



# He Puāwaitanga

Whirikoka  
Classes of 2025





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**Te Wānanga  
o Aotearoa**

# Mihi from Te Kura Toroa Chief Executive Officer



*Tuia te rangi e tū nei*

*Tuia te papa e takoto nei*

*Ka rongō te pō, ka rongō te ao*

*Tuia te muka tangata*

*I takea mai i Hawaiki Nui*

*I Hawaiki Roa*

*I Hawaiki Pāmamao, te hono-i-wairua*

*Ki te whaiao, ki te ao mārama*

*Tihei mauri ora!*

E te karanga o te rā, tēnā koe.

## *He Puāwaitanga – A Time to Celebrate*

He Puāwaitanga is one of the most significant moments in the journey of our taura – a time to reflect on the challenges overcome, the knowledge gained, and the future that now lies ahead. It's a privilege to join you, your whānau, classmates, and kaiako in celebrating this incredible milestone.

He Puāwaitanga means 'to come to fruition', and represents not just the completion of your studies, but the growth and transformation you have experienced along the way. Today is a testament to your resilience, determination, and commitment to your goals. Whether your journey has taken months or years, you have persevered through challenges and emerged stronger. For that, we acknowledge and celebrate you.

We've long believed that education is transformative, and our vision, "He takapau mātauranga, he whānau huarewa—whānau transformation through education," speaks to the impact learning has beyond the individual. When one person succeeds, their whānau, hapū, and iwi benefit too. That's why your achievement today is not just yours alone—it's something to be shared and celebrated by all those who have supported you along the way.

At Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, our mission is simple: 'Kia angitu te taura – taura success'. Success means something different for each of you. For some, this tohu will open doors to new career opportunities. For others, it represents a pathway to empowering your whānau, marae, hapū, iwi, and wider community. No matter what success looks like to you, today is about recognising how far you've come and the possibilities that now await.

I encourage you to embrace the opportunities that come next. Continue striving for excellence, continue learning, and continue using your skills and knowledge to create positive change. This is not the end of your learning journey, but a stepping stone to whatever comes next. Education is lifelong, and we hope to see many of you return to learn with us again in the future. Wherever your path leads, know that you'll always be a valued part of our whānau.

Take pride in this moment, celebrate your success, and enjoy the recognition you have worked so hard for. We're all incredibly proud of you.

Ngā manaakitanga

**Evie O'Brien**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

# Whirikoka Graduation

## Ceremony

Wednesday, 10 June 2026

**Gisborne War Memorial Theatre**  
**159 Bright Street, Gisborne**

Registration | 8:30am

Ceremony | 9:30am

### Māhi ā-Rehe – Skills & Trades

Construction Trade Skills - Carpentry Level 3

### Te Tirohanga Māori – Māori Worldview

Te Whānautanga o te Ao Tikanga Level 6

Te Hapūtanga o te Ao Tikanga Level 5

Te Kunenga o te Ao Tikanga Level 4

Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga Level 3

Te Ao Māori Foundation Level 3

### Rātonga Papori – Community & Social Services

Manaaki Tāngata – Certificate in Bicultural

Social Services Level 4

### Toi – Māori & Indigenous Art

Toi Maruata – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art

(Toi Ataata) Level 3

Toi Paematua – Diploma in Māori and Indigenous Art

(Toi Ataata) Level 5

Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art

(Ngā Mahi ā te Whare Pora) Level 4

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(Māori Performing Arts) Level 5

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(Māori Performing Arts) Level 4

