



Te Wānanga
o Aotearoa

He Puāwaitanga

Te Tai Tokerau
Graduation Ceremonies 2023



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He Hokinga Kāinga Ora

Tuesday 7 May 2024

Turner Centre

43 Cobham Road

Kerikeri 0230

Te Toka Tūmoana

Wednesday 8 May 2024

Te Ahu

Corner of State Highway 1 and Mathews Avenue

Kaitia 0410

Ngā Mahinga

Thursday 9 May 2024

Semenoff Stadium

51 Okara Drive

Whangarei 0110



Mihi from Te Kaiwhakaterere Chief Executive Officer



Tēnā koe,

Each year I get to witness our tauira take to the stage for their graduation and I am always filled with immense pride and reminded of why we do what we do – to see you, our valued tauira, succeed.

Our graduation ceremonies are the high point of each year, not only for tauira and kaiako, but the organisation as a whole. There is no doubt your whānau are brimming with aroha and pride for you as you reach this milestone.

Here at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, graduation day is known as He Puāwaitanga, meaning ‘to come to fruition’. You began your journey with a goal in mind, and today the achievement of this goal has become a reality. Your hard work over months or even years, despite challenges, has led to this momentous occasion.

Congratulations to you on your graduation. We’re thrilled to celebrate with you, your whānau, your classmates and your kaiako. I hope you will take a moment to reflect on your accomplishments and acknowledge those who have supported you along the way.

‘Kia angitu te tauira, tauira success,’ is our mission at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, and we know success looks different for every tauira, so ensure you reflect on your own journey and take it all in. Success could mean you’ve graduated with a new qualification that will help you advance in your career, or perhaps, you’ve pursued a tohu that enables you to make positive contributions to your whānau, marae, hapū and iwi. Regardless of the educational path you’ve taken, it’s been our privilege to be alongside you.

At Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, our vision is ‘he takapau mātauranga, he whānau huarewa, whānau transformation through education.’ We’ve witnessed the incredible impact education has on people’s lives, and that’s what drives us forward. I urge you to make good use of your education to benefit others in your whānau, your hapū, iwi and your community, but most importantly, yourself.

We firmly believe that education opens doors to new opportunities, and I encourage you to embrace them. I’m also a strong advocate for lifelong learning and I hope you’ll consider furthering your studies with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa in the near or distant future.

Whether you choose to continue your journey with us or elsewhere, remember, you’ll always be a valued part of our whānau here at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

Take pleasure in this moment; you’ve worked hard for it and truly deserve it.

Ngā manaakitanga

Nepia Winiata

*Kaiwhakaterere
Chief Executive Officer*



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Rāirāingī ūpōkō

Te Pūtaketanga o te Reo
Level 3 & 4

Alfred David McGregor
Caryn Erena Paewai
Destinee-Jayne Wikaira
Emily Te-Ao-Karere Robinson
Gwendoline Violet Otene
Hiraina Rere Rere Kaipuke Mitai-Harris
Manga Rangi Ngatari Puihi
Mary Miriam Harris
Miriamama Oneroa Kumar
Rahiri Harris
Reina Tuai Penney
Rosalina Jasmine Puihi
Teddy Tahere
Victor Anzac Dean Harris

Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pī Ka Rere)
Level 3 & 4

Amber Jean Wihongi-Alderton
Ana Aroha Kahi
Buddy Paraone
Carnation Atahua Hill
Carolyn Anne Eaton
David Kopa
Hana-May Riedlinger-Kapa
Hannah Margaret Burgess
Jaimie Taumata Anderson
Jay Houppapa
Jessie Lea Jones
Juanessa Maggie Stewart
Judith Anne Thompson
Karina Nikora
Kelly Anne Stratford
Lindsay Baz Kemp
Lisa Sue Brophy
Mahinatea Sylviane Liao
Mariu Ngapo Bromwich
Mark Stewart Anderson
Maxine Moengaroa Wynyard-Lyne
Michelle Judith MacLennan
Ngairi Faith Cornelius
Pania Joanne Cooper
Petra Jane Bracken
Raina Jackson
Rehupo Kara
Rowena Fabia Davis-Cooper
Selina Majoree Kahi
Stephanie Rata Godsiff
Tania May Burt
Taunaha Te Taatu Smith
Te Arahi Eva Kiwi Kiwi Stokes
Tony Te Aranga William Danford
Troy Frederick Alderton

Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pī Ka Pao)
Level 1 & 2

Amanda Erin Nankivell
Audrey Merle Tipene
Bryce Gordon Miru
Debbie-Jean Kahurangi Tauteka
Ella Dorien van Gool
Hare Herewini Hona
Ihapera Anihera O Te Rangi Faigamaa
Iris Ella Bartlett
Janice Louise King
Juliana Queenie Kopa
Karamia Josephine Delta Baker
Karl Alan Barnett
Karlene Jane Moses
Kathleen Laxme Waru
Kiana Atarangi Turnbull
Leah Nicole Herbert
Lucy Hawea
Martha Ellen Lee Garvey
Megan Leigh Scott
Nellie Manu Beauchamp
Nomairangi Te Parehuia Rahera Raechel Kopa
Norma Joyce Whyte
Remus-George Leaf
Ryan Mitchell Turei
Sarah Hohaia
Shantaye Te Pea Kopa
Shelley Marie Davies
Simeon Mataira Warmington
Sonja Josepha Louise van Kerkhoff
Stephanie Jacobina Tutahi
Tamaiti-Para Ape Kopa
Tauwhare Alan Moses-Kara
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Zelda Olivia Paeroa Wharehuinga Tau

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Angitu – Māori & Indigenous Development

Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga Level 3

Te Pīnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi
Level 7

Amarlee Joy Jagoe
Aquatania Elizabeth Marie Stupar
Bruce Wiremu McSheffrey
Samuel Earl Peihopa
Tama Mathew Nuttall
Tania Cynthia Mary Barnes
Tui Lynette Te Paa

Te Aupikitanga ki te Reo Kairangi
Level 6

Barry John Witana
Erana Rahera Dalzell
Gillian Houghton
Melonie Jane Rosenthal
Ngawhatuhua Kate Arahanga-Doyle
Ruth Awhina Esther Tautari
Sapphire Arihia Davenport
Sara Lisa Pickering
Shirley Anne Jackson-Bradley
Sophie Rose Doyle
Susan Rosemary Wagener
Vanya Dianne Snowden

Te Rōnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi
Level 5

Andrew Patrick Kendall
Frank Victor Jacob Hoera Moses
Gary Neil Bramley
Heath Cairns
Lisa Matina Tamarua
Sam Paihana Popata
Tara Glenis Hape

Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pi Ka Rere)
Level 3 & 4

Aaron Jay Prime
Atawhai Arama Adams
Clayton Hori Waata Wiki
Donna Rochelle Greer-Subritzky
Emily Holdaway
Erina Lee Attwood
Eva Bridget Crockenberg
George Reginald Tatana
Harrison Te Rere Hemoiti Lee
Jaycee-Lee Rewa Bohannon Maunsell-McMenamin
Kahu Elizabeth Thompson
Ngawaiata Irirangi Stratton
Paige Rosette Hikuwai
Shayna Rose Pene
Shoda Lorraine Tua
Tia Kimberly Ashby
Tui Marie Stewart

Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pi Ka Pao)
Level 1 & 2

Alyssa-Jane Paige Vemoa
Andre Owen Phillip Phelan
Ann-Margret Te Maru
Aroha May Walker
Bianca Jade Maddox
Billy-Cloud Allen
Cassandra Henderson
Charlotte Barbara Allen
Daniel Alan Becher-Tatnell
Darnel Katarina Indiana Eparaima
Gilbert Aroha Clark
Helen Nora Blake
Hoana Apoiliu Waitai-Ifopo
Jasmine Apiata
Jessie Lee Emery
Joanna Akepare Smith
Kia U Kia Awhirangi Te Uri Rarangi Marsden
Kiri Moanna Rudolph
Kura Rose Martin
Leanne Nena Sheryl Foster-Baker
Luka George Johnson
Marcus Tepania
Mataara Te Maru
Maureen Ann Allan
Myrlene Louise Forsdyke
Ngaire Tralee Rudolph
Peter Owen Cyril Delarue
Rachel Atkinson
Rachel Naomi Tango
Ramari Aroha Pukeroa
Riki Etana Wetere
Robert Harold Noble Williams
Ronda Lee Le Lievre
Ruia Mataitusi Itieli
Scott Richard Hills
Shannon Kyle Baker
Sheila Marie Villanueva Gastelo
Tania Marietta Pomana
Tara Christina Ani Edwards
Tautoko Barber
Te Maru Lakai Takutai Waitai-Ifopo
Tina-Marie Kahi
Victoria Faith Henderson
William Tirore Leefe
Zanda Keshia Ryder
Zoe Marika Brown

Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga
Level 3

Abraham Van Dijk
Andrew Raymond Peterson
Anne Carmel Herbert-Graves
Bronson Christopher Peri Pirini
Camelia Iris Te Rehu-Rodolph
Carol Faith Reti
Cortnie Te Koha Mutunga Pineaha
Davinia Taoro
Dee George Bedggood
Deirdre Dallas Ahu
Edwina May Davis
Elena Anne Ulugia
Frank Pickering
Gary Dean Ferris
Helen Elizabeth Murray
Henare Reti
Hune Denise Rapihana
Irirangi Bernadette Iria Hemara
Jade Warwick Makiri
Jahmal Leonard Lindsay Muir
James Carl Baker
Jason Reti
Jayin Ray Bruce Murray
Jessie Jane Lee Armstrong
Joe Maakarini Bellass
Johanna Jonann Tepania
John Alfred Borrowdale Murray
Katene Ericksen
Kimberly Anahera Tait
Maraea Herena Herbert-Pickering
Marie Te Aroha Rapihana
Melissa Kaarina Petersen
Merenia Eileen Rudolph
Millyin Diamond Waaka
Raewyn Orewa Murray
Robert Warwick
Sandra Judith Van Dijk
Shallen Lacey Morgen Desmond
Taz Muriwai Morgan
Te Oranoa Miriama Peri Pirini
Tui Elizabeth Mary Baker
Varna Serena Bellass
Zarrah-Lee Waiharakeke Pineaha

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Hauora – Health & Fitness
Certificate in Waka Level 4
Certificate in Rongoā Level 4

Toi – Māori & Indigenous Arts
Toi Maruata - Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art Level 3

Te Hiringa - Education
He Puāwai - Certificate in Adult & Tertiary Teaching Level 5

Ratonga Papori – Social Services
Manaaki Tāngata - Certificate in Bicultural Social Services Level 4

Umanga – Professional Skills & Trades
New Zealand Certificate in Forest Industry Foundation Skills Level 2

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Te Aupikitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 6

Alex Thomas Murrie
Anaru James Kaiwai
Annetia Monique Tautuku
Auriole Lynette Ruka
Charles Lloyd Kauwhata
Davis Dick
Deborah Anne Kauwhata
Eliza Melva Bruce
Fred Wenerae Hika
Gemma Maria Cooper
Jason Kake
John Pelasio
Julian Hansen
Kaperiera Tabias Ma-or Ezekiel Komene
Katherine Naomi Belz
Marama Jacklynne Hotere
Maxine Mariri Ronald
Ngarita Shakayna Tamehana-Tana
Raymond Terence Edwards
Ripiro Leo Hemara
Shane Francis McMillan
Simone Hingano Tongatule
Tamela Jordi Wynyard Dunn
Teina Atama Piripi Wells-Smith

Te Rōnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 5

Alexander Stanley Peter Davis
Alys Christine Hughes
Annemarie Florian
Averill Poa
Bonita Alyne Sutherland
Denis Robert Wilson
Deon Jarraud Ogden
Emma Rebecca Box
Hana Louisa Bellingham
Honey Ruiha Te Rauoriwa Wirihana Murdoch
Hope Hiku Mauri
Kevin Laurence Dean
Krystal Toka
Maria Anneliese Fassmann
Nicola Fay Griffin
Nikki-Jay Hunia
Samantha Jayne Morgan
Shavonne Latifah Toko
Toni Alayne Pivac

