



Te Wānanga
o Aotearoa

He Puāwaitanga

Whirikoka
Graduation Ceremony 2023



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Whirikoka Graduation Programme

Date

Wednesday 5 April 2023

Venue

Gisborne War Memorial Theatre, 159 Bright Street, Gisborne

8:30AM Graduands' Registration

9:45AM Mihi whakatau to guests and whānau of graduands
Karakia Timatanga

Master of Ceremonies

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Waiata Tautoko

Karakia Whakamutunga

Light refreshments served

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Whiriikokoi



Mihi from Nepia Winiata Kaiwhakatere Chief Executive Officer



Tēnei te karamihi te haere ake nei ki runga ki a koe mōu i whakatinana i ngā āwhero i manakohia i te whakarewatanga o te waka o mātauranga, tēnei ka whakamiha. Tēnei tonu ko reo rāhiri e karanga ana kia karapinepine mai koutou ko tō rahi ki tēnei kaupapa whakanui i ngā ihu oneone, i ngā ihupuku kua puta i tēnei tau. Nau piki mai, nau kake mai ki tēnei rangi nui whakaharahara ōu.

Tēnā koe,

Watching our taura take to the stage for their graduation always fills me with immense pride and reconnects the mahi we do with our purpose – you, our taura. It is why we do what we do, and seeing the smiles on the faces of our graduates is one reward for our efforts.

Our graduation ceremonies are the high point of the year for not only taura and kaiako, but the organisation as a whole and no doubt your whānau are brimming with aroha for you at this point in your learning journey.

Your graduation day is known as He Puāwaitanga, which means ‘to come to fruition.’ You began your journey with a goal in mind, and today the achievement of this goal has become a reality. This achievement is the culmination of months and sometimes years of hard work and is a fitting tribute to the efforts you have made under challenging circumstances.

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 some time to reflect on your accomplishment and acknowledge those who have helped and supported you along the way.

‘Kia Angitu Te Taura – Taura Success’ is our mission at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, and we know success looks different for every taura, so reflect on your own journey and take it all in. Success could mean you’ve graduated with a new qualification that will help you progress at work, or assist you in getting the job you’re chasing. 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 and part of it all. At Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, our vision is ‘He Takapau Mātauranga, He Whānau Huarewa – Whānau Transformation Through Education’ and it’s a vision as we see how education can transform the lives of those who seek it. 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.

It is our belief that the education you have received will present you with new opportunities and I encourage you to embrace them.

I also believe in lifelong learning and hope you will consider continuing to study with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa soon or in the future. We’ve loved having you as a taura and no matter the future path you take, you will always be part of our whānau at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

Congratulations again on your graduation today, enjoy it; you’ve earned it.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Nepia Winiata
Kaiwhakatere - Chief Executive Officer



Umanga – Professional Skills and Trades

NZ Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Carpentry) Level 3

Kaiako: Jonas Te Aho

Che Anderson-Worsnopp
Patrick Blackman
Maui-Te-Rangi Connelly
Kahurangi Matene
Thomas Paul
Jonathan Peneha
Devlin Rangiuiaia
Tiger Spring
Sione Williams-Kiteau

Hauora – Health and Fitness

Certificate in Rongoā Level 4

Kaiako: Clinton Walker

Nicola Carter
Chanel Coromandel
Bella Moko-Kaa
Ateriana Taituha
Mary Teepa
Darnelle Timbs
Te Rina Whaanga

Diploma in Rongoā Level 5

Kaiako: Midge Goldsmith

Morena Byrne-Green
Thomas Edwards-Paul
Dianna Gibbs
Stephney Grayndler
Linda Hardgrave
Leanne Harrison
Ariana Hinaki
Janet Lambert
Te Tira O Te Rangi Nikora
Kararaina Nyman
Jodie Reid
Lolina Rudolph
Geordina Rutherford
Elisabeth Takao
Rhonda Tibble



