



KAIPARA COLLEGE

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Principal's Kōrero

Earlier this month, a group of our students gave up their day to volunteer as course marshals at the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge at the Kumeu Show Grounds, out on the course in all weather, helping competitors of every age get through the mud, the water and the obstacles. During the race, there was an event on that course that captured all of our values and showed exactly what our school is all about.

One family wrote to us afterwards to share what our students meant to them that day. Their child had signed up for the challenge and found herself struggling partway through, overwhelmed by fear and doubt as the obstacles grew tougher.

What turned her around, the parent told us, was the encouragement of our marshals: their patience, their energy, their positivity and their refusal to let her give up on herself. She finished the course, and her family called it a memory they will carry for a long time.

That single afternoon captured everything Te WAKA o Kaipara stands for. Our students showed whanaungatanga, building a genuine connection with a stranger who needed one. They showed aroha, meeting her fear and tears with warmth rather than impatience. They showed kaitiakitanga, taking responsibility for someone else's wellbeing on that course as though she were one of their own.

And when she crossed the finish line, they shared in her angitūtanga, her success, cheering as loudly as if it were their own.

We do not always get to see our values in action so clearly, or hear about it afterwards. Most days that looks like everyday things, a classroom, a corridor, a small act of kindness no one sees. This time, a grateful parent took the trouble to write and tell us, and I am glad they did.

I could not be prouder of the young people who represented Kaipara College, not only on that day but for the whole event. Well done to all of you.

Jane Coup
Tumuaki | Principal



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Attendance Update

Our official attendance statistics for Term 2 are in. We're sitting at 49% of students attending 90% or more of the time as we build toward the Ministry of Education's 2030 target of 80% so we still have work to do.

Regular attendance has many documented benefits for achievement and student wellbeing, which is why we want to support you to support your child to attend. If you are struggling with a student who does not want to attend please email principal@kaipara.school.nz.

Our Term 2
Attendance

49%

Regular attendance
(attends 90% or more of half days in the term)

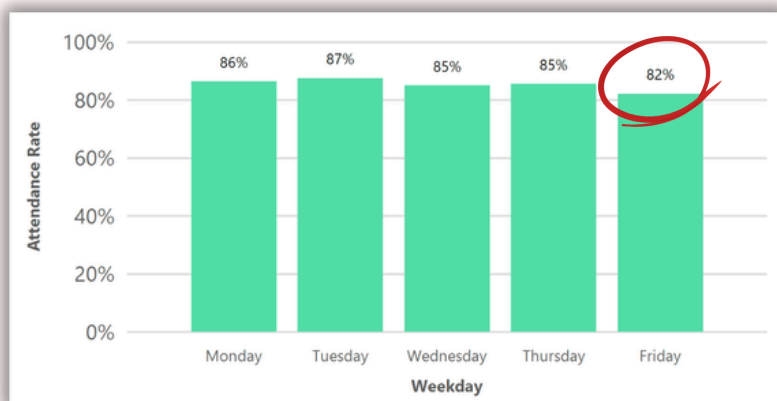
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Target
Attendance

80%

Regular attendance
(attends 90% or more of half days in the term)

Every Day Matters - Finishing the Week Strong!



Creating consistent school routines helps students feel confident and secure. Currently, our attendance dips slightly on Fridays compared to the rest of the week.

We want to gently remind our school community that Friday isn't just a wrap-up day—it is packed with core lessons, important learning, and valuable time for students to connect with their peers. Even a few missed Fridays throughout the term add up to hours of lost learning. We love seeing every seat filled right through to Friday afternoon, and we appreciate your support in prioritizing attendance all week long.

Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga
Ministry of Education

Whāia kia rima-mō-te rima

Mahia te mahi, kia whiwhi i ngā painga.
Mā te kura koe e āwhina kia eke panuku, kia eke tangaroa.

Go five-for-five

Do the mahi, get the treats.
School helps you get to where you want to be.

HOW TO CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE

DAILY - Schoolbridge App

Please [click on this link](#) for instructions on how to access the timetable & attendance screen in the schoolbridge app.

Overall attendance percentage

Fortnightly Report
Period Ending: 20/03/2026

Overall Attendance Percentage: **82%**

Name	Teacher	Yr
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

2026 Attendance Summary

Year 13

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 is as follows:

- 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	54	54	54	54	216
Present	77	77	77	77	308
Late Occurrences	4	4	4	4	16
Attendance Rate	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%

Attendance rate this year: **92%**
Target: 90% present.

Attendance	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Total
Justified	5	0	0	0	5
Unjustified	2	0	0	0	2
Total	7 half days	0 half days	0 half days	0 half days	7 half days
Threshold Stage	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

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 to day away 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 (Kaupapa Teacher) or Kaupapa (Class).

