

A close-up photograph of several brown feathers with intricate patterns, set against a dark background. The feathers are the central focus, with their fine barbs clearly visible. At the bottom of the image, there is a decorative horizontal border consisting of a series of white, stylized, overlapping arches.

He Puāwaitanga

Tāmaki Makaurau

Classes of 2025



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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 tauira – 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 tauira – tauira 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

Tāmaki Makaurau

Ceremony Details

Auckland

23 - 24 March 2026

Ngā Tohu o Uenuku - Māngere Arts Centre

Corner Bader Drive and Orly Avenue,
Māngere,
Auckland

Monday 23 March 2026

Ngā Poutoko Whakarara Oranga - Bachelor of Bicultural Social Work Level 7

2pm Entrance of Graduands
 Opening Karakia
 Mihimihi
 Welcome from Te Kura Toroa
 Uenuku Tāwhana Rangi - Graduate Reflections

2:30pm Te Kī Taurangi - Reading of Oath
 Presentation of Tohu/Certificates

5pm Karakia Whakamutunga

He Korowai Ākonga - Bachelor of Education (Primary Teaching) Level 7

7pm Entrance of Graduands
 Opening Karakia
 Mihimihi
 Welcome from Te Kura Toroa
 Uenuku Tāwhana Rangi - Graduate Reflections

7:30pm Te Kī Taurangi - Reading of Oath
 Presentation of Tohu/Certificates

9pm Karakia Whakamutunga

**All ceremonies - Light refreshments available for graduates, whānau and guests*

Tāmaki Makaurau

Ceremony Details

Tuesday 24 March 2026

Kaitiakitanga - Postgraduate Diploma in Bicultural Professional Supervision Level 8

2pm Entrance of Graduands
Opening Karakia
Mihimihi
Welcome from Te Kura Toroa
Uenuku Tāwhana Rangi - Graduate Reflections

2:30pm Te Kī Taurangi - Reading of Oath
Presentation of Tohu/Certificates

5pm Karakia Whakamutunga

He Waka Hiringa - Master of Applied Indigenous Knowledge Level 9

7pm Entrance of Graduands
Opening Karakia
Mihimihi
Welcome from Te Kura Toroa
Uenuku Tāwhana Rangi - Graduate Reflections

7:30pm Te Kī Taurangi - Reading of Oath
Presentation of Tohu/Certificates

9pm Karakia Whakamutunga

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Ratonga Pāpori Community & Social Services

Te Tirohanga Māori Māori Worldview

Kaitiakitanga - Postgraduate Diploma in Bicultural Professional Supervision Level 8

Kaiako: Dr Helena Tauau-Filisi & Edith Tatana

Amelia Halakiumata Ofahengaue
Aroha Puti Ruka
Axana Uwimana
Caleb Samuel Phillips
Charmain Angela Maria Williams
Charmien O'Farrell Grace Rare-Tamatea
Cyndi Moana Kohunui
Darlene Anne Clark
Emily Henderson
Gina Renee Tauwi Walker
Hine Smith
Iritana Rose Davis
Jodelle Jane Leatham
John Keremete Tito
Kanaehana Ngaire-Lyn Taiaroa
Kanaehana Tamangarangi Taiaroa
Louise Ngaire Heke
Martha Gail Kilgour
Maxine Tomokia te iwi ngaro Paku
Miami Hohepa Taiaroa
Ria Jeanine Akuhata
Rickie Jordan Saua
Sarah Harrietta Tito
Tania Marie Morunga
Temukisa Tanoai
Theresa Fa'afiu Morgan
Tina Marie Peel
Vika Marie Filikitonga
Yohanan Thomas Theodore
Zechariah Viane Angareu Fuga

He Waka Hiringa - Master of Applied Indigenous Knowledge Level 9

Kaiako: Dr. Agnes McFarland

Alisi Tatafu
Crystal Romina Kire
Daniel Tepai Tamatoa Kelly
Elizabeth Fiona June Edmonds
Emily Anne Hineuwira Dakin
Felicity Jane Whare
Grace Arohanui Taniora
Hazel Maureen Hape
Herman Walter Arp
Holly Kaye Maree Hill
Jahna Lusina Fiu
Jessica Naomi Bird
Katarina Lefale
Kristel Michelle Kataraina Albert
Leah Strickland
Nellie Wetere
Norma Janie Cash
Rosemarie Lee Whero Eketone-Williamson
Sheryl Jerrie Tomas
Sue-Anne Huxtable
Swedelia Barbra Taivairanga
Tracey Hall
Trieste Louise Ihaka
Vasemaca Rosemary Ema Tavola
William Maka John Puirī
William Wallace Puhiraata Kereama
Zola Benioni



Teaching dream becomes reality for resilient South Auckland mum

Tangi Katoa | Taurira

Tongan-born Tangi Katoa grew up watching her mum, Lineni Paea, teach, instilling in her a love of education and a passion for teaching.

In 1996, Lineni received a scholarship to further her studies at the University of Auckland, which led to Tangi coming to New Zealand and witnessing her mum teach in a new environment.

Throughout her life, Tangi held onto her dream of becoming a teacher despite setbacks and challenges that arose during her He Korowai Akonga, Bachelor of Education (Primary Teaching) degree.

Her journey toward becoming a teacher began at the Māngere campus of Te Wānanga o Aotearoa in 2007. After falling pregnant in 2008 and becoming a single mother, Tangi put her studies on hold to raise her young whānau with the support of her grandmother.

“When my grandma passed away in 2018, I felt like I failed her. I couldn’t give back to her after all the sacrifices she made, helping me raise my 3 kids. So, in 2019, towards the end of the year, I re-enrolled,” she says.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Tangi took a break in her second year but returned in 2022, completing her degree in 2023.