Te Pūtaketanga o te Reo Level 3 & 4

Analatu Wolfgramm-McKay
Diante Pakiana Nora Taniora King
Genna Vera Gillespie
Karen Matthews
Lara Jane Curd
Naomi Jane Walker
Sine Louise Tara Wright Wood
Staci Khann Paul
Virginia Melinda Hill

Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pi Ka Rere) Level 3 & 4

Angela Renee Young
Ata-Riwai Stone
Briar Aline Wood
Chantell Frances Ratapu
Chloe Mae Henderson
Danielle Vunga Fifita
Eileen Louise Te Aroha McIlroy
Grant Thomas Angus
Ian Balfour Kerr
Jabez Darius Te Rangihaeata Mataira
Jahkodii Patricia-Lee Aroha Wikitoria Morunga
Kaitlin Ngawini Scott
Lindsey Maria Maui
Lisa Ann Clunie
Magla Maria Stanish
Michael Thomas Paniora
Michelle Anne Dempsey
Minnie Te Aroha Cotton
Renee Amelia Lee
Ross Gavin Wright
Sally Ann Bowron
Stephanie Anne Vickers
Thorsten Hoppe
Tiechar Ruby Pearl Hill
Victoria Elizabeth Clay

Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pi Ka Pao)
Level 1 & 2

Aaliyah Veronika King
Aaron David Tai Norman
Aimee-Leigh Arcadia Kelly
Alicia Georgia Bradley
Anahera Keretina Ritihia Hariata Haami-Stokes
Angela Jayne Mitchell
Bella Ria Thompson
Bridget Westenra
Casey Marie Wright
Catherine Lynette Thompson
Charlene Denise Lihou
Charley Topeora Kelly-Kaipo
Clementine Charlotte Esa van Orsoy de Flines
Daniel Joseph Brereton
David Steven Alexander Colmer Harris
Delwynne Mae Cox
Dominique Sandra Therese Ngawaka
Ebonii Te Awhina Shortland
Eddie James Tamihana Hokianga
Ellen Margaret Thompson
Ellen Nan Smith
Fiona Neehi Raymond
Fiona Shirley Pope
Francence Zelda Beckham
Hope Hannah Bucknell
Iti Pounamu-Mai-Tawhiti Mereana Papuni
James Aaron Tautuku
James Daniel Patrick Tupou Viau
Javahn Kenneth Repia
Jazmyne Kylie Thacker
Jodie Kim Gray
Karla Melana Aekins
Kayla Rose Thompson
Keita Leslie Edmonds-Norris
Kevin John Wihongi
Kirsty Jane Pillay-Hansen
Kurtis Sean Tito
Kyran Tashea Uka
Leigh Joyce Smith
Lisa-Marie Watene
Merophy Kate Brown
Michelle Crete Ozora Reti
Nicola Reremoa Kamau
Oke Jock Anthony Matiu
Paul Green
Ralph Mario Haika
Renee Maree Tata Rapana
Romeo Ethan Takarei Agnew
Selma Aariahne Pitman-Smith
Serena-Mei Wihongi
Sherilyn Rima Nepia
Shirley Gorgina Young
Shona Laine Thacker

Sonny Hato Kopa
Stacey Renee Stewart
Stevie Allen Morunga
Tania Aroha Kahika-Foote
Tania Kataraina Waitere
Teyana Zodiac Hill
Timothy John Cate
Tonia Lelani Rielly
Turi Akuhata Hippolite
Vera Jane Elizabeth Thompson
William Louis Edmonds
Wiremu Paul Reid
Witaiawa Douglas Thompson
Zara Grace Mitchell