Te Hiringa – Education

He Puāwai – NZ Certificate in Adult & Tertiary Teaching Level 5

Kaiako: Alice McPhee

Semester A

William Aston
Christian Bryant
Henrietta Edwards-Henry
Doreen Fenton
Denzil Hitaua
Mererangi Kaa
Hoana Kaa
Betty Keelan
Teia Koopu
John Moetara
Marama Moetara
Kerenapu Pomana
Christina Robinson
Sharyne Tuari
Barney Tupara
Bibiana Walker
Horiana Whata
Tina Wilson
Irene Wynyard

Semester B

Eruera Brown
Johan Kahui-Mauriri
Anne Meredith
Joylene Rohe-Karauria
Matarina Rota
Joel Storey
Ruth Thatcher
Ngairi Tuhua
Marise Watts
Cleveland Yates

Ratonga Pāpori – Social Services

Manaaki Tāngata – Certificate in Bicultural Social Services Level 4

Kaiako: Evelyn Kennedy

Reginald Akroyd

Alisha Aupouri
Henri Banks
Jonathan McClutchie
Pele Paenga
Te Whetumarama Peipi
Brandon Smith
Janine Whatuira





Whirikoka Graduation Stories 2022

Sister duo keep Māoritanga alive through education



Mererangi and Hoana Kaa

Studied: He Puāwai – NZ Certificate in Adult & Tertiary Teaching
Campus: Whirikoka
Location: Gisborne

Gisborne sisters Mererangi and Hoana Kaa believe that education is a key pathway to keeping Māoritanga (culture) thriving in all parts of Aotearoa and empowering Māori to step into leadership.

Both sisters completed the He Puāwai – NZ Certificate in Adult & Tertiary Teaching at Whirikoka campus and say that their learning was a good reminder of the importance of Māori in education spaces.

“It’s important that Māori are in education spaces because for a long time we were silent and a lot of our tikanga and Māoritanga has only been kept within our homes or our marae and a lot of our people have missed out,” says Mererangi.

Studying with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa meant Hoana and Mererangi were able to learn in an environment where they felt comfortable and safe to grow in both their knowledge and confidence.

“Our kaiako (tutor) helped us to develop an understanding of who we are and taught us to be comfortable with our uniqueness. I really enjoyed the learning space and the chance she gave us to learn from the mistakes we made,” says Hoana.

The learning they have both gained

has played a key role in the continued study they are doing as they work towards their bachelor of humanities and Hoana’s role as a quality assurance technician.

Hoana secured the role at LeaderBrand through the help of her kaiako and takes what she has learnt to help support her fellow co-workers.

“I like to encourage diverse conversations because we have people from many cultures and backgrounds at mahi and everyone has been through something. It’s about supporting each other and always improving our workspace,” says Hoana.

Mererangi and Hoana are passionate about education and hope to see more Māori of all ages and backgrounds enter education spaces and pass their learning onto others in their whānau and iwi.

“It’s essential that we have Māori in leadership and share our knowledge because that is shared power. That’s basically why my sister and I do what we do and why we are studying what we study, to empower ourselves and empower those around us,” says Mererangi.

If you’d like to gain new skills in teaching, our next classes start in July 2023 / March 2024.



Toi – Māori & Indigenous Art

Toi Maruata – Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art Level 3

Kaiako: Janine Te Reo

Roslyn Apanui
Pamela Bain
Ashley Blatch
Vicki Grogan
Tobias Klein
Heather McIntyre
Margaret McLean
Elan Price
Connie Taingahue
Te Aherata Te Pairi
Hazel Tidman
Corrina Walker
Penelope Walsh

Toi Maruata – Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art Level 3

Kaiako: Eruera Brown

Semester A
Heremaia Barlow
Parekura Laurence Brown
Parekura Leo Te Tauri Brown
Maia Gibbs
Whareahuru Gilbert
Rapiata Ria
Benjamin Robinson
Ronald Taiapa
Caesar Wihongi

