



KAIPARA COLLEGE

Community News

23 Oct '26



Principal's Kōrero

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As our Year 13 students finish their time at Kaipara College, we asked our Student Leaders two questions: what is one of your best memories of Kaipara College, and what advice would you give to the Year 9 students joining us next year? Their memories centred on belonging, shared experiences and the friendships built through being part of something together. Their advice focused on getting involved, discovering who you are, setting high expectations for your learning, choosing your friends wisely and making the most of your time at school.

Most of their memories were about time spent with others. Olly Smith spoke of growing together with the 1st XI Football team from Year 9 to Year 13, and Matthew B-C remembered Saturday morning football games. Blake Young recalled early morning CrossFit with Mrs Enoka and the Year 13 PE amazing race at Muriwai, where the second day was "lowkey suffering but that's what made it fun." May Nguyen and Monique Ross named the musical and our school productions. Yana Mitchell chose the Waka Ama national trips, and Kai Wilson the Japan rugby tour, Tira sports days and karaoke days. Georgie Collinge-Coker listed pride cards, cheap truck shop food, and her Year 9 friends kicking a ball around on the court "without a worry in the world."

Shekinah Lio Nautu described representing our kura at Secondary Kapa Haka Nationals in Tauranga this year, standing alongside his people and

sharing our culture. For him, it was "more than just a competition."

These memories reflect Whanaungatanga, our people, and Kaitiakitanga, our place. The friendships, teams and groups our students belong to, and the places they spend time together, are a big part of their school experience.

The most common advice was to get involved. Kai's advice was simple: sign up for it all. Monique encouraged students to try every opportunity and not be afraid to ask questions, "otherwise you might miss out." Olly suggested trying as many activities as possible to discover what you truly enjoy, and Yana reminded us to be open to new opportunities and to change. May added that taking time to learn about yourself helps when you reach the senior school and begin preparing for your future, but to make sure you enjoy what you do.

This is good advice. Sport, culture, the arts and clubs give students the chance to build confidence, make friends and find out what they are good at.

Two student leaders gave practical advice about learning. Matthew urged Year 9s to understand the difference between Achieved, Merit and Excellence early, as it took him time to learn. Blake's advice was to aim for Excellence, because if you fall short, you will most likely still get a Merit. This reflects Angitūtanga, our success, and the high expectations we hold for every student.

Georgie offered honest advice about friendships. She has seen people try too hard to fit in and make choices that did not serve them well. Her message is to choose your friends carefully and stay true to yourself. This connects to Aroha, our way, which includes caring for ourselves and each other and holding high expectations.

Shekinah's advice is a good place to finish: "don't spend your high school years trying to become someone people will remember but spend them becoming someone you'll remember." He encourages students to say yes to things that scare them a little, talk to people outside their usual circle, and make mistakes without letting them define them. High school goes by faster than you think, he says, so make the years count.

To our Student Leaders and all of our Year 13 students, thank you for your contribution to our kura. As you finish your final weeks with us, we wish you every success in whatever comes next.

Ngā mihi nui,

Jane Coup
Tumuaki | Principal

WAKA VALUES
TE WAKA O KAIPARA





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Attendance Update

Regular attendance at school is important to your student's success and there is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Making sure students attend and engage in learning is a shared responsibility. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure your student attends school every day. However, if you're having trouble please get in touch with your student's whānau teacher for support.



KC TERM 3 ATTENDANCE STOCKTAKE

43% of students attending 90% or more of the time

The same figure as Term 3 2025. However chronic and moderate absence decreased year on year while irregular absence increased, perhaps attributable to the severity of winter illness this year.