Te Kunenga o Te Ao Tikanga
Level 4

Corrin Harnett
Danielle Mereana Katene
Deb Rewiri
Felice Johanna Karuna
Hayden Mark Nayler
Helen Elizabeth Moewaka Barnes
Hiramarie Moewaka Latimer
Jaydine Kirihaupapa Morunga Bycroft
Jvana Leigh Paraku
Kathleen Nora Bower
Maudena Ada Frances Sigley
Melissa Te Ao Crockett
Renee Terina Tamanui
Tayla Char Mihiwira Kake
Te Otinga Rogers
Te-Kapua A-Rangi Paenga
Tema Kwan Fenton-Coyne

Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga
Level 3

Alyssce Ngaroma Te Huna
Andrew William Wech
Angeline Lillian Wihongi
Anthony Raymond Lum
Bobbie-Jo Wiremu Paul Waitangi Ranui
Bonnie Marie Waters
Carmen Curtis
Caroline Te Paea Louise Hamilton
Carolyn Roanne Withers
Cher Richards
Clayton Vaea Malcom Masina
Colene Herbert
Dakota-Li Lum
Dayna Emily Balsom
Elizabeth Jean Ranui
Elizabeth Majella Stenning
Ellen Cheryl Pomare
Eltion WiHongi
Fort'E Moutoka Matakino Rangiuiaia
Gary Teariki Nickson
Graham Black
Harlia Moana Maree Harris
Havana Tyrell Dallas Campbell-Connelly
Heather Williams
Huia Rudi Harding
Janice Louise Millman
Jasmine Khorasanee
Jaymesh Maganlal Vyas
Jemarl Wiremu John Barry Caldwell
Jennie Katarina Martha Caldwell
Joanne Matthews-Rudolph
Joanne Whetu-Maarama Haunui
Joe Taoletama Pulevaka
John Hudson
Jorja Renee Batts
Joseph Lale Hughes
Josephine Rawinia Lum
June Tears Tihema Te Awana McCall
Karen Jane Valentine
Karen Roberta Ruddell
Kaye Maree Davey
Kaylah Jade Chapman
Kayson Tumanako Arohaina Lee Keerako
Kelly Koka
Kereama Whare-Pouri Kingi
Kerry Anne Mitchell
Kiarni Jean Hoani Ranui
Kiwana Xavier Mita Henare Eruera
Kylie Maree Campbell
Lachlan Sloan
Lianne Rae Fromont
Linda-Lee Odom
Lorraine Catherine Robinson

Maddison Kate Besant
Manaaki Waiariki Tokitoki Keerako
Maraea Kate Pulevaka
Marlene Carrol Jane Penetana
Melissa Maree Nathan-Patuawa
Meredith Namana
Meri Tuti Kohi
Miles Edward Holmes Harding
Motene Richard Peihopa
Natalie Pearson
Ngahine Sally Lum
Ngaire Ann Chapman
Nicolette Glenis Allanna Witana
Peter Michael Stephen Kitchen
Petrina Stone
Puoro Mairangi Puna Hemara Kaka
Rachael Lynn Baker
Raiha Te Puawai O Aroha Larissa Keerako
Rangatira Manaia Kauwhata Logan Keerako
Riki Robert Kohi
Robert Clark Lee
Robyn Hansen
Rosemarie Berens
Rudi Wilson Harding
Santana Martha Priscilla Ngawhika
Sarah Jane Forbes-Knott
Shannon Douglas Reti Kohi
Sharleen Dawne Tongalea
Sheree Joy Campbell
Sheryl Brightwell
Shirley Lorraine Williams
Shona Lee WiHongi
Steven Ika Chapman
Summer Paige Mariah Puru
Suzanne Gladys Victoria Robinson
Tania Hall
Tawa Tamatoa Jacob Te Huna
Te Oranga Kauwhata Hirini Keerako
Te Puao Silver
Teina Michelle Inasia Tatana
Terence Osmena
Teresa Jane Matangi-Paraha
Terrisa Wright
Thomas Junior Henare Pere Wihongi
Thomas Lee Keerako
Timothy Marc Edward George
Tiriti Tawiti Harrison
Tukaha Toyied Wihongi
Tuterangi Maihi
Tyleisha Phillips
Urumanawa Atatu Fowlie
Wayne Eriha Paul Wright
Wayne Thomas Graeme Robb
Xavier Tyson Kayde Tukuafu
Zjahnique Xavier Tia-Wana Henare

