

A close-up photograph of brown feathers with white text overlaid. The feathers are detailed and layered, with some showing a lighter, almost white, pattern. The background is dark and out of focus.

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

Toi Paematua – Diploma in Māori and Indigenous Art

(Māori Performing Arts) Level 5

Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art

(Māori Performing Arts) Level 4

Toi Paematua – Diploma in Māori and Indigenous Art

(Whakairo) Level 5

Kāwai Raupapa – Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art

(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

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

Te Whāinga o te Ao Tikanga Level 3

Kaiako: Bronwyn Williams

Matthew Bartlett
Raewyn Cain
Kushla Campbell
Tanmarlea 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

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: Taiki Kennedy

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

Toi

Māori & Indigenous Art

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 Paemataua – 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 Paemataua – 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

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 Pīnakitanga 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

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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