

LINK UP

TE WHAKAHONONGA
CONNECTING
TE KURA STUDENTS

 Te Kura

E WHAKAHONO ANA I NGĀ
ĀKONGA O TE KURA ME Ō
RĀTOU WHĀNAU, HAPORI HOKI



KO TĀ MIKE KŌRERO

*He hono tangata e kore e motu;
ka pa he taura waka e motu.*

Unlike a canoe rope, a human bond cannot be severed.

Reading this edition of *Link Up – Te Whakahononga* has been a bittersweet moment for me, as soon I will be retiring from my role as Chief Executive at Te Kura. Over the past 17 years, I've met and worked with many wonderful people in our Te Kura whānau and heard many inspirational stories. I know I will take these fond memories, connections, and friendships with me as I move forward.

I've also recently had the privilege of watching many of our ākonga take their next steps in their learning journeys. In December, we continued our long-standing tradition of honouring ākonga efforts and achievements by showcasing our annual prizewinners during ceremonies across the regions.

Our prizewinners exemplify the core values such as care, collaboration, and curiosity, that underpin Te Ara Pounamu, our local curriculum.

Te Ara Pounamu is the conceptual framework that guides learning design at Te Kura, and comprises three interdependent elements:

- Ngā Mātāpono – the guiding philosophy and principles on which we base our decision-making
- Ngā Āheinga – skills, attitudes, dispositions and values for wellbeing and lifelong learning
- Ara Ako – diverse, personalised contexts for active learning.



One key principle of Te Ara Pounamu is *whakawhanaungatanga* – honouring mutually respectful relationships that strengthen everyone.

Whakawhanaungatanga is embedded throughout learning design and delivery at Te Kura, but is immediately apparent in He Whai Taumaruru – Leaving to Learn, an active learning context that promotes connections with the wider community and supports emerging interests and career pathways.

We know that building a strong support network can enable ākonga to plan and work towards their educational and personal goals. He Whai Taumaruru activities include spending time with whānau, volunteering, shadowing, attending courses, or participating in sporting and cultural activities.

For ākonga at secondary level, internships offer learning opportunities in formal workplaces, providing tangible opportunities to build relationships with local experts or mentors, explore relevant skills, and earn qualifications.

I am proud to celebrate our mahi in developing internship opportunities for our ākonga, who enthusiastically agree that learning truly happens everywhere!

Ngā manaakitanga

Mike Hollings

Chief Executive, Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu

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*Cover: Ākonga Tad Tapp reading Te Kura library
books with his brother Lachie*



 Te Kura
Te Kura o Te Kaitiaki

2022

Award
He tohu kairangi

Awarded to
Mihirangi Kohatu

for excellence in NCEA L2 Te Reo Māori
mō Te Reo Māori NCEA L2



Signature
Name of Recipient
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INA KŌRE RO
MOTUHAKE

FEATURE
STORIES

INTERNSHIPS GET THE THUMBS-UP FROM TE KURA ĀKONGA

For Northland ākonga (students), Zara and Jessica, tending a vegetable garden is part of the drill when they come to their Kaitaia huinga ako (advisory).

They've learned a lot about gardening in the past year, often receiving online advice from their kaiako (teacher) in Whangarei, who keeps up with how their vegetables are growing through a strategically placed laptop!

It's a facet of their learning Zara and Jessica particularly enjoy. They enthusiastically embrace Te Kura's He Whai Taumaruru – Leaving to Learn initiative and its core belief that learning is not confined just to a face-to-face classroom or an online lesson.

Their experience exemplifies that learning happens everywhere, and a key part of that is connecting with the local community.

Over the past 12 months Te Kura has placed a special emphasis on internships, with a focus on placing ākonga in shadowing and intern roles where they can continue their learning, gain experience and qualifications, and explore their career options.

Zara, who lives on a farm, is keen to have a career in farming, and her studies are all directed toward that.

