs to be held in Thailand this August 2025.

Tate is one of our amazing alumni from the Faculty of Special Education here at Kaipara College. Tate now swims for Club 37 under coach Mitch Nairn.

Tate also swims in New Zealand Masters and was the runner up Para Swimmer of 2024. Fantastic!

Tate can be found swimming for his Special Olympics North Harbour club on a regular basis. We look forward to hearing how the upcoming Virtus World Swimming event goes next month.



'There's real options': Why Ruby Tui may miss out on Rugby World Cup selection

Savannah Lendich Jonkers • July 7th, 2025 12:44 pm

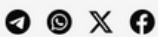


Photo taken from the Sport Nation article. Photo is of Ruby Tui (NZ Rugby Player) Note Photo Ownership: Photosport

Savannah Jonkers is a 2022 alumni and was one of our very successful English and Media Studies students in that graduating year. Earlier this month Savannah had one of her articles publish on the Sport Nation media outlet. [\[LINK\]](#) to full article. Congratulations Savannah.

It is always wonderful to see our alumni succeeding in their chosen professional career. We know there will be many more fantastic written pieces to come from Savannah.

