



KAIPARA COLLEGE

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Principal's Kōrero

Term 3 is the term that requires the most focus from our students. For senior students, this means finishing internal assessments and revising for external examinations. For junior students, end of year exams are also approaching, and preparation should begin now. The work students put in over these coming weeks will shape how confident and prepared they feel when assessments arrive.

Being organised is essential at this time of year. All students should have a study timetable in place, including juniors. A good timetable balances subjects fairly, accounts for extracurricular commitments, and allows enough time for each task, with breaks built in to keep study effective.

Time management is a skill in itself, and students who plan their

weeks in advance tend to feel far more in control as deadlines approach.

It is worth remembering that small amounts of study, done consistently, add up over time. Twenty minutes of revision most nights will achieve more than a single long session the week before an exam, and it significantly reduces stress later in the term. Starting early is one of the simplest ways students can look after themselves during this period.

Students should also be checking their NCEA credit progress regularly through the learning management system. Knowing exactly where you stand makes it easier to prioritise the right areas and avoid surprises later in the term.

It is important for students to identify early where they are finding a subject or topic challenging. If something is not making sense, the right step is to ask a teacher. Our staff are ready to help, and seeking support early makes a real difference. Students should be brave enough to ask, rather than letting a small gap in understanding grow into a bigger problem.

Families can support their child by checking in regularly on how their learning is progressing. If you are unsure where your child is up to, please contact their whānau teacher.

Jane Coup
Tumuaki | Principal



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Support with attendance

Te Ihuwaka - Education Evaluation Centre (the Research, Evaluation and Insights Arm of the Education Review Office [ERO]) have put out a guide for parents and whānau titled, Attendance: Getting back to School

We know there are lots of steps we can take to help your students want to come to school and we are constantly working on these. The TIRA events on page 3 are one of the ways we create engagement and build whānaungatanga, but we wanted to share the Te Ihuwaka's research on what parents and whānau can do to help us support their students to attend.

Excerpt from Page 2 of Attendance: Getting back to School

What can you do to support attendance?

We found that what you do can have a big impact on your child's attendance. Parents who are comfortable with their child missing a week or more of school per term are more than twice as likely to have a child who doesn't regularly attend school. It is never too early to start. When children miss some school early on, it can lead to missing more later on too. When your child is at primary school, your input is even more important. You can help set up good habits that will last for a the whole time they are at school.

Below are some things that you can do which help.

- It is your responsibility to get your child to school – if transport is hard for you, talk to your school. There may be support available in your area.
- Talk to your child about how school is important for their future, and how it is important to go every day. Be positive about school!
- Make sure your child knows that you care if they are going to school.
- Only take your child out of school when there is a really good reason, like if they are sick.
- Have a consistent morning routine, not too rushed.
- Help your child to be prepared for school, like making sure they have done their homework the night before.

[Click here to read more of Te Ihuwaka's guide for parents and whānau](#)



You make the difference

School's important for your child's growth.
Help them get there.



Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga
Ministry of Education

Kei a koe te mana

He mea nui te kura mō te tipu o tāu tamaiti.
Āwhinatia rātou kia tae ki te kura.

HOW TO CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE

DAILY - Schoolbridge App

Overall attendance percentage

Fortnightly Report
Period Ending 20/03/2026

Overall Attendance Percentage 92 %

Name	Teacher	Yr
If you have any questions regarding your student's fortnightly report please contact their Whānau Learning/Support teacher		
All Subjects		
School Values	3.6	3.6
Academic Progress	3.4	3.4
1 English		
Achievement Standard	3.7	3.7
Teacher	3.3	3.3
Mathematics		
Achievement Standard	4.0	4.0
Teacher	4.0	4.0
Physical Education		
Achievement Standard	4.0	4.0
Teacher	4.0	4.0

Please click on this link for instructions on how to access the timetable & attendance screen in the schoolbridge app.

2026 Attendance Summary

Year 12

At our school, we have an Attendance Management Plan which includes the Staged Attendance Response (STAR) framework set out by the Ministry of Education. The STAR framework guides us to respond to attendance issues in a consistent and fair way.

- Green - Good. Absent from school for less than 4.5 days in a term.
- Yellow - Worrying. Absent from school for 5 - 9.5 days in a term.
- Orange - Concerning. Absent from school for 10 - 14.5 days in a term.
- Red - Serious Concern. Absent from school for 15 or more days in a term.

This page summarises secure attendance for each term this year.