'I'm enrolled in primary production, so I'm doing all the horticulture and agricultural subjects, which is really cool. I'm also doing an equine and agriculture course through [tertiary institution] Telford.'

Zara is lucky she is able to tap into expertise within her own family. She says her mother, who's a vet, is her mentor.

'For the shadowing, she has horses and can ride so I can learn off her, and because she's also a vet, I can learn lots about their care and looking after horses and stuff like that.'

Jessica is also interested in farming and did her internship on a farm where the owner was her mentor.

'He taught me everything, showed me how to do stuff and was there to support me the whole time as well. He told me it is really important to go to uni to get a job sort of higher up in farming, and encouraged me to work on skills that are transferable like time management, critical thinking, good attitude. Having a good attitude is probably the main skill and being positive.'

Internships at Te Kura are providing ākonga with not only a taster of different jobs and careers, but in many cases help them to gain confidence and belief in themselves.

Dakota has been doing a retail internship at a coffee shop, with one of the managers acting as her supervisor.

'She was really nice and patient with me because sometimes I don't listen too good. But she was really so patient which was good for me.'

Dakota says the work has also improved her people skills, helping her to be more open and articulate.



Te Kura ākonga Sam during his internship at a local car dealership



Te Kura ākonga Zara and Jessica tending their vegetable garden

'Before, I wasn't too big on people, but it helped me to be a bit more open and start conversations. That was a big step for me because I wasn't really into that kind of stuff.' Dakota has thrived on the flexibility, organising study around working.

'Usually I'm on day shifts, so I get the night to do whatever I need to do for schoolwork. And usually in summer, I'm doing night shift, so during the day, I'll wake up as early as I can – which is not that early – to do as much schoolwork as I can. Sometimes it isn't a lot, but it's the best I can do.'

In Auckland, ākonga Sam, who wants to be a mechanic, spent nine weeks in the workshop of a car dealership. Once a week he did an eight-hour shift where he learned the tools of the trade, under the supervision of the workshop manager, Stuart.

'I help out with services – I helped take out a gear box the other day, that was pretty interesting. I've been washing cars, getting instructed on how to use certain tools, doing a little bit of everything,' Sam says.

'It's shown me what it's like to be in a workshop and what you do on a day-to-day basis. What sorts of cars you might be working on, what problems you might be coming across. And it's been fun. I've really looked forward to coming in.'

Stuart says it's been a good experience for Sam and 'no drama' for the workshop.

'There's heaps of stuff for him to see and learn. He spends a day with each tech – doing light servicing, seeing what the boys do, getting a grounding, seeing what we do.'

'He's almost one of the team on a Wednesday – he's pretty hands on – he's comfortable in what he can do out there.'

Kaitaia ākonga Lucie has had one of the more unusual internships – sorting mussel spat, which is harvested from Ninety-Mile beach and used to seed mussel aquaculture farms throughout New Zealand.

She's appreciated being able to try out a wide range of activities at Te Kura.

'I've done an adventure course and that's when we went parasailing and learned about tourism, health and safety, and different sides of jobs and careers. And I did a bartending and barista course just for, like, options.

Instead of being at a desk, you actually go out and see for yourself if you like doing it. And, you know, instead of a teacher telling you what to do, you're out there doing it by yourself and learning and growing as a person.'

Dakota agrees.

'It was a good experience, and it was good to get me out of my shell. I really appreciate my boss and my teacher for helping me and encouraging me to do my best.'



