



KAIPARA COLLEGE

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Principal's Kōrero

Angitūtanga, our value of success, teaches us that to succeed we must learn from our mistakes. Learning from a mistake starts with admitting it, and admitting it often means asking someone else for help. That is not easy. It takes strength to admit a mistake. It takes even greater strength to ask for help in fixing it, and that strength is at the heart of what angitūtanga asks of us.

Right now, our students are sitting their practice exams, also known as Derived Grade Exams. These exams matter for more than the grade they produce. They show students what they already know, and just as importantly, where the gaps are. It is in those gaps that the best learning happens, but only if students act on what the exams reveal. Facing that gap honestly, rather than looking away from it, is angitūtanga in practice.

There are many ways for a student to ask for help. They can talk to their teacher. Parents can email or call their whānau teacher or dean. Students can attend tutorials, or make use of the resources already available to them around the school. None of these steps require a student to have all the answers. They simply require the willingness to ask, and that willingness is what turns a gap into growth.

We saw angitūtanga in action last week, when our Premier Netball team travelled to the Upper North Island Secondary School Championships. The girls faced rain, wind, illness and injury, and at times took to the court with just one substitute, yet nothing stopped them. They finished a commendable 16th place in A Grade, securing our place in that grade for a second year running. Throughout the week they listened to the advice and guidance of their coaches and managers, backed each other through every setback, and dug deep when it mattered most. We want to acknowledge our Year 13 players, Jayla Singer, Ella Glasson, Stella Fairweather, Chelsea Finlay and Kaylen McNabney, for their outstanding service, leadership and commitment to our netball programme over the past three years, and to thank manager Tracy Bradly, physiotherapist Tania Stokes, and coach Mako Wilson for keeping the team supported, patched up and firing both on and off the court. This team showed us that angitūtanga is not about avoiding setbacks. It is about facing them, asking for guidance, and pushing through together.

We are asking the same of ourselves as a school. This is why we have sought help from the Ministry of Education in the form of a Limited Statutory Manager.

Bringing that added expertise into our school means our board always has someone to turn to for advice, someone to learn from, and someone who can help us see our gaps and close them quickly. The same goes for me, as principal. Just as we ask it of our students and our netball team. This is angitūtanga at the leadership level, the same value we ask our students and our netball team to live by.

We have not asked for this help because we doubt our ability to make the changes needed. We have asked for it because we know that asking is a sign of strength, and because closing gaps fast matters when every one of our students is affected. From the exam room to the netball court to the boardroom, angitūtanga looks the same: see the gap, ask for help, and get to work closing it. In doing this, we are role modelling angitūtanga for our whole school community. We are excited about the next stage of this journey, ensuring the waka is pointed in the right direction to find calmer waters, so that all our students can succeed.

Jane Coup
Tumuaki | Principal

WAKA VALUES
TE WAKA O KAIPARA





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Attendance

Why does **every day** matter?

When your student misses school they miss out on opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

SENIOR REPORTS WERE EMAILED OUT LAST WEEK

Senior Reports were emailed to caregivers of students in Years 11, 12 & 13 last Friday (5 September). Please take a minute to read the report with your student and celebrate their successes. Discuss any areas that need focus or support and reach out to teachers and kaiārahi (whānau teachers) for further clarification. [Click here for teacher emails.](#)

In addition to comments from whānau teachers and subject teachers you can check your student's attendance, their NCEA credits and entries and results for NCEA assessments.

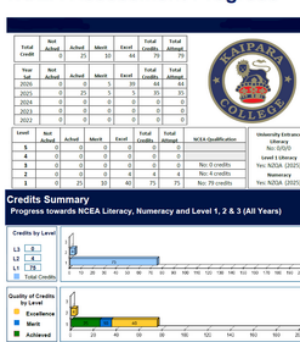
ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

You can find your student's attendance summary for 2026 on the final page as well as a quick reference number at the bottom of the page containing the Kaiārahi Report (P5). If you need support with raising your student's attendance, please email principal@kaipara.school.nz

NCEA SUMMARY

Pages 11 onward show NCEA assessment progress, beginning with a summary like the one to the right and followed by pages detailing their NCEA entries and a breakdown of results for assessments in each subject.