Reminder

Caregivers please Print, Photograph, or Pin this Info

- Please report student absences giving a detailed reason for the absence
- Please inform us in advance of an early pick-up time or appointments for your student to attend

Phone +64 9 420 8640 ext. 810 (attendance)

Text +64 27 420 8642

Email attendance@kaipara.school.nz

SchoolBridge app: Absentee Function



Dates for T4

Labour Day Public Holiday
Mon 26 October

PSSP Quiz
Tue 27 October

Tira Pavement Art
Thu 29 October

Senior Prize Giving (Y11-Y13)
Thu 5 November - 7pm

Last Day for Snrs
(Y13 Graduation, Final Assemblies)
Fri 6 November

NCEA Exams Begin
Tue 10 November

Y9 Mangawhai Camp
Wed 11 - Fri 13 November

Science Fair
Mon 16 November

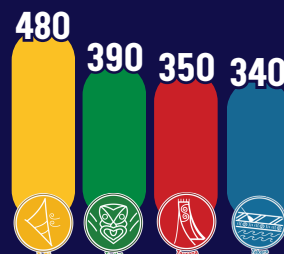
Teacher Only Day
Wed 18 November

Junior Exams
Mon 23 - Wed 25 November

Junior Activity Tira Day
Wed 2 - Fri 4 December

NCEA Exams End
Fri 4 December

Last Day of School
Wed 9 December



Tira points update



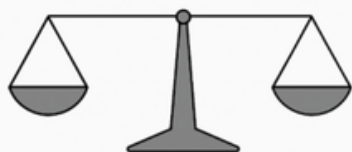
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Whānau Maths Challenge #4

There are eight identical-looking coins, but one of them is fake and slightly lighter.

However, the difference is so small that it cannot be detected just by holding them.

Using a balance scale only twice, determine which coin is fake.

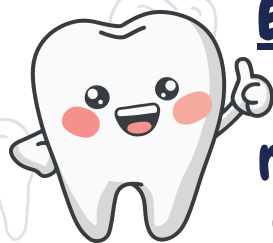


ANSWER to Whānau Maths Challenge #3



Can you find the length of R?

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



Enrol your student here to visit the mobile dental unit (onsite until 29 Nov)

The Lumino the Dentists, School Smiles Programme is fully funded by the Ministry of Health. It offers free dental examinations, oral health education, x-rays and a professional dental clean for students in year 9 to year 13, *up until their 18th birthday. Treatment including white fillings, sealants and extractions of baby teeth are also provided on the school grounds as required. For other treatment not completed on board the unit, you will be referred to your local practice or orthodontic specialist.

[Click here for the FAQ sheet.](#)

KC Summer READING 2026

Lunchtime in the library
= Tuesday 1st December =

Take books home for the Summer Holidays

Sign up before 30th November

Spot prizes to be won!

Good Books ♥
Sunny Days ☀
Big Adventures ~~~~
Happy Holidays ♥

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](#)

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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FUNDRAISING AUCTION FOR AGRICULTURE AT KAIPARA COLLEGE!

Donate or bid to win a Calf Rearing Pack!

Find more Information in the caption below.

Bid to win a Calf Rearing Pack

Support the growth of Agriculture at Kaipara College by bidding on our Auction for a Calf Rearing Pack donated by Blue Pacific Minerals. By entering, you are helping grow Agriculture at Kaipara College. If you have no need for a calf rearing pack - Please feel free to just donate! Share this fundraiser with your family and friends so they can get involved too.

The Auction will close on Thursday November 5th, here is the link to the Agriculture Auction Fundraiser: <https://go.rallyup.com/fb0887>



Click for the Article!

Check out this article in ShowCircuit featuring Ellie McDonald and her wonderful achievements!

KC Uniform Update - Changes to 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 year round from 2027. This is to create consistency in our uniform.



Fast Track/Provisional Uni Offers

Congratulations to the following high-achieving students who have already been offered an early conditional place at a New Zealand university based on their results.

- Yana Mitchell
 - Vaughn Botes
 - Keira Brambley
 - Kai Wilson
 - Sophia Wishart
 - Monique Ross
 - Tane Evans
 - Jasleen Kaur
 - Ruby Clerk
 - Matthew B-C
 - Blake Young
 - Kai Iino
 - Georgie Collinge-Coker
 - Olly Smith
 - Sequoia Thompson
 - Jojo Mackay
 - Isabel Morgado
 - Hendrix Darvill
- Ka rawe!*



OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

[Click here to view pdf](#)



SCHOOL LEAVERS

Our teen courses provide a unique environment for high school students to disconnect from distractions and reconnect with their purpose. Based in the heart of the Marlborough Sounds, these one and three-week programs challenge students to step outside their comfort zone and work together to overcome physical challenges.