Te Kura ākonga Lucie sorting mussel spat

TE KURA PRIZEWINNERS FOR 2022

Cross-school prizes

TCSPSA Dux Award for overall excellence in Year 13

Ko te taonga kairangi o te TCSPSA mō te kairangi tuatahi Tau 13

Dante Martin

Award for excellence in Dance by a senior student

He tohu kairangi mō Te Kanikani

George Shirley

Award for excellence in Kaupapa Māori

He tohu kairangi mō Te Kaupapa Māori

Sysquo Barton

Brian Francis Morrissey Prize for original work in Science or Mathematics

Ko te tohu whakamaharatanga ki ā Brian Francis Morrissey mō āna mahi tūturu mo te Pūtaiao me te Pāngarau

Kaitlyn Howard, Alexander Mackenzie, Fin Weth, Helene Mischewski

Joyce Cooper Memorial Prize for excellence in textiles and fashion design by a senior student

Ko te tohu whakamaharatanga ki a Joyce Cooper mō Ngā mahi Hoahoa Auaha

Lucy McGill

Language Prize for adult students for achievement, progress and enthusiasm in Languages

Ko te taonga mo ngā ākonga pakeke mō te whakatutuki, mō te whakawhanake, anō hoki ki ngā reo

Liz Cromarty

Learning Support Prize for significant achievement in supported learning of Life Skills in Years 11–13

Ko te taonga tautoko mō tana hiranga ki te tautoko i ngā akoranganui mō te oranga Y11–13

Bailey-Wayne White

Mansfield Prize Awarded to a teen parent who has made the most of the opportunity to continue their education

Ko te tohu Mansfield mō te mātua taiohi e whai ana i te pae tāwhiti o mātauranga kia tīna

Kaea Kahotea, Mya O'Brien, Pania Goss-Peters, Emma Cowley

Māori Achiever Award for a Māori student who has made the most improvement in their studies

Ko te tohu kairangi mō tētahi taurua Māori mō āna mahi Whanake

James Zambucka, Ruben Stockdale-Frost, Brooke Hereora, Keyana Hughes

Millicent Mason Prize for high literary ability in Year 11

Ko te taonga ā Millicent Mason mō āna mahi Ahurei Tau 11

Edie Moore

Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award
Te Huia Kaimanawa Wesling Macgregor

Prize for outstanding effort and achievement in the Gateway programme

He taonga aronga kairangi mō āna mahi aronui mō Ngā Pokenga Mahi

Paige Strode-Penny

Ruby Harris Prize for the Learning Support student who has raised the standard of his or her education by courage and perseverance

Ko te taonga ā Ruby Harris mō te taurua Akoranga Motuhake e whai ana i te pae tawhiti

Jezzar Koens-King, Montell Camping, Patrick Devine, Jakob Rudman, Tayla Singsam

Te Ara Pounamu Huinga ako Tohu for outstanding effort and achievement at huinga ako

He tohu aronga kairangi mō āna mahi aronui ki ngā huinga ako o Te Kōmata o Whaitake

Challiss Kalipatama-Tuakeu, Jesse Armstrong Phoebe Way-Keohane, Hayley Ellis, James Weston, Tangiwai Brown, Taylor McPherson Balazs Csizmadia

Te Ara Pounamu Tohu Whakamānawa for outstanding effort and achievement in Big Picture inquiry

He tohu aronga kairangi mō āna mahi aronui ki te rapunga o Te Kōmata o Whaitake

Zara Riddle, Hana Haenga-Baker, Huia Wesling Macgregor, Ruby Vincent, Noah Harries

Te Kura Achiever for dedication and commitment

Ko te tohu kairangi mō tētahi taurira mō āna mahi Manawanui

Connor Coulduck, Elle Uttley, Olivia Goodman, Emma de Lange, Prea Lewis

Te Kura Award for outstanding determination in overcoming difficulties

He tohu kairangi mō āna mahi Aronganui me te Manawanui

Madi Ferabend, Lillie Dunne, Christie Dunne, Malik Shehata, Isolda Rees-Stevenson, Julia Schumacher

Te Kura Overseas Award (Years 1–6) for general excellence and attitude to schoolwork for any student living overseas

He Tohu Tāwāhi (Tau 1–6) mō āna āhuatanga kairangi me te aro anō hoki āna mahi kura i a ia i tāwāhi