NCEA Assessment Progress



HOW TO CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE

Daily - Schoolbridge App

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

Fortnightly - fortnightly reports

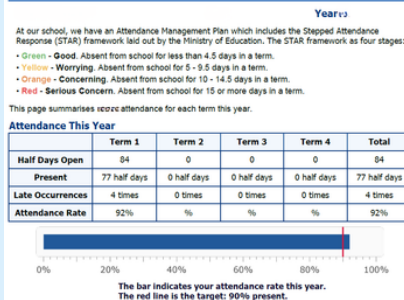
Overall attendance percentage

Fortnightly Report table showing Overall Attendance Percentage 92%, Name, Teacher, Yr, and subject-specific attendance data.

Termly - progress reports

See p2 of T2 report sent 3 July

2026 Attendance Summary



Absences This Year table showing Justified, Unjustified, and Total absences by term.

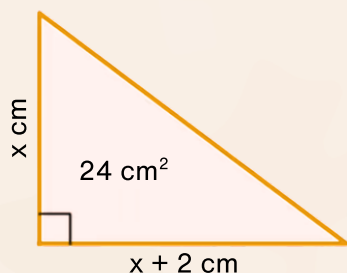
A justified absence is where a student is not at school, and the explanation given is justifiable according to the school's policy. Examples include illness, bereavement, or a medical reason.



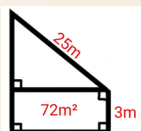
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Whānau Maths Challenge #2

Can you find the perimeter of this right angle triangle?



This problem is yr 11 level. Try it at home with your student to prepare for EOY exams!



ANSWER to Whānau Maths Challenge #1

Perimeter = 62 m

[Click here for the working out](#) or watch [Mr Yamamoto's explanation on tiktok](#)

Keeping our Rangatahi Safe!

Police are seeing a growing number of students riding e-bikes, e-scooters, or e-dirt bikes that are not legal without a license or vehicle registration.

[Click on this fact sheet for guidance on which electric scooters and bikes are legal.](#)



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](#)

NEXT WEEK IS...



Click on the cool resource below shared by Ako Panuku to learn 50 Māori words in 5 days!



Tira Raffle Thank You!



A huge thank you to everyone who has generously contributed prizes for the Tira buckets to be raffled off at the **Kaipara Festival on Saturday 19th of September**.

Funds raised will go towards projects that improve our school and every bucket really will make a difference!

Raffle tickets will be sold on the day. Pop down and enjoy fabulous performances, food trucks and other stalls.

Please get your contributions in by Wed 16 Sept!

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 & Staff

Staff Research Published

A huge congratulations to Lisa & Jane who have both recently had articles published in academic journals

Lisa's article, co-authored by Megan Lowry, was based on her 2023 masters thesis and published in the New Zealand Journal of Educational Studies earlier this year.



Click here to read her article on Teachers' Experiences of Curriculum Reform in Aotearoa New Zealand

Lisa Gordon, Eng. Teacher & SCT

Jane's final research project for her Masters of Secondary School Leadership was published in the New Zealand Journal of Teachers' Work earlier this year.

Click here to read her dissertation on Sustaining Trust through Unexpected Disruptions in New Zealand Secondary Schools

Jane Coup, Principal | Tumuaki



Mason Hawes - Karate Training Camp in Japan



Over the school holidays Mason travelled to Japan to represent the New Zealand branch of JKF Goju Kai at an annual training camp. To be selected, students had to be at least a brown belt and have an outstanding attitude and commitment to their training. While there, Mason passed his grading, achieving first dan black belt in Goju Ryu Seiwakai. We are so impressed by your angitutanga Mason! Congratulations!

Molly Davies - Football Selections



A big congratulations to Molly who was recently invited to join the Auckland FC Womens' talent development squad trainings. She has also been selected for the NZ Māori Women's U19 team to play three international games at home. What awesome opportunities for Molly - we can't wait to see where these take you!