Semester B
Joshua Lobb
Te Irirangi Maxwell
Cyrus Richter
Billy Taiapa
Dwayne Turei
Maanaima Ulu
Keri-Lee Winiata

Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art – Māori Performing Arts Level 4

Kaiako: Te Rina Armitt

Chemice Ahu
Sonia August
Nancy Bartlett-Tamatea
Michaela Brooking
Hiria Green
Haley Hollis
Cheanne Johnson
George Karauria
Shaela Leach
Jessy Lerm
Holli Morice
Makuini Nyman
Jessica Paterson
Heavyn Rangihuna
Ripeka Reedy
Hara Ria
Jana Ruru
Shayne Sadlier
Hinehou Smiler
Te Kuiti Stewart
Tuhakia Stewart
George Tanirau
Teipo Te Tai
Julia Wanoa

Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art – Māori Performing Arts Level 4

Kaiako: Taina Keelan

Ezekiel Ahitapu
Jahvan Apatu
Shay Brock
Quinn Eru
David Gilgen
Mathew Keyworth
Levi Mackey
Waiora Paul-Utiera
Piata Tibble-Tamati
Siaosi Tofi

Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art Level 4 (Toi Ataata – Rauangi)

Kaiako: John Moetara

Kushla Hodge
Allan Kearns
Sally McIntosh
Skye Pomana
Maria Rave Gomez
Simon Stott
Makahuri Thatcher-Wharehinga
Merle Walker
Ihipera Whakataka
Kereopa Wharehinga
Tamara Whenuaroa



Toi – Māori & Indigenous Art

Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art Level 4 (Ngā Mahi ā te Whare Pora)

Kaiako: Erin Rauna

Kathleen Baynon
Chiemi Dobson
Tui Maurirere
Sandra Parker
Maureen Pene
Waiti Walker
Te Waiti Wyrill

Toi Paematua – Diploma in Māori and Indigenous Art Level 5 (Ngā Mahi ā te Whare Pora)

Kaiako: Erin Rauna

Jacklyn Cameron
Vicki Hiha
Margie Hohepa
Maggie Riki
Mona Smith-Tuhou
Lewis Whaitiri

Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art Level 4 (Ngā Mahi ā te Whare Pora)

Kaiako: Talei Teariki

Donnella-Jane Horo
Phylis Shaw
Celia Sherwin
Amiria Te Rito

Toi Paematua – Diploma in Māori and Indigenous Art Level 5 (Ngā Mahi ā te Whare Pora)

Kaiako: Talei Teariki

Sarah Atkins
Kahlia-Alyse Eade
Glory Ehau-Taumaunu
Isabel Haenga
Erana Keelan
Natalie Maaka
Corinne Norman
Kura Reedy
Natasha Stumpf
Teresa Tibble

Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art Level 4 (Whakairo)

Kaiako: Tiopira Rauna

Hama Campbell
Kahurangi Falaoa
Sam Hodge
Siegfried Jahnke
Paora Peipi

Toi Paematua – Diploma in Māori and Indigenous Art Level 5 (Whakairo)

Kaiako: Tiopira Rauna

Samuel Brown
Charles Mohi
Henry Tahuri



Te Reo Rangatira – Māori Language

Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pī Ka Pao)

Level 1 & 2

Kaiako: Irene Wynyard

Abigail Banks
Summer Battisti
Jolene Crawford
Vaughna Maurirere
Kimberley Robinson

Angela Awarau
Sheelagh Cox
Juliette Elliott
Donna-Maree Gan
Kodie Leef
Jessica McMillan
Amber Nikora
Joanne Quinn
Shannon Stafford
Sheree Stevens

Mathew Bannister
Lucas Campton
Abigail Douglas
Hailey Earnshaw
Jacqueline Kirikino
Maia Niwa-Apelu
Michaela Norman
Vanessa Robertson
Bridget Sparks
Rebecca Stumpf

Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pī Ka Rere)