Aariyana Salman

Te Kura Overseas Award (Years 7–13) for general excellence and attitude to schoolwork for any student living overseas

He Tohu Tāwāhi (Tau 7–13) mō āna āhuatanga kairangi me te aro anō hoki āna mahi kura i a ia i tāwāhi

Alisha Barr

Te Kura Rural Award (Years 1–6) for general excellence and attitude to schoolwork for any students living in a remote area

He tohu kairangi (Tau 1–6) mō āna āhuatanga kairangi me te aro anō hoki ki āna mahi kura i a ia i tuawhenua

Manu McCarthy-Walsh, Yuri Aoki, Tom Cocks, Charlotte Taylor

Te Kura Rural Award (Years 7–13) for general excellence and attitude to schoolwork for any students living in a remote area

He tohu kairangi mō Tau (7–13) āna āhuatanga kairangi me te aro anō hoki ki āna mahi kura i a ia i tuawhenua

Te Rangitaupi Whau Whau, Frances Reynolds, Jessica Cocks, Amy Nilsson

SVA Top Volunteer Award

Andrew Barkus

The Willsher/Wood Prize for outstanding effort in Digital Technologies

Te Taonga Willsher/Wood mō āna mahi aronga kairangi mō Te Hangarau Mamatai

Tom Osman

Team Achiever Award for significant achievement in the rohe

Ko te tohu kairangi o te tīma mō āna mahi aronui i te rohe tonu

Grace Gundry, Aidan Ripley, Danielle Aiken, Rebecca Williamson, Jessica Quinlan, Rosie Phelvin, Ella Lambert, Sophie Wood, Beth Allwood, Samuel Bennet, Summer Hardy, Dylan Thomas, Fleur Lassale, Zhuoyi Hu, Mikaera Harley, Shannon Hill, Ava Douds-Napanoy, Emma Crow, Daniel du Toit, Edward Stichbury, Chevy Nowakowsky, Kayla Chapman, Andrew Barkus, Piper Henderson, Kiara Bercelli



Tianyi Mathur

Years 1–10 subject awards

Award for excellence in Design and Visual Communications in Years 7–10

He tohu kairangi mō ngā mahi Hoahoa me te Whakawhitihiti ataata Tau 7–10

Daniel Lewis

Janet McKenzie Memorial Prize for excellence in English Year 6

Ko te tohu whakamaharatanga ki a Janet McKenzie mō Te Reo Ingārihi Tau 6

Anna Viljoen

Award for excellence in English Year 6

He tohu aronga kairangi mō Te Reo Ingārihi Tau 6

Edward Stichbury

Award for excellence in English in Years 7–10

He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Ingārihi Tau 7–10

Delilah Roussel, Joseph Combe, Bridget Ellis, Matisse Crofskey, Saskia Tabb, Ethan Morgan Fraser Haenga, Prea Lewis

Award for excellence in Kaupapa Māori in Years 1–10

He tohu aronga kairangi mō Te Kaupapa Māori ngā Tau 1–10

Lincoln Heremaia

Award for excellence in Mathematics and Statistics in Years 7–10

He tohu kairangi mō Te Pāngarau me Te Tatauranga Tau 7–10

Lennox Holdaway, Kenan Altorah, Ethan Stichbury

Award for excellence in Science in Years 7–10

He tohu kairangi mō Pūtaiao Tau 7–10

James Weston

Award for excellence in Technology in Years 7–10

He tohu kairangi mō Hangarau Tau 7–10

Lux Harvey, Zyah Maclennan, Michael Ereata

Award for excellence in Te Reo Māori in Years 7–10

He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Māori Tau 7–10

Demi Gourlay, Kaelys Poipoi

Award for outstanding effort in the Arts in Years 7–10

He tohu aronga kairangi mō ngā Toi Tau 7–10

Sammie Whitlock, Nivaeh Skilling, Max Christensen-Cook, Aaliyah Mitchell

Award for outstanding effort in English in Years 1–6

He tohu aronga kairangi mō āna mahi aronga kairangi mō Te Reo Ingārihi Tau 1–6

Kenzie Jordan, Jurgen Tsai, Frank Spokes, Luca Troope, Max Taylor, Taj Lychettira, Ava Weavers, Jorja Hill, Alva John Puha, Lilliana Kitchener, Heidi Butson

