



KAIPARA COLLEGE

Community News

24 Sept '26



Principal's Kōrero

Spring has arrived at Kaipara College, and with it a season of growth across our kura. The days are longer, the grounds are greener, and there is a clear sense of momentum as we reach the end of Term 3.

Nowhere is this more visible than in the construction of our new paddocks. These will give our students practical learning space for agriculture and horticulture and mark an important investment in our place. They reflect our value of Kaitiakitanga: caring for the land we learn on and leaving it better for those who follow.

Spring is also a reminder that growth depends on the right conditions.

Our students have worked hard this term, and the holidays are an opportunity to rest and reset before the final stretch of the year.

For our senior students, Term 4 is when a year of effort comes to fruition. NCEA external examinations begin in November, so I encourage you to set aside regular time over the break to review your notes, complete outstanding work and practise past papers. A steady, planned approach will serve you far better than a last minute rush.

Equally important is a genuine break. Time with whānau and friends, time outdoors and time away from screens all help

students return refreshed and ready to learn. Balance and rest is not a distraction from success; it is part of it.

Please keep safe over the holidays, whether you are travelling, on the water or at home. Look out for one another and make good choices.

Thank you to our staff, students and whānau for your support this term. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 4.

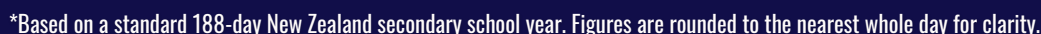
Jane Coup
Tumuaki | Principal





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Consistent attendance is the foundation of student success. When students show up regularly, they actively embody our **WAKA values**: fostering meaningful connections with peers and staff (**Whanaungatanga**), demonstrating care and respect for their own educational journey (**Aroha**), taking responsibility for their place in our school community (**Kaitiakitanga**), and striving toward their personal excellence (**Angitūtanga**). Even missing a day or two a fortnight adds up quickly, creating gaps in learning and making it harder for students to feel connected. By prioritizing daily attendance together, we ensure our young people remain supported, confident, and positioned to reach their full potential.



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

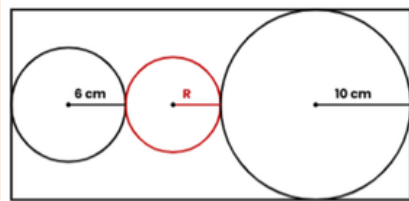




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Whānau Maths Challenge #3

The two black circles and the red circle sit in a line inside the rectangle, each just touching the next one.

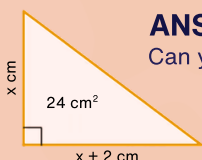


Area of rectangle = 840 cm²

The left circle touches the left side. The right circle touches the right side, the top and the bottom. Find the length of R.

ANSWER to Whānau Maths Challenge #2

Can you find the perimeter of this right angle triangle?



Check out [Mr Yamamoto's explanation on Tiktok](#) or see the [written pdf answer key](#).

INTRODUCING OUR LIMITED STATUTORY MANAGER: DR GABRIELLE WALL

[Click here for a letter from Gabrielle](#) to the school community, introducing herself and sharing some background. She has also shared her contact details for anyone who would like to get in touch.



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](#)

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One day they're on training wheels. The next they're behind the wheel.

DRIVER COACH
Helping you support your teen driver

free webinar

Free Webinar for parents and caregivers:

Wednesday 9 December from 7 pm

This practical workshop, supported by Toyota New Zealand, updates parents on latest research and road safety approaches, outlines some of the conversations and strategies our facilitators share with their teens at Ryda, and provides an opportunity to ask questions and get advice from the experts.

- *Unlock the mysteries of the teenage brain: What makes driving a challenge?*
- *Decode risk factors for Young Drivers*
- *Setting up the first driving lessons*
- *Learn the art of coaching a learner driver*
- *Help you support the transition to solo driving*
- *Set a plan for collaborating with driving instructors*
- *And much more*

[Click here to register for the Driver Coach Webinar](#)

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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Kaipara Festival 2026



Thank you to everyone who came on Saturday to enjoy the Kaipara Festival - The atmosphere was incredible, the performances awesome, and the community support outstanding! A highlight for us was seeing Parakai School students perform with our Kapa Haka students supporting on stage - It was a wonderful example of tuakana teina and aroha in action. A huge thank you to Whaea Bri and Whaea Kaia who spent countless hours organising the event and to all the staff and community volunteers who supported with everything from putting down a hāngi to contributing something for the bucket raffle. We are so grateful for your generosity with your time and resources.





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Important Dates for T4

Start of Term 4
Mon 12 October

MAD Awards
Fri 16 October

Sports Prize Giving
Wed 21 October

Labour Day Public Holiday
Mon 26 October

Senior Prize Giving (Y11-Y13)
Thu 5 November

Last Day for Seniors
Fri 6 November

NCEA Exams Begins
Tue 10 November

Science Fair
Mon 16 November

Teacher Only Day
Wed 18 November

Junior Exams
Mon 23 - Wed 25 November

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.



Puffer Jackets - Winter Terms only

A friendly reminder that puffer jackets are only to be worn in the winter terms (Terms 2 & 3). From term 4 2026 puffer jackets can no longer be worn at school.

Please help us protect teaching & learning time by making sure students do not leave home with a puffer jacket.



A massive thank you to our wonderful staff from the Faculty of Special Education team for providing such a delicious staff morning tea last week! It was fantastic to step away from our busy schedules, gather together, and connect over an incredible spread of food. We are so grateful for your thoughtfulness, time, and effort—it was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by everyone!



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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THE 3PE MURIWAI AMAZING RACE!

Thank you to Ms Wilson and Ms Connew for taking Level 3 PE Students to the Muriwai Amazing Race Camp! Two days. Epic challenges. Muriwai. One seriously competitive Level 3 PE adventure! Our 3PE students took on the Muriwai Amazing Race, racing around the campground, beach and regional park while putting their leadership, teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills to the ultimate test.



Throw Back From Week 5
Level 2 Geography trip to Rangitoto! Early morning start for our Level 2 Geography students catching the ferry to Rangitoto Island! They spent the day studying local vegetation patterns across the volcano for their research assessment. Students explored various zones of the volcano, with some making the hike to the summit to take in breathtaking views across the Auckland region.