Level 3 & 4

Kaiako: Stella Beach

Lily Morton
Adrian Peachey
Teri-Anne Peneha
Christine Swann
Kelly Swann-Ferris
Cleo Thorpe-Ngata

Ezra Bishop
Kirsten Brown
Rachel Cook
Tipi Gerrard
Evelyn Kennedy
Aquila Kohere
Tui Mua
Mikayla Nikora
Natalia Tahana
Rachael Tahana
Parekura Tupara
Doris Warren

Priscilla Beach
Tymera Beach
Stoni-Capri Beach-McRoberts
Sharelle Donaldson
Taina Gear
Jamie Grayndler-Cleeton
Janet Harvey
Jed Hocart-Saunders
Sade Mankelow
Temuera Mankelow
Barney McRoberts

Te Pūtaketanga o te Reo

Level 4

Kaiako: Lia Collins

Lisa Grace
Waven Hapi
Lucky Hawkins
Dardie Hughes
Erin Jones
Kelly McGrath
Larissa Meyer
Anna Nisbett
Patrick Pari
Mary Shepherd
Hayley Ward
Ernest White

Te Rōnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi

Level 5

Kaiako: Jolene Rangihaeata

Paige Arago-Kemp
Tracey Babbington-Maynard
Ian Donald Collier
Andrew Cranston
Kristal Dawn Dench
Kathryn Gale
Jamie Hutana
Roschelle Koia
Brooklyn Lyndon-Tonga
Frances Markowski
Pawel Markowski
Renee McDonald
Joanna McKay
Mitchell Purvis
Tessa Rangiwai
Charlie Ribbon
Tatiana Sands
Jasmine Sargent
Tere Tamanui
Amy Wright



Angitu – Māori and Indigenous Development

Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga Level 3

Kaiako: Angela Tibble

Jamie Cowell
Trei Crawford
Caren Fox
Diane Menzies
Diana Neru
Te-Kapua A-Rangi Paenga
Winifred Ruru
Ruby Spooner
Jo-Anna Tahuri
Desilee Walker

Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga Level 3

Kaiako: Mihi Aston

Clarice Alderdice
Aaliyah Aston
Alla Cameron
Vicki Flavell
Annie Karaka
Frank Kupenga
Rosemary Lamb
Dennis Malone
Wayne Morris
Tracy Orsler
Tamati Paul
Midge Te Kani

Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga Level 3

Kaiako: Midge Te Kani

Karen Albert
Joanne Cairns
Hoana Kaa
Mererangi Kaa
Teia Koopu
Stacey Maniapoto
Danielle Patuwai
Tania Rutene
Toni Rutene
Syndise Smith
Atli Shane Wainohu
Sharni Wainohu
Tina Wilson

Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga Level 3

Kaiako: Shannon Matenga

Bruce Campbell
Kacey Campbell
Kiwi Campbell
Lily Campbell
Richard Campbell
Diane Costain
Sylvina Hoepo
Turarii Kaitai
Deon Kemp
James Matenga
Lauryn Matenga
Ramania Matenga
Ranell Nikora
Hamish Pardoe
Jonann Pardoe
Anaeya Pardoe-Tucker
Chilay Pere
Leon Peri
Bowen Poihipi
Hinewaipounamu Rangihuna-Winikerei
Destiny Ripia
Rawiri Takao
Irene Takao
Hara Thomson
Gabriell Wainohu
Krystel Williams

Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga Level 3

Kaiako: Te Paea Whakatope

Airini Bird
Tarei Chadwick
Maria Chase
Elizabeth Isaac-Biddle
Hanham Lambert
Tasman Lawson
Judith Nia Nia
Dawn Paul
Edith Paul
Vicki Pickett
Froma Rakuraku
Douglas Ropiha
Eileen Rowlands
Theresa Thornton
Marlene Wamoana
Loui Whaanga-Spark
Helena Whakatope