Award for outstanding effort in e-learning in Years 1–6

He tohu aronga kairangi mō te Akonga Rorohiko Tau 1–6

Neriah Salman, Tobi Lyons

Award for outstanding effort in English in Years 7–10

He tohu aronga kairangi mō āna mahi mō Te Reo Ingārihi Tau 7–10

Shayden Camping-Gulliver, Mathilda Watterson, Bridget Ellis, Heeni Higgott, Thomas Boath, Jasper White, Nathan Van den Eng, Aaliyah Mitchell, Nivarah Meehan, Ethan Stichbury

Award for outstanding effort in Health and Physical Education in Years 7–10

He tohu aronga kairangi mō āna mahi Hākinakina me te Hauora Tau 7–10

Ethan Stichbury, Noah Prujean

Award for outstanding effort in Inquiry Learning in Years 1–6

He tohu aronga kairangi mō Te Uiuinga Akoranga Tau 1–6

Ryker Evanson, Hugo Turner, Jasper Randall Corkhill, Rosie Canning

Award for outstanding effort in learning an additional language in Years 7–10

He tohu aronga kairangi mō ana mahi rangatira ki te ako i tētahi atu Reo Tau 7–10

Fraser Haenga, George Sutherland Ethan Stichbury

Award for outstanding effort in Mathematics and Statistics in Years 1–6

He tohu aronga kairangi mō Te Pāngarau me Te Tatauranga Tau 1–6

Edward Stichbury, Nathan Yovich, Brian Lei Alex Broadhead, Tom Cocks, Oscar McEnergy-Lane

Award for outstanding effort in Mathematics and Statistics in Years 7–10
He tohu kairangi mō Te Pāngarau me Te Tatauranga Tau 7–10

Jayden Marsh, Bridget Ellis, Ryan Broadhead
 Mared Lewis, Asia Hughes, Ataahua Morris-Burton, Callum Kappely, Ariki Toa Browne
 Joseph Combe

Award for outstanding effort in Social Studies in Years 7–10
He tohu aronga kairangi mō Tikanga ā-iwi Tau 7–10

Jasmine Holmes, Lily Robotham,
 Zara Pickering

Award for outstanding effort in the Sciences in Years 7–10

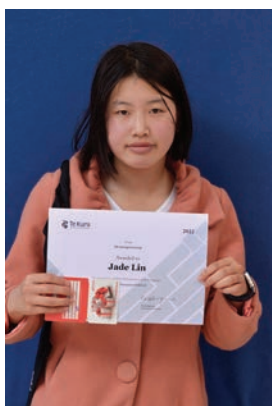
He tohu aronga kairangi mō Pūtaiao Tau 7–10
 Lennox Holdaway, Harry Turner, Michael Ereata

Award for outstanding effort in the Te Ara Hou programme

He tohu aronga kairangi mō Te Ara Hou
 Jodie Laurie, Sophie Wood,
 Lucy Cadwallader, Daniel Gray,
 Amaleigh Manktelow, Zachariah Reynolds, Zyah MacLennan, Coupar Sherwood,
 Felix Bartlett, Thomas Boath, Logan Scherp,
 Mikaera Harley, Asher Harley, Avalon Myer,
 Jaydah Franks, Callum Kappely, Stunna Leith,
 Vypa Leith, Alexander Mackenzie



Claudia Gregory



Jade Lin

NCEA subject awards

NCEA Level 1

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Accounting
He tohu kairangi mō Te Mahi Kaute NCEA L1
 Asha Dickson