Attendance This Year	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Total
Half Days Open	0	0	0	0	0
Present	77 half days	77 half days	77 half days	77 half days	308 half days
Late Occurrences	0	0	0	0	0
Attendance Rate	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%

A justified absence is where a student is not at school, and the explanation given is justifiable according to the school's policy. Examples include sick leave, bereavement, or a medical reason.

An unjustified absence is where a student is not at school, and the explanation given is not justifiable according to school policy. Examples include the student ending a day early from school, and going on holiday during term time.

Any absence where no explanation is given is treated as an unjustified absence. For any particular queries, please contact your student's Kaupapa Learning/Support teacher or Kaupapa Office.

TERMLY - progress reports
See p2 of T1 report sent 2 April



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KC Uniform Update Sandals now allowed



Following an extensive community consultation process that canvassed the opinion of students, staff, and school whānau, the Board voted to allow students to wear black or brown roman sandals or Birkenstock-like sandals.

Covered shoes are still required in all practical lessons including for Tech, PE and Science for safety reasons, however sandals are allowed for all other activities to help students regulate body heat in warm conditions, reducing heat fatigue and drowsiness so they can stay focused on learning.

Please note that socks, jandals, crocks and sandals of other colours are not permitted.

Gifted & Talented Programme Update



Ko Elaina tōku ingoa, and I'm privileged to be the Gifted and Talented Programme Lead here at Kaipara College.

I'm delighted to share that we will be launching a Gifted and Talented programme for our amazing ākonga from 2027, beginning with our Yr 9 & 10 students. This is an exciting journey for our kura, and we're working to create meaningful opportunities that will challenge, inspire, and celebrate the unique strengths, passions, and potential of our learners.

We know that giftedness can look different for every child, and our goal is to build a programme that recognises and nurtures those strengths while encouraging our students to grow, explore their

interests, and achieve excellence in all aspects. As we shape this programme, we value the knowledge and perspectives of our whānau. If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to know more, please don't hesitate to get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

Feel free to flick me an email at ejohnston@kaipara.school.nz if you have any questions or would like to know more!

We're excited to begin this journey together and look forward to sharing more with you soon, Watch this space!

Celebrating Success & Service



Principal's Pins

Principal's Pins are awarded to students who achieve at an exceptional level in regional or national competitions in sports, academics and the arts. Students are acknowledged at the Principal's Assemblies.

WAKA Pin & WAKA Values Bars

WAKA pins and Values Bars are awarded to recognise continuous and meaningful service aligned with our Kaipara College Values of Whanaungatanga, Aroha, Kaitiakitanga, & Angitūtanga.



If your student has done something awesome, please share a photo & brief description of their achievement so we can acknowledge them.

HEEADSSS Assessments

As part of the free & confidential health services offered here, new students (including all Y9s) receive a HEEADSSS assessment. This is a confidential discussion covering various areas of student health to identify their strengths and see where extra support might be helpful.

If you have any questions or wish to opt out, please contact us at 09 420 8640 or email nurse@kaipara.school.nz.



[Click here for more info about the HEEADSSS assessment](#)

Week 3
CHESS COMP

Week 4
BOOK CHARACTER COMP

Week 5
VOLLEYBALL

Week 5
MATHEX

T3 TIRA (House) EVENTS

Week 9
BUCKET RAFFLE FOR KAIPARA FESTIVAL

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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Celebrating our students - past & present

Natalie Walker named High Court Judge

A huge congratulations to Natalie Walker who was recently appointed as a High Court Judge. Natalie attended KC - 1988 to 1992 (completing 6th form) then travelling to do a one year student exchange in France for 7th form year.

It is wonderful to see how her friendships from school have endured. Her swearing in as Judge was attended by other ex KC students, friend Rachel Shattky and also Michael Steadman representing Ngati Whatua who in her words - "did an awesome haka" at the end.

Natalie also mentioned she was congratulated by another ex KC student, Edrick Child who is working as Chief Legal Counsel to the Ministry of Justice.

Apparently she is absolutely loving her new role. and we are thrilled and very proud!

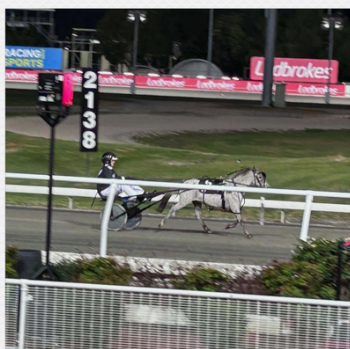


Taylor Newton - 6th in Australasia

Huge congratulations to Taylor Newton!

Taylor travelled to Brisbane to represent NZ in the Mini Trots Division (harness racing) at the Interdominion Grand Finals, coming away with a fantastic 6th place finish!

We are so proud to celebrate this fantastic achievement!