Through a curriculum centred on teamwork and personal reflection, participants develop the grit, resilience, and self-belief necessary to navigate their own potential. Students leave the course with a clearer understanding of who they are and the confidence to lead in all areas of life.

NORTH ISLAND SCHOOL LEAVERS SCHOLARSHIP - 50% OFF

1 WEEK COURSES: \$2099 RRP \$4198

3 WEEK COURSES: \$3447 RRP \$6894

Course Details:

Ages: 16-18

Location: Anakiwa, Marlborough Sounds

Activities: May include kayaking, high ropes, rock climbing, sailing, tramping, solo, running, waka ama or coasteering.

Key Outcomes:

Confidence & Self-Belief: Discovering what you are truly capable of.

Resilience: Learning to stay calm and focused under pressure.

Connection: Build lifelong friendships

Dates & Booking

Please note fees do not cover travel or costs associated with attendance

3 Week course

- 2 - 22 December 2026
- 6 - 26 January 2027

1 Week course

- 12 - 18 December 2026
- 6 - 12 January 2026



Scan here to book. Applicants will hear back from a team member within 7 working days of submission via email.



Contact

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What an epic few days for our KC Surf Team!

Our KC surfing tamariki have been down in Raglan over the past few days, catching waves, building confidence, and making incredible memories along the way!

A huge shout out to Fleur Walter and Elaina Johnston for making this incredible experience possible for our kids, we are so lucky to have you!

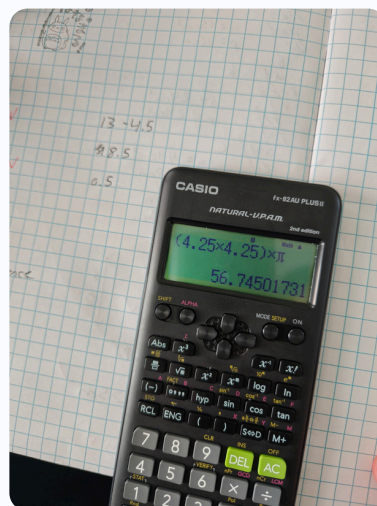
Also a massive thank you to Yana Mitchell, our amazing KC Surf Captain, for helping bring it all together. Can't forget about our incredible parent helpers who spent hours in the chilly water, making sure our tamariki could have the safest, most fun experience possible!

It takes a team to create opportunities like these, and we are so grateful to everyone who helped make this trip one to remember. So many smiles, epic waves, and memories made, as well as WAKA values shown among the students.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Our students took on the Australian Mathematics Competition in Term 3! Everyone stayed focused and put in a fantastic effort. A special congratulations to the students who received a Credit and earned a Bronze Principal's Pin at assembly this week!

A big thank you to Mr Yamamoto for preparing and encouraging our students, and well done to everyone who gave it their all!



9 Patu Guessing the Length of a Black Belt

Message from Head of Faculty, Mr Yamamoto:

Last term, Year 9 Patu students calculated the length of a rolled-up black belt using its dimensions and a quick visual check. Beyond competing for a chocolate prize, students practiced checking units and sharpening their numeracy skills.

Big congratulations to Josh for winning with a guess of 226 cm! As for the actual length? That remains top secret for next year's Year 9s!