Toi Paematua – Diploma in Māori and Indigenous Art

(Whakairo) Level 5

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(Whakairo) Level 4

### Te Reo Māori – Māori Language

Te Pīnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 7

Te Aupikitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 6

Te Rōnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 5

Te Pūtaketanga o te Reo Level 3 & 4

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

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

### Hauora – Health & Wellbeing

Diploma in Rongoā Level 5

Certificate in Rongoā Level 4

Waiata Tautoko

Karakia Whakamutunga

*Light refreshments available for graduates,*

*whānau and friends*

## **Mahi ā-rehe** Skills & Trades

### **Construction Trade Skills - Carpentry Level 3**

**Kaiako:** Jonas Te Aho

Piripi Cleaver  
Levi Cleeton-Grayndler  
Eyziyah Gupwell  
Quentin Jamieson  
Te Hata Karaka  
Shekinah Karikari  
Bobby Lewis Brown  
Te Timatanga Papuni  
Issaac Robinson  
Benjamin Tuahine  
Bernadette Tupou  
Morena Byrne-Green

## **Te Tirohanga Māori** Māori Worldview

### **Te Whānautanga o te Ao Tikanga Level 6**

**Kaiako:** Gary Beach

Paige Arago-Kemp  
Derek Biddle  
Arthur Douglas  
Kopuroa Hawaikirangi  
Valentine Irwin  
Yolande Jooste  
Zimieel Jooste  
Anita Kawa Kawa  
Misty King  
Sean Parata  
Matu Patuwai  
Ripeka Ranguiaia  
Hinemoa Sidney  
Margaret Stephens  
Justin Tai  
Tere Tamanui  
Alexander Tausinga  
Wendy Vita  
Linda Wiseman

### **Te Hapūtanga o te Ao Tikanga Level 5**

**Kaiako:** Janine Te Reo

Katene Banks  
Stella Beach  
Jessie Berry  
Jason Castle  
Nova Chambers  
Lia Collins  
Diane Hunter  
Jaquilin Isaac-Iopa  
Alice Maukau-McPhee  
Te Aroha Moana  
Arahia Nepia  
Charbel Pearlless  
Irene Wynyard

### **Te Hapūtanga o te Ao Tikanga Level 5**

**Kaiako:** Alice Maukau-McPhee

Katrina Brown  
Petriece Hewitt  
Ereti Hewitt  
Michael Jones  
Marie Kiwara  
Emily Lit  
Zoe Lit  
Mihi Maukau  
Natana Maukau  
Thomas McPhee  
Diana Ming  
Hinepatokariki Namana  
Anna Nisbett  
Nohopani Peta  
Angela Raroa  
Lois Smiler  
Poihaere Taingahue  
Rhonda Te Awa  
Moreta Timu  
Memorees Tuhi  
Shelley Wharepapa

# Te Tirohanga Māori

## Māori Worldview

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### Te Hapūtanga o te Ao Tikanga Level 5

Kaiako: Barney Tupara

Iharaira Campbell  
Trevor Campbell  
Eden Edwards  
Luke Edwards  
Debbie Edwards  
Leonadine Grant  
Te Iwa O Aperira Hare  
Chakhan Hawea  
Jade Hawea  
Kellann Kemp  
Daiminn Kemp  
Kelly-Ann Kemp  
Winsome Kennedy  
Gemille Kennedy-Tupara  
Catherine Kerekere  
Aroha Kerekere  
Michael Nepe  
Michelle Nepe  
Maia Nepe  
Awhina Paul  
Whaea Smiler  
Bernadine Smiler  
Hinehou Smiler  
Patrick Waihape  
Marice Waihape

### Te Kunenga o te Ao Tikanga Level 4

Kaiako: Tawa Paenga

Tahui Crawford  
Materua Donnelly  
Ngarongo Eaton  
Mary-Lou Edwards  
Ani Garrett  
Nebular Grace  
Ariana Hinaki  
Karera Kiwi  
Nehu Marae Para  
Alice Rose Tamihere  
Elijah Tapine-Miller  
Katherine Tuhaka  
Gary Underdown  
Phillip Wawatai