Certificate in Waka
Level 4

Aaliyah Veronika King
Aleisha Jade Wetere
Arahia Nathan
Christine Adele Sapwell
Gwenda Jean Owen
Harley Rawhiti Iraia
Iosefo Leon Patelesio
Joelene Annietha Cole
Jordana Rose Goodnight-Naera
Julian Kama Adrian Ihaia Reweti
Katarina Kiritote Tamaki
Lily-Anne Curreen
Lisa Donna Vigille
Sherie Ripeka Hauraki
Tania Marie Burton
Waioira Caroliene McLeod
Wallace Poa

Certificate in Rongoā
Level 4

Allana Ngaronoa Mahia Tahere
Barbara Jan Tooke
Belinda Claire Beazley
Courtney Michelle Irwin
Kate Emma Mae Taylor-Reid
Katie Jane Greengrass
LuDene Wati Maraea Paraha
Lydia Grace Danford
Maurice Hauraki Mangu
Mikaila Victoria Risbrige
Puaawai O Te Rangi Tia Meihana-Eiffe
Raelean Paikea
Selina Mary Jane Uaongo

Toi Maruata - Certificate in
Māori & Indigenous Art
Level 3

Agelikee Daniels
Andrew William Wech
Ben David Currie
David Cooper
Deanna Lee Uttley
Dulcie Te Tohi Thompson
Freedom Te Reinga Manaia Lee Collins
Horoe George Te Tuhi
Ivan Stuart Howett
Janine Aroha Tito
Jodeci Tre Jaxon Jarome Tana
John-Murray Wirihana Korewha
Joshua Leech
Kiara Aroha Jagoe
Mark Triumfante Manzano
Mary Cox
Patrick Halliday
Paul Lawrence Clarke
Peter James Houba
Sarah Jane Selkirk
Shane Lewis Wright
Shannon Paraha
Sharleen Emily Peihopa
Tamatakutai Ratapu
William Huarahi Paki-Keefe
William Murdoch Cooper
Wiri-Matiu Ruawhare
Yannick Noah Wikaira
Zane Lee Thomas

He Puāwai - Certificate in
Adult & Tertiary Teaching
Level 5

Aleesha Monique Coulter
Alyssce Ngaroma Te Huna
Dena-Maree Hemara
Denise Anna Wedding
Elizabeth Christina Makene
Jeannette Cryna Claziena Keukelaar
Keil Phillip Caskey
Lance David Jones
Leonard Makiakama Vahua McDougall
Lorraine Helen Houston-Lynch
Marcus Harman Powell
Medina Anne Koni
Miriam Raelynne Valmai Hemara
Nakita Rose Wikaira
Ngawiki Emma Florance Shortland-Paraha
Nita Jacqueline Fairburn
Patricia Isabel Santos
Pettania Kari Hohaia
Raijieli Veitayaki
Ramai Emere Te Paea Rapihana-Ngakuru
Serena Leah Mata

Manaaki Tāngata - Certificate in
Bicultural Social Services
Level 4

Christine Louise Mackie
Jonina Shortland
Lavinia Rangipua Kaukau-Tuki
Nicolina Marie Bercich
Olivia Serena Newton
Rebecca N Masagnay Turner

New Zealand Certificate in
Forest Industry Foundation Skills
Level 2

Brandon-Li Turei Diamond
Brookland James Clement
Connor James Gray
Dreyson Tyrell Paora Rangi
Dyrell Alex Hughes
Harlem Tutame Henry Raumanga Mangu
Jack Kahuroro Simeon Samson
Jayden Lyle Campbell
Kasey Jordan Harder-Cortland
Mana Wiremu Rapata-Apiata
Marshall William Spice
Rawiri Te Hikuwai Repia
Te Rangi Haeata Romana McNeil Watts

Whānau reunion inspires Whangārei local to learn te reo Māori



After attending a whānau reunion and learning that no one in his whānau could kōrero Māori, James Tautuku took it upon himself to learn te reo and keep it alive amongst his whānau.