TERMLY - progress reports
See p2 of progress reports

FORTNIGHTLY - fortnightly reports



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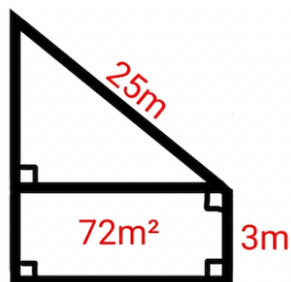
Moving house?

Remember to update us when you have a change of address. Email us to confirm a new or change to residence or to add an additional residence for you and your student.

info@kaipara.school.nz
Please include proof of new address.

Whānau Maths Challenge

Can your family solve this geometry puzzle shared by Mr Yamamoto



The Goal:

Find the total perimeter (the total distance around the very outside edge of the shape).

Whānau Clue: Only count the outer boundary - ignore internal dividing lines! Start by using the rectangle's area (72m^2) to find its width, then use Pythagoras Theorem for the triangle height. Answer in next week's newsletter.

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](#)

Derived Grade Exams for Seniors

Derived Grade Exams are coming up fast so we're resharing important information emailed to whānau on 14 August.

Dates: Monday 7 September - Friday 11 September
Exam timetables included with email on 14 August

- All Year 11 to 13 students are on Study Leave for the week of Derived Grade Exams. Students should be studying from home when not attending their scheduled exam or workshop.
- Students must arrive outside the Hall at least 15 minutes before the start of their exam.
- Students sitting digital exams must bring a fully charged laptop or Chromebook.
- If attending a workshop, students are required to remain in the designated space for the duration of their workshop.
- Exams take priority over workshops if a clash occurs.
- Students who need to catch the bus may use the library for quiet study before or after their exam or workshop session.
- Buses will run at their usual times. Please note:
 - Morning exams run from 9:00AM-12:00PM.
 - Afternoon exams run 1:00PM-3:00PM.
- Students must remain in their exam for at least the first 45 minutes before being permitted to leave. They may not leave in the last 15 minutes.
- Year 9 and Year 10 classes will run as usual during the Derived Grade Exams week.
- All exams and workshops are compulsory unless a student has been told directly by their teacher that they do not need to attend.

Why Derived Grade Exams Matter

NZQA requires schools to collect valid and authentic assessment evidence to use if a student applies for a derived grade (for example, in the event of illness, injury, or family emergency during the external exam period at the end of the year). These school-based exams are the primary source of evidence used to ensure fairness and consistency for all candidates.

If you have any questions students are encouraged to contact their classroom teacher in the first instance. For any exam clashes, students should contact Mrs Aziz directly via email at baziz@kaipara.school.nz with details of their clash so that an alternative time can be arranged.

The **Helensville Public Library** has kindly offered to open their Meeting Room to students who want to study for exams during Derived Grade Exam Week.

Hours: 10am-2pm Mon, Tues, Thur, & Fri (no Wed)

Students are naturally welcome to study in the school library, but this option might be nice for a change of scene.



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

Max Teuruua Commonwealth Games Athlete

Max attended KC between 2016 and 2020, and our teachers remember him as a talented and well-liked student who served as a student leader in his final year. While here he represented Kaipara College at athletics regionals multiple times as well as at nationals in his final year.

We are naturally very proud of his achievements at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow earlier in July where he represented the Cook Islands in the Decathlon, breaking the national record and placing 11th.



Snr Development Netball Team 2nd in A-Grade Regionals



Despite a tough season with injuries, our Senior Development Netball team came runners up in the Waitakere Secondary Schools Senior A Grade final. This was a huge accomplishment as it is a tough competition in a highly competitive sport. Ka Rawe team!

College Youth Games - 3rd in Cross Fit Comp



Congratulations to everyone who survived Ms Enoka's gruelling training sessions to participate in this comp over the holidays. A number of teams finished with good placings but a special mention goes to the Bad Boyz team (above) who placed third out of more than 40 teams from across Auckland.



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Important Dates for T3

Tira Volleyball Tournament
Mon 17 - Fri 21 Aug

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

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

Tira Fashion Design Show
Fri 25 Sep

Last Day of Term 3
Fri 25 Sep



Thank you Miss Johnston for organising this wonderful opportunity for our students!



Health & Wellbeing

Sharing information about online GP care from Health New Zealand

With health services experiencing high demand, **online GP care is an option for accessing care and the service is now free for all ākonga up to, and including, the age of 13.**

Appointments usually take place through a video app or a phone call and the service can prescribe medicine and send prescriptions to your nearest pharmacy.

To learn more visit Online GP care: [Online GP care – Health New Zealand](#)
You can also find out more here: [Care options for you and your whānau](#)



Eke panuku, eke Tangaroa,
Whakaete atu rā ki te atamira
o Tānerora, o Hinerēhia.