### Te Kunenga o te Ao Tikanga Level 4

Kaiako: Toni Lloyd

Alex Akuhata  
Bina Akuhata-Brown  
Kataraina Allen  
Denise Beale  
Ashley Brown  
Carol Chan  
Chiemi Dobson  
Amber Graham  
Michaela Greaves  
Ashley Heredia Niwha  
Ihipera Heredia-Kuru  
Katiana Heredia-Niwha  
Gary Howse  
Dallas Kuru  
Wade Lloyd  
Katherine Lybrook  
Tamawheti Moana  
Janet Simpson  
William Te Runa

### Te Kunenga o te Ao Tikanga Level 4

Kaiako: Joel Storey

Zoe Burton  
Katie Cornwall  
Daniel Cornwall  
Kanisha Culshaw-Kaisa  
Alfred Garnham  
Tame Goldsack  
Jayson Gray  
Kauri Gray  
James Houkamau  
Luke How  
Janine How  
Apikara Huata Whaanga  
Trevor Mihaere  
Ina Mouat  
Michael Pickering  
Vicki Pickett  
Julie Anita Stevens  
Fulton Storey  
Dayle Storey  
Shayna Storey  
Dudley Storey  
Tobey Storey  
Roslyn Stuart  
Dean Thompson  
Morgan Waihaki

# **Te Tirohanga Māori**

## Māori Worldview

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### **Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga Level 3**

**Kaiako: Bronwyn Williams**

Matthew Bartlett  
Raewyn Cain  
Kushla Campbell  
Tamarlea Felgitscher  
Marianne Gillies  
Lalita King  
Saneha King  
Darryl Kora  
Melanie Maaka  
Greer Mackay  
Aniwaniwa Maniapoto-Tapp  
Elizabeth McLeod  
B-Jay Moeke  
Raewyn O'Connor  
Guy Pakai  
Joanne Poki  
Abbie Simmons  
Te Ataarangi Waaka  
Phoebe Waho  
Tai Williams  
Oralee Williams  
Paikea Williams-Weke  
Ngaru Williams-Weke

### **Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga Level 3**

**Kaiako: Pele Paenga**

Lee Dethier  
Richelle Edwards  
Katerina Edwards-Hei  
Taina Keelan Wyllie  
Maligi Maligi  
Jacqueline Paenga  
Ahipene Paenga  
Heavyn Rangihuna  
Lavelle Rangihuna  
Ne Yo-Lorry Rangihuna  
Te'Shon Rangihuna  
Onyx-Breeze Reedy  
Brooke Reedy-Dixon  
Joanne Ropitini  
Pandora Runga  
Te Kuiti Stewart  
Houston Stewart  
Ishell-Kathleen Taria  
Hayley Te Aho  
Mikaera Te Aho Heemi  
Dannyl Thrower  
Tiaki-Moelani Tureia-Siataga  
Taryne Wallace  
Reihana Wyllie  
Kelly Wyllie

### **Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga Level 3**

**Kaiako: Ngapaki Moetara**

Abby Collier  
Monika Fraider  
Claire Gear  
Alana Haenga-O'Brien  
Tiowaana Harrington  
Omahia Harrington  
Te Aorangi Harrington  
Rose Heta  
Ana Lopez Vargas  
Joanna McKay  
Pele Paenga  
Omanaia Para  
Analese Ruru  
Komako-Aroha Silver  
Whetu-Iti Silver  
Christine Taare  
Mere Mere Takoko  
Chance Tupaea  
Anthony Tupaea  
Amanda Waitai

## **Te Tirohanga Māori** Māori Worldview

## **Rātonga Pāpori** Community & Social Services

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### **Te Ao Māori Foundation** **Level 3**

**Kaiako: Bronwyn Williams**

Raewyn Cain  
Leonie Cheffers  
Karen Finch  
Marianne Gillies  
Jazz-Kere Laga'aia  
Greer Mackay  
Aniwaniwa Maniapoto-Tapp  
Dorothy Mareroa  
Elizabeth McLeod  
Lybian Moeke  
Guy Pakai  
Joanne Poki  
Jahmal Raroa  
Dean Te Are  
Tahjonelle Topia  
Te Ataarangi Waaka  
Phoebe Waho  
Tai Williams  
Paikea Williams-Weke  
Ngaru Williams-Weke