James is studying the He Pī ka Pao Level 1 & 2 at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Whangārei campus and is registered for this year's Mahuru Māori Challenge.

“I figured, why don’t I learn so there’s someone that can kōrero on behalf of my whānau. I hear that it can take 3 or 4 generations of those who learn before there is an actual change. I thought, why not start now, better late than never,” says James.

As part of Mahuru Māori, James challenged himself to speak te reo Māori for at least 2 hours a day and admits that it’s been harder than he thought, but it’s all been worth it.

“I push myself in class so I wanted to push myself outside of class too and jump on that Mahuru Māori waka. Learning te reo has boosted the amount of reo in our home too.”

While on the journey of learning te reo, James has had the support of his wife, who is already a fluent speaker. But with pēpē number four due to arrive in February, James and his wife are on a mission to teach their tamariki more te reo as well.

“My kids ask questions about kupu and are more curious. The motivation with another baby on the way has made us knuckle down and set a bar that we want to reach. We aren’t expecting to all be fluent before February, but we hope to have the basics,” says James.

Growing up as what James describes, a fair-skinned Māori, he struggled with the feeling of whakamā when trying to learn te reo and felt like he was always having to work a little harder to prove himself.

Since starting at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, those feelings have slowly had less of an impact on his learning and his drive to continue on this journey.

“My kaiako, Eliza Bruce, makes learning fun and engaging. It’s a safe space to make mistakes and not feel whakamā. We have a really supportive class that are constantly pushing each other. It’s meant that me and most of the class are motivated to keep going,” says James.

James recognises that there are probably many others out there who feel the same way he once did and are afraid to take the first step in learning te reo, but he hopes his story will encourage them to finally give it a go.

"I’m okay making mistakes now. I still get a bit nervous but it’s not as daunting anymore. I’ve committed to learning and I’m going for it. I follow the kīwaha, tūwhitia te hopo, feel the fear and do it anyway.”

Waiata

Nga Puawai o Ngapuhi

Whakarongo mai
Ki te reo e tangi nei
E ringihia mai ana
Mai i aku kamo
Nga roimata e

Whiti mai te ra
Ngaro ana te mamae
Ngaro noa te pouri
Kaua e mau riri
Anei ano he ra

Maranga mai e te iwi
O nga hapu Ngapuhi
Kia mau, kia u, kia pupuri ai
Ki nga akoranga nui

Takahia te ao
Ka kitea te iwi
E tu tangata mai tatou
Nga uri o ratou
Kua mene ki te po

Tenei te mihi
Ki nga kai awhina e
Ki nga whaea nga matua
Anei ra ko nga hua
E puawai ana mai

He Hōnore

He hōnore, he korōria
Maungārongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro pai e
Ki ngā tāngata katoa
Ake, ake, ake, ake
Āmine
Te Atua
Te Piringa
Tōku orange

Na Tāne

Na Tāne i piki ake ki te toi huarewa
Ki te tiki i ngā kete o te mātauranga
Ko te kete Tūāuri
Ko te kete Tūātea
Ko te kete Aronui

Ka tahi ka hora ki te ao kikokiko
Ki te ao hurihuri
Ki o tātou tipuna
Ka hoa te taura
Herenga tangata

Ko Te Kupenga o te Mātauranga
Ko te kete Tūāuri
Ko te kete Tūātea
Ko te kete Aronui

Ka tahi ka hora ki te ao kikokiko
Ki te ao hurihuri
Ki o tātou tipuna
Ka hao te taura
haerenga tangata
Ko te Kupenga o te mātauranga x2
Te Wānanga o Aotearoa

Tai Aroha

Ko te aroha anō he wai
E pupū ake ana
He awa e māpuna mai ana
I roto i te whatumanawa
Ko tōna mātāpuna he hōhonu
A ina ia karere anō
Ko tōna mātāpuna he hōhonu
Ā inā ia karere anō
He tai timu, he tai pari
He tai ope, he tai roa
He tai nui
He tai nui
He tai nui



Te Wānanga
o Aotearoa