M.A.D Awards 2026

(Music. Art. Drama)



Visual Arts Awards

Hunter Toko-Stevens Contribution to Visual Arts
 Grace Mackay Transformation in Senior Painting
 Nico Harrison Mastery in Senior Painting
 Jock Steedman & Hilary Quintero Henao.....
 Transformation in Senior Painting
 Sammy Mackay Perseverance in Art & Music
 Finja Bohmert Transformation in L3 Design
 Hina Kayukawa Transformation in L2 Design
 Elijah Nauer Transformation in L2 Printmaking
 Olive Stanish-Greaves Transformation
 in Photography

Certificate for Transformation in L1 Visual Arts

Cole Redman
 Macey Clerke
 Chris South
 Deborah Smith
 Isabel Morrison
 Indiana Clarke
 Holly Bibbie

Certificate for Transformation in L1 Photo/Design

Keelia Wood
 Kiani Winkelaar
 Isla Niu
 Tafadzwa Musekiwa

Outstanding Junior Visual Arts

Rocky Liu - 10
 Finn May - 10
 Pania Ward - 10
 Mikaya Stokes - 10
 Devyn Philipp - 10
 Macca Mead - 10
 Sasha Pritchard - 9
 Amelia Lamb - 9

 Maddie Fenwick -10
 Pixie Sykes - 10
 Soren White -10
 Nishanda Swanepoel -10
 Harry Guthrie-Mart - 9
 Mia Groves - 9
 Taytum Hemana Clarke - 9
 Phoenix Thomson - 9

Music Awards

Ollie Sawyer Rebecca Blackshaw Trophy for
 Junior Musician
 Sage Abdelnoor Gary Langston
 Best Contribution Junior Music
 Summer Jones Choir Award
 Louisa Morris Val Hungerford Trophy - Most
 Improved Instrumentalist
 Owen Robertson The Thompson Award - for
 Rhythm Section Musicians
 May Nguyen & Sophia Wishart King Family
 Trophy for Senior Songwriting
 Sophia Wishart Solo Performance in Music
 May Nguyen Cheriton Cup Commitment to Music
 Phoebe Mitchell Contribution to the Music Family
 Piki Te Ora Gray-Hohepa Te Kaha O Waiata
 May Nguyen & Sophia Wishart The Wall of Fame
 Inductees

Performing Arts Awards

Xavier Parry Outstanding Contribution to PAT
 Lucas Carseldine Special Recognition for Sound
 Engineering & Audio Management
 Xavier Parry Contribution to Lighting Design
 Jaimi Walters Contribution to Make up
 Jaimi Walters Contribution to Costume Design
 Jaimi Walters Contribution to Stage Management
 Izak Sutherland Contribution to Set Design
 Ben Sutherland-Berry Assisting with Stage
 Management
 Bree Biddle & George Walters Contribution to
 Props Management

Drama Awards

Jimmy Muru-Tata Transformation in Senior Drama
 Sienna Duimel Contribution to Performing Arts
 Monique Ross ... Outstanding Contribution to Drama
 Violet Clayton Outstanding Contribution to Dance
 Riley Mackay Best Junior Performer in Drama
 Sophia Wishart MAD Award for Senior Drama
 Sam Neely Outstanding Senior Performer
 in Drama

Waka Awards

Monique Ross Whanaungatanga Award
 Sophia Wishart Aroha Award
 May Nguyen Kaitiakitanga Award
 Lucas Carseldine Angitutanga Award



2027 Arts Captain



DANCE CAPTAIN
 Lulu Cooke

PAT CAPTAIN
 Lucas Carseldine

DRAMA CAPTAIN
 Sam Neely

ARTS CAPTAIN
 Hunter-Toko Stevens
 Tafie Musekiwa
 Isla Niu
 Keelia Wood

MUSIC CAPTAIN
 Summer Jones
 Amy Makin
 James Perrett
 Kayleigh Suckling



Save the Date

Senior Academic Prizegiving

*Full Academic Prizegiving for Y12-13
Faculty Cups & First in Subject Awards for Y11*

7PM THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER, SCHOOL HALL

*Please be seated by 6:45 pm.
Prizewinners will be notified by email.*



Final Assemblies

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER, SCHOOL HALL

Whānau welcome to attend

Year 11

Academic & Personal Excellence Certificates

11:15 am start



Year 12

Personal Excellence Certificates only

12:15 pm start



Year 13

Graduation & Personal Excellence Certificates

8:45 am start

School finishes at 3pm as usual