### **Manaaki Tāngata -** **Certificate in Bicultural** **Social Services** **Level 4**

**Kaiako: Taika Kennedy**

Sharon Brown  
Allison Chambers  
Alex McClutchie  
Kaylah Mua  
Alyssa Ruruku  
Travis Tawera  
Manaia Watene  
Kirby Wimutu  
Sheila Wiparata

# Toi

## Māori & Indigenous Art

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### **Toi Maruata – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art (Toi Ataata) Level 3**

Kaiako: John Moetara

Shannon Harris  
Jacqueline Kay  
Tanya Kerr  
Maiko Lewis-Whaanga  
Neil Robinson  
Kenzie Sampson  
Johnathan Thatcher  
Justine Ward

### **Toi Paematua – Diploma in Māori & Indigenous Art (Toi Ataata) Level 5**

Kaiako: John Moetara

Emma Keith  
Rebecca Melville  
Christine Moetara  
Kiana Niwa-Apelu  
Joanna Pepuere  
Kerry Procter

### **Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art (Ngā Mahi ā Te Whare Pora) Level 4**

Kaiako: Erin Rauna

Shirley Bishop  
Isaac Crawford  
Angela Daish  
Waiarani Eruera  
Leeana Galloway  
Anita Hartshorne  
Chandra Hood  
Nerida Johnstone  
Bella Kaa  
George Karauria  
Stephanie Pohe  
Huia Potae  
Avon Seymour  
Melanie Tahata  
Margaret Whaitiri  
Nanette Wilkinson

### **Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art (Ngā Mahi ā Te Whare Pora) Level 4**

Kaiako: Talei Teariki

Mereana Leaf  
Rebecca Waihape  
Moana Naera  
Lucy Probyn-Shingles  
Jhaymean Terekia  
Samantha Thompson

### **Toi Paematua – Diploma in Māori & Indigenous Art (Māori Performing Arts) Level 5**

Kaiako: Taina Keelan

Lenora Chivers  
Terimoana Gilgen  
Ebony Hale  
Rigante Keelan  
Paquin King-Otene  
Lydia Ohuka  
Michael Shanks

### **Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art (Māori Performing Arts) Level 4**

Kaiako: Taina Keelan

Harrison Brown  
Tirawhanaunga Johnson  
Taughrian Keelan  
Michelle King  
Jamey Kutia  
Ben Maurirere  
Tanya Mitcalfe  
Sophia Ohuka  
Rachael Ormsby  
Jade Tardieu  
Joseph Te Kahu  
Canyon Toroa-Garrett  
Pietro Zamel Behar

# **Te Reo Māori**

## Māori Language

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### **Toi Paemataua – Diploma in Māori & Indigenous Art (Whakairo) Level 5**

**Kaiako:** Tiopira Rauna

Rajesh Irving  
Samuel Kingi  
Sacha Nunn  
Jonathan Paea  
Gregory Roach  
Kahurangi Su  
Joshua Trueman  
Dwayne Turei  
Perran Vermunt  
Patrick Wana

### **Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art (Whakairo) Level 4**

**Kaiako:** Eru Brown

Karaitiana Akroyd  
Ashley Asher  
Huia Edmonds  
Hemi Kara  
Kris Kopua  
Nathaniel Nathan  
Levi Soto  
Rangimarie Te Pou

### **Te Pinakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 7**

**Kaiako:** Mataia Keepa

Kiriana Bird  
Lee Grace  
Taina McClutchie  
Keenan O'Brien  
Tahua Pihema  
Mitchell Purvis