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 btpeaa@kaipara.school.nz



Save the Date! Year 12 & 13 Academic Prizegiving

Save the date for our senior prizegiving event:

Thur 5 November

THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 7PM
KAIPARA COLLEGE HALL



SAVE THE DATE



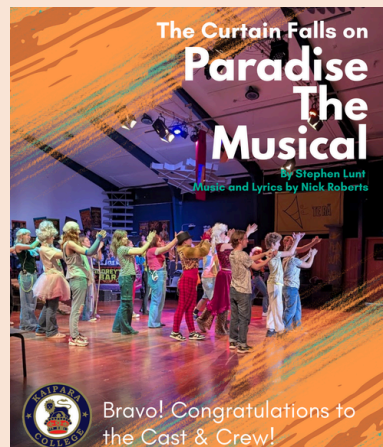
**Kaipara College
Sports Prizegiving**

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



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Cast & Crew Shoutout:

Stage Managers:
Kayleigh Suckling & Cameryn Tucker

Musical Director:
May Nguyen

Main Cast:

Sam Neely	Monique Ross
Sienna Duimel	Jimmy Muri-Tata
Ella Rodewyk	Sophia Wishart

Cast:

Alina Hatz	Jessie Havill	Blake Smyth
Summer Jones	Riley Mackay	Nashanda Swanepoel
Ta Ruwara Bygones	Erin Madden	Olivia Young
Lulu Cooke	Jimmy Muri-Tata	Sarah Gray
McKenna England	Ariana Reid	Isabella Simpson
Piki Te Ora Gray-Hohepa		Phoenix Thomson

Musicians:

Kalani Ferris	Amy Makin	Ollie Sawyer
Piki Te Ora Gray-Hohepa	May Nguyen	Liam Robertson
Ashley Iga-Goo-Tait	James Parrett	Summer Jones
	Sage Abdelnoor	

Set/Costume/Props/Makeup:

Jaime Walters	Jo Mears	Bree Biddle
Mic Dean	Sara Dean	Sadie Freeman

Sound/Lighting/Choreographer:

Xavier Parry	Violet Clayton	Ben Sutherland-Berry
Owen Robertson	Lulu Cooke	Lucas Corbitt-Lewis
	Sienna Duimel	

Special Thanks To...

Support Staff:
Sara Dean Steve Shyu Jo Mears Liz Hunt

Written & Directed by:
Stephen Lunt

Music & Lyrics Composed by:
Nick Roberts

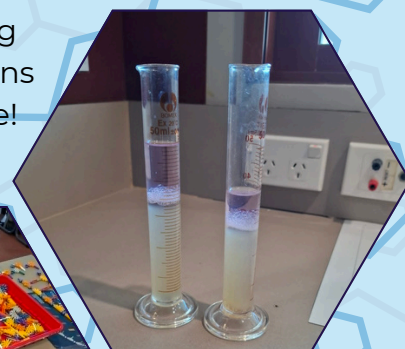
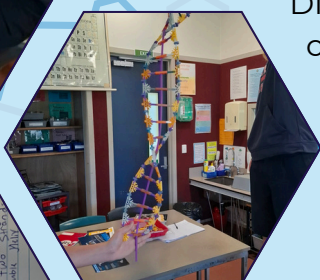
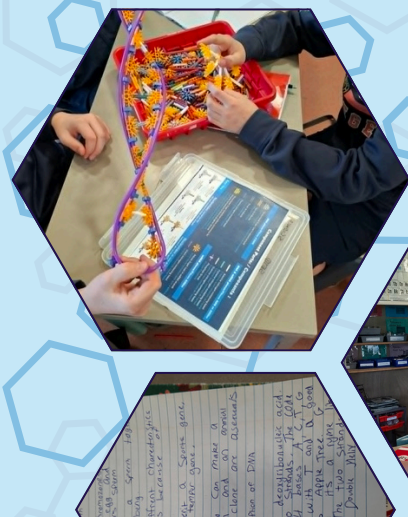
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

MAHIREWA MUSIC EXPERIMENT
J Khorana
ROCKSHOP
The Bay of Wharua
FIRST SCENE
Mic Dean SET CONSTRUCTION

And that's a wrap! 🎉 Paradise was a total triumph of energy, entertainment, and artistry. To our incredible student cast, arts student leadership team, the talented student band, and the performing arts tech team - you truly brought the magic to life! 🌟 The tears after the final curtain call proved just how special this experience was. Thank you to everyone who invested your time and energy into making this show unforgettable; our students will carry these memories into their bright futures. ✨

Year 10 Science DNA Topic

Year 10 Haku students got hands-on with genetics, extracting DNA from kiwifruit and bananas, constructing DNA models, and writing descriptions of its unique double-helix structure!



The Kaipara College TIRA Chess Tournament ran during lunchtime in the last week of term 2 and was a resounding success!



Takere

300



Taurapa

310



Tauihu

320



Te rā

410



Te Rā has a commanding lead as we start Term 3!