Alumni Jess Smith Māori Women's/ Auckland HEARTS Team



Ex-student Jess Smith has once again been selected for the Auckland HEARTS women's and Māori Women's cricket teams for the 2026/27 season. Congratulations Jess - all the best for a successful season!

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



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Important Dates for T3

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

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

Bucket Raffle Items Due
Wed 16 September

Kaipara Festival - School Hall
Sat 19 Sep

Y10 Enterprise Market Day
Thu 24 Sep

Tira Fashion Design Show
Fri 25 Sept

Last Day of Term 3
Fri 25 Sep

Start of Term 4
Mon 12 October

KC Uniform Update - Changes to Winter Uniform

Hoodies: The Board resolved in 2024 to phase hoodies out gradually over three years. Students may continue wearing hoodies for the remainder of 2026 only. From the start of the 2027 school year, hoodies will no longer be part of the school uniform inline with the 2024 resolution.

Sports Hoodies: Sports hoodies remain permitted at sporting and extra-curricular events but may not be worn during the school day from the start of 2027.

Puffer Jackets: The Board has now also decided that black puffer jackets will no longer be permitted. This is to ensure consistency in our uniform. As puffer jackets are only worn during Terms 2 and 3, students will be able to continue wearing them through those terms in 2026. From Term 2, 2027, puffer jackets will no longer be part of the school uniform.



The decision reflects our school values. Aroha, our way, means holding high expectations of every student, and a sharp uniform is one expression of the belief we hold in them. Whanaungatanga, our people, is supported by a shared uniform that builds a sense of belonging and community. Kaitiakitanga, our place, is reflected in how our students represent Kaipara College and Helensville when out in public. Angitūtanga, our success, is supported by removing small daily points of friction, like hood down reminders, so staff and students can focus on learning.



GEOGRAPHY



Thank you to Ms Begley and Mr Dawson for taking Level 3 Geography Students to Muriwai to collect primary data for research! our Level 3 Geography students took their learning beyond the classroom to collect critical primary data for their upcoming geographic research assessment. Throughout the day, students actively measured, recorded, and analyzed key environmental variables to support their academic research. Their focus and teamwork were outstanding, resulting in a highly successful day of fieldwork.



Save the Date
for
Kaipara College Award Evenings



MAD Awards (Music, Art, Drama & PAT)
Friday 16 October, School Hall 7-9 pm



Sports Prizegiving
Wednesday 21 October, School Hall 7 pm onwards



Senior Academic Prizegiving
Full Academic Prizegiving for Y12-13
Faculty Cups & First in Subject Awards for Y11
Thursday 5 November, School Hall 7 pm onward





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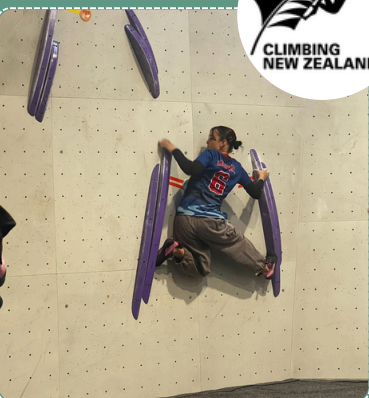


Massive congratulations to our Kaipara College Equestrian Team, who recently represented us at North Island Secondary Schools Equestrian Cup (NISS) alongside over 800 riders! A huge thank you to our main sponsor, Red Door Cafe, for supporting our team, and to our onsite coach, Sandra Sanford, for her fantastic guidance throughout the event. We are so proud of you all!

WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK!!



Huge congratulations to Yoshi for taking 3rd place in the Junior Females Division at the New Zealand Secondary School Bouldering Cup in New Plymouth!



All the endless hours of training, grit, and determination paid off on the wall. We're so proud of your hard work and incredible dedication! Keep reaching for the top!



Woohoo, smashing goals by making it into the A Grade for the first time in our school's history, ultimately coming 16th in the Upper North Island Secondary Schools Competition. What an awesome result in a highly competitive sport! Congratulations to all the players, Coach Mrs Wilson, and team management.