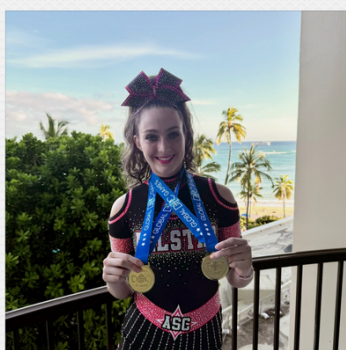
Congrats Taylor!

Although we can't take any credit for these achievements we love to share and celebrate all of our students successes!

Hayley Wallace & Shayla Boler win Gold in Hawaii

Two of our students Hayley Wallace & Shayla Boler represented New Zealand at the prestigious invitation only Dance and Cheer Global Games in Hawaii where both their elite teams won gold including in the grand champs.

What an incredible achievement and we hear it is backed up by an equally incredible amount of work - at least 7 hours of training in the gym and then homework that they have to video and share with their coach. We are so impressed with your angitutanga.



Hayley in Hawaii

Xavier Parry - silver medal in teams

Another huge congratulations goes out to Xavier Parry who represented NZ in the Tenpin Bowling Australia U21 Teams Challenge and TBA 21 National Masters over the school holidays.

Not only did Xavier get chosen to represent NZ but he was named Captain of the team that took out a silver in the Men's traditional teams event against the best tenpin bowlers in Australia.



Xavier - 2nd from right





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Upcoming Events

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KAIPARA FESTIVAL 2026

Hosted by Kaipara College

- Saturday 19th of September
- Kapa Haka Performances
- Food stalls

To register your kapa / kura to perform at this year's festival, please email btapaa@kaipara.school.nz

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 21 WEDNESDAY

Kaipara College Sports Prizegiving

KAIPARA COLLEGE HALL, 7PM
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

AOTEAROA School Library Week

10 - 14 AUGUST

@ Kaipara College

Entries OPEN!!

Swipe to look at the details of each event happening in week 4!!

Email Ms Macdonald for more detail!
kmacdonald@kaipara.school.nz

Kaipara College Presents

PARADISE - A Brand New Musical

Be among the first to experience **PARADISE**, an exciting new original musical written by Stephen Lunt, with music and lyrics by Nick Roberts.

Set in a seemingly perfect future where happiness is mandatory and every citizen's worth is constantly measured, Paradise follows Josie as she uncovers the truth behind the world she has always accepted. Filled with unforgettable characters, humour, heart, and an original contemporary score, this thought-provoking production promises an entertaining night.

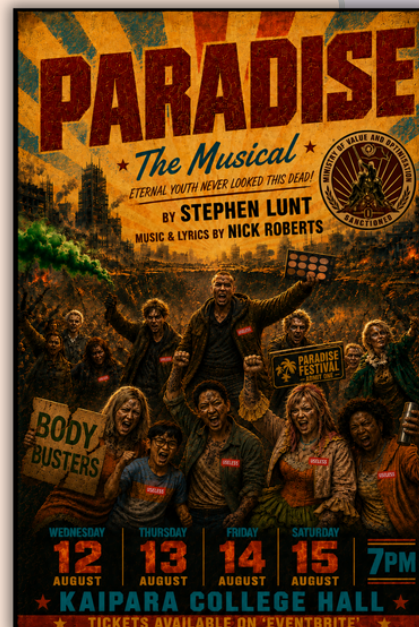
Our talented students have been working tirelessly to bring this ambitious new musical to life, and we can't wait to share it with our community.

Performance Dates:

Wednesday 12 August – Saturday 15 August
Kaipara College Hall - 7:00 pm



Tickets are available now through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk). We encourage you to book early to avoid missing out on this exciting world-premiere production. We look forward to welcoming you to PARADISE!



T3 Impt. Dates

Tira Chess Competition
Tue 4 - Fri 7 Aug

Tira Event - Dress up as a Book Character
Wed 12 Aug

Paradise the Musical
Wed 12 - Sat 15 Aug

Mathex
Tue 18 Aug

2027 Gateway Information Evening
Tue 18 Aug

Winter Tournament Week/UNISS
Mon 31 Aug - Fri 4 Sep

Life Education Trust Smashed (y9/10)
Thu 20 Aug

Life Education Trust Behind the Scenes (y10/11)
Thu 20 Aug

Practice Exams Week (Snrs)
Mon 7 - Fri 11 Sep

CAA EXAMS WEEK - Event 2
Mon 14 - Thu 17 Sep

Kaipara Festival - School Hall
Sat 19 Sep

Y10 Enterprise Market Day
Thu 24 Sep