“Getting my degree was a long journey, but I did it. The cherry on top is that I’m now working with my mum at the same school, and she’s my biggest support. My kids are able to see that anything is possible.”

The support that Tangi received from her kaiako after returning to study helped make all the difference. She spoke highly of the kaimahi at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and explained how they weren’t just focused on how her learning was tracking; they took the time to learn about her story and her whānau background.

As a single mum of 3, Tangi valued the whānau-friendly environment at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and is grateful her current career path allows her to continue having a good work-life balance.

“In this career, you still get time to spend with your family, and family is very important. That’s the beauty of this job; I get to be a mum, and I get to be a teacher.”

Tangi’s advice to others considering a career in teaching is clear, “It’s never too late to go back and study. If I can do it twice, then anything is possible. Find your why and just keep going.”

“If you want to study at a place where your values are accepted and it’s family orientated, Te Wānanga Aotearoa is the place to be.”

Ratonga Pāpori **Community &** **Social Services**

Ako **Education**

Ngā Poutoko Whakarara Oranga - **Bachelor of Bicultural Social Work** **Level 7**

Kaiako: Dr Elias Martis & Nguyet Dang

Adelle Candace Fia Nai Pepese
Anamaraea Era Marama Rauwhero Pera
Asekona
Cathleen Martha Eliezera Mataio
Caydarus Osman Mohamed
Charles Barkley Ratu
Charmaine Tino Angareu
Cherie Marama Nepia
Chevelle Riarn Hauraki
Christian Jean-Tovo 'Okusitino Tupou
Dorothy Jonalena Pihema
Fipe Julie Lilomaiaava
Hine-A-Rangi Mary Savieti
Isabelle Arihia Nicholas
Jacinta Jade Bernadette Neli
Jagdeep Kaur Sarai
Jiuria Raijeli Mario
Kalolaine Siale Manako
Karina Verdia Morales
Kylie Pearl Pene
Leilini Taufu
Malia Falanesi Taliai
Malia Mahe Opeti-Finau
Maria Haurua
Marthina-Doloras Nathan
Mary Grace Dela Cruz Calisanga
Maureen Katrina Britten
Ngamiro Tauhanga Walker
Patricia Ann Walker
Petelo Fatu Leituva
Praveena Raj Singh
Rahia Josephine Mohi Makamaka
Ruaau Apainao Wilding
Sean Te Kahuroa Hepburn
Seini Kalonihea
Sela Margeret Angus
Teo Vir Dolino Samodal
Tutai Tina George
Vainetutai Glassie
Victoria Vienna Martha May Molia

He Korowai Ākonga: Bachelor of Education **(Primary Teaching)** **Level 7**

Kaiako: Salote Panapa, Katherine Harvey & Serenity Reti-Huch

Alazae Calo Te-Ao Marama Maiava Tuiono
Alilia Lilio Taufu
Metua Ravarua
Nimai Fraser-Eccleston
Tayla-Marie Takawe

Kohinga Waiata

Tama Ngākau Mārie

Tama ngākau mārie
Tama a te Atua
Tēnei tonū mātou
Arohaina mai

Murua ra ngā hara
Wetekina mai
Ēnei here kino
Whakararu nei

Whakaaria Mai

Whakaaria mai tō rīpeka ki a au
Tīaho mai rā roto i te pō
Hei konā au tītiro atu ai
Ora mate hei au koe noho ai
(Repeat)

Ko te Whaea (Ka waiata ki a Maria)

Ka waiata ki a Maria
Hine i whakaae
Whakameatia mai
Te whare tāngata
Hine pūrotu
Hine ngākau
Hine rangimārie
Ko te whaea
Ko te whaea
O te ao

Mā te Mārie

Mā te mārie a te Atua
Tama wairua tapu hoki
Me ngā anahera pono
Tātou katoa e tiaki

Mā te māngai pono hoki
Tātou katoa e ārahi
Ki te pono, ki te tika
Ki te toronā o Ihowa
Amine

Homai to poho

Homai to poho
Hei piringa
To poho hei piringa
Homai to kiri
Kia rongo atu
To kiri kia rongo atu
Homai o kupu
Kia korero
O kupu kia korero

Karakia Whakamutunga

Kia tau, ki a tātou katoa
Te atawhai o tō tātou ariki a Ihu Karaiti
Me te aroha o te Atua
Me te whiwhingatahitanga
Ki te Wairua Tapu
Ake, ake, ake
Āmine

He Hōnore

He hōnore, he korōria,
maungārongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro pai e ki ngā tāngata katoa
Ake ake, ake ake, Amine
Te Atua, te piringa, tōku orange

Ka poipoia

Ka poipoia ahau i te po marino e
te korowai o te atua o taku whare okioki

Tērā ngā whetu korikoriko te marama tae ahoaho
hei hoa mōkū i te poho o taku whare okioki
Te kapua i te ikaroa mōkū mo aku takahanga
hei hoa mōkū i te poho o taku whare okioki

Ngā whakamoemiti

Ngā whakamoemiti
whakawhētai e Ihu e
mo ou manaakitanga
Ki te iwi e tau nei
Ko koe te piringa
Ka puta ki te oranga
e te Ariki, Pai mārere

Te Aroha

Te Aroha
Te whakapono
Me te rangimārie
Tātou tātou e

E toru ngā mea

E toru ngā mea Ngā mea nunui “echo”
E kī ana “echo”
Te paipera “echo”
Tumanako “echo”
To poho hei piringa Whakapono “echo”
ko te mea nui
Ko te Aroha

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