Te Kunenga o te Ao Tikanga – NZ Certificate in Tikanga Level 4

Kaiako: Barney Tupara

Monsul Dewes-Tupara
Luke Edwards
Eden Edwards
Leonadine Grant
Jade Hawea
Angelina Hohepa
Kellann Kemp
Daiminn Kemp
Te Whetu Kerekere
Zair Kerekere
Lynn Kerekere
Sonya Nepe
Michelle Nepe
Michael Nepe
Maia Nepe
Norman Ngaira
Marlene Nikora
Awhina Paul
Bernadine Smiler
Whaea Smiler
Kim Tupara
Ngati Roka Tupara
Barney Tupara
Patrick Waihape
Marice Waihape

Te Kunenga o te Ao Tikanga – NZ Certificate in Tikanga Level 4

Kaiako: Gary Beach

Bobbie Beach
Katrina Brown
Kopuroa Hawaikirangi
Sheree Smith

Te Kunenga o te Ao Tikanga – NZ Certificate in Tikanga Level 4

Kaiako: Ngapaki Moetara

Andrea Barbarich
Ameria Beale
Paul Bird
Barbara Brightwell
Te Hurutea Hapi
Amanda Roe
Adam Rohe



Angitū – Māori and Indigenous Development

Te Kunenga o te Ao Tikanga

Level 4

Kaiako: Toni Lloyd

Aimee Barton
Rebecca Barton
Jamie Dallas
Riley Dallas
Sharon Dallas
Maria Heredia
Silvia Heredia
Harley Heredia Niwha
Jo-Ann Lloyd
Kim Lloyd
Priscilla Lloyd
Wade Lloyd
Geronimo Lomax
Abigail Norman
Dale Raihania
Wendy Rattenbury
Danielle Ruha
Paul Seymour
Hinemana Taukamo Lloyd
Alma Te Awe Awe
Lily Te Awe Awe
Te Hanuera Te Kupenga
Benjamin Tuahine
Anna Wilson
William Wilson
Sarah Wirth

Te Hapūtanga o te Ao Tikanga

Level 5

Kaiako: Pimia Wehi

Leanne Bailey
Audine Grace-Kutia
Megan Ruru
Sonya Stephens-Ruru
Nan Walden
Kania Worsley
Neta Worsley
Parekotuku Worsley

Te Hapūtanga o te Ao Tikanga

Level 5

Kaiako: Betty Keelan

Anahera Aorangi Bartlett
Jayden Bishop
Shirley Bishop
Lesley Hiku
Sylvia Karikari
Hiria Karikari
Ashley Keelan-Morris
Kotuku Keelan-Morris
Michelle Kemp
Aroha Morris
David Morris
Geraldine Morris
Marge Morris
Nicholas Morris
Rawiri Morris
Teo Morris
Josselle Tibble
Billie Toroa

Te Hapūtanga o te Ao Tikanga

Level 5

Kaiako: Tawa Paenga

Georgina Campbell
Mahora Edwards
Mary-Lou Edwards
Peter Hakiwai
Kararaina Hawkins
Meretaura Kara
Patricia Tangaroa
Te Oarani Wilson
Rata Wiremu



Waiata

He Hōnore

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

Nā Tāne

Nā Tāne i piki ake ki te Toi Ahurewa
Ki te tiki i ngā kete o te mātauranga
Ko te kete Tuauri
Ko te kete Tuatea
Ko te kete Aronui

Kātahi ka hora
Ki te Ao kikokiko
Ki te Ao hurihuri
Ki ō tātou tūpuna
Ka hao te taura
Herenga tāngata
Ko Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
Ko te kete Tuauri
Ko te kete Tuatea
Ko te kete Aronui

Kātahi ka hora
Ki te Ao kikokiko
Ki te Ao hurihuri
Ki ō tātou tūpuna
Ka hao te taura
Herenga tāngata
Ko Te Kupenga o te Mātauranga
Ko Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
Ko 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
Ā 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





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