### **Te Aupikitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 6**

**Kaiako:** Oriwia Spooner

America Beale  
Sharlene Kapa  
Lisa Maniapoto  
Vitu Razera Crispim  
Sonny Te Pairi

### **Te Rōnakitanga ki te Reo Kairangi Level 5**

**Kaiako:** Lia Collins

Chantelle Chaffey  
Ana Devery  
Kaye Fairlie  
Martin Hiha  
Pauline Hill  
Robert Hill  
Corinne Norman  
Michaela Norman  
Aroha Peri  
Materoa Porter  
Zanda Ryder  
Petrina Williams

### **Te Pūtaketanga o te Reo Level 3 & 4**

**Kaiako:** Mereono Rangihaeata

Tania Bartlett  
Sommer Fleming  
Geraldine Fleming  
Jacqueline Hitaua-Broughton  
Koryn Kahaki  
Fontaine Maxwell  
Macella Pakuria  
Christopher Sadler  
Kim Semmens  
Christopher Semmens  
Horiana Winterburn

# Te Reo Māori

## Māori Language

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

Kaiako: Irene Wynyard

#### Monday AM

Hinemoa Nikora  
Doreen Fenton  
Rapiata Ria  
Barnard Huriwai  
Georgette Ogilvy  
Kelly Tamatea  
Taylah Pragnell  
Anna Tolich  
Angela Fletcher  
Max Neustroski  
K'Larose Smith  
Justeen Taurima

#### Monday PM

Tracy Kingi  
Sean Scanlen  
Huia Phillips  
Krystal Phillips  
Shannon Hiraka  
Bronwyn Davies  
Maia Rohe

#### Tuesday AM

Rameka Wynyard  
Janine Whatuira  
Tina Whaitiri  
Nadia Wilson  
Rona Pakuria  
Abigail Banks  
Jeremy Raymond  
Phoebe Riddell  
Hilda Beets  
Rachel Malone  
Kerianne Smith  
Anne Roberts  
Brendan Hiini

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

**Kaiako: Stella Beach**

**Monday AM**

Susanna Campbell  
Pania Lawrence  
Sade Mankelow  
Marise Matenga  
Raymond Purewa  
Te Aroha Smith  
Michele Takiwa  
Reneei Te Rauna  
Delta Te Rauna

**Monday PM**

Jade Karlene Aupouri  
Rebekah Bottrill  
Julie-Ann Ebdale  
Donna Gordon  
Hana Hardy  
Elizabeth Herbert  
Ami Hokianga  
Matt McKone  
Nicole Nepe  
Sonya Nepe  
Miah Nikora  
Christine Northover  
Courtney Onekawa  
Glen Rangihuna-Atkins  
Ashley Ratima  
Alan Rauna  
Annanoeline Te Kahu  
Daniel Thorpe  
Jayne Wyllie

**Tuesday AM**

Crystal Kohunui  
Thomas McPhee  
Ariana Noble

**Diploma in Rongoā**  
**Level 5**

**Kaiako: Clinton Walker**

Kathleen Haenga Biddle  
Ripeka Huata  
Aquila Kohere  
Maia Niwa-Apelu  
Jenna Paku  
Rebecca Parr  
Kristabel Rare  
Amanda Roe

**Certificate in Rongoā**  
**Level 4**

**Kaiako: Jodie Reid**

Narene Chaffey  
Alexandra Christie  
Amber D'Arcy  
Kahurangi-Sky Delamere  
Aana-Kiri Donnelly  
Ngarita Haenga- Parata  
Alma Hume  
Te Whetu Kerekere  
Keita Morgan  
Karen Newman  
Teressa Niwha  
Albie Raihania  
Tarryn Reid  
Kamaia Rigby  
Rawinia Ruru  
Stevie Te Huia-Rehua  
Tia Woods

# Kohinga Waiata

## 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 oranga

## 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 tīpuna  
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 tīpuna  
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  
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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