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Agricultural and Horticultural Science
He tohu kairangi mō Te Ahumahi Matua NCEA L1
 Mya Brocket

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Biology
He tohu kairangi mō Koiora NCEA L1
 Will Lowry

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Business Studies
He tohu kairangi mō Te Mahi Pakihi NCEA L1
 Allie Senior

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Chemistry
He tohu kairangi mō Matū NCEA L1
 Josephine Reynolds

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Chinese as a second language
He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Hainamana NCEA L1
 Hope Huang

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Design and Visual Communication
He tohu kairangi mō Ngā mahi Hoahoa me te Whakawhitiwhiti ataata NCEA L1
 Sophia Dillon

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Digital Technology
He tohu kairangi mō Hangarau NCEA L1
 Azlan Khan

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 English
He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Ingārihi NCEA L1
 Edie Moore

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 French as a second language
He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Wīwī NCEA L1
 Alice Leader

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Geography
He tohu kairangi mō Mātai Matawhenua NCEA L1
 Will Lowry

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 German as a second language

He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Tiamana NCEA L1

Will McConnell

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Health Education

He tohu kairangi mō Te Hauora NCEA L1

Azlan Khan

Betty Guard Memorial Prize for excellence in NCEA L1 History

Ko te tohu whakamaharatanga ki a Betty Guard mō Ngā Kōrero Nehe NCEA L1

Petra Andrews

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Home Economics

He tohu kairangi mō Te Ōhanga NCEA L1

Keira Stewart

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Japanese as a second language

He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Hapanihi NCEA L1

Tianyi Mathur

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Legal Studies

He tohu kairangi mō Te Akoranga Taha Ture NCEA L1

Jadah Jonassen

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Mathematics and Statistics

He tohu kairangi mō Te Pāngarau me Te Tatauranga NCEA L1

Marwan Samy

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Media Studies

He tohu kairangi mō Te Mahi Pāpāho NCEA L1

Erike Hancock

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Music

He tohu kairangi mō Te Pūoro NCEA L1

Zak Klempel

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Pathways Education

He tohu kairangi mō Te Rapuara NCEA L1

Anna Tobin

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Physical Education

He tohu kairangi mō Te Hākinakina NCEA L1

Claire Fleming

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Physics

He tohu kairangi mō Ahupūngao NCEA L1

John Hoffman

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Pregnancy and Childcare

He tohu kairangi mō te Hapūtanga me te Tiaki Kōhungahunga

Amanda Kreisler

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Samoan

He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Hāmoa NCEA L1

Amaleila Tiatia

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Science

He tohu kairangi mō Pūtaiao NCEA L1

Jono Marshall

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Spanish as a second language

He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Pāniora NCEA L1

Isla Ryan-Henderson

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Te Reo Māori

He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Māori NCEA L1

Emily Humphrey

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Technology

He tohu kairangi mō Hangarau NCEA L1

Finn Jury

Award for excellence in NCEA L1 Visual Art

He tohu kairangi mō Toi Ataata NCEA L1

Kaylee Lafitte



Emily Humphrey



Andrew Barkus

NCEA Level 2

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Accounting
He tohu kairangi mō Te Mahi Kaute NCEA L2

Amelia Abernethy

Award for excellence in NCEA L2
Agricultural and Horticultural Science
He tohu kairangi mō Te Ahumahi Matua
NCEA L2

Esther Downs

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Art History
He tohu kairangi mō Toi Hītori NCEA L2

Oliver Meade

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Biology
He tohu kairangi mō Koiora NCEA L2

Amelie van Niekerk

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Business
Studies

He tohu kairangi mō Te Mahi Pakihi NCEA L2

Claudia Gregory

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Chemistry
He tohu kairangi mō Matū NCEA L2

Stella James

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Chinese as
a second language

He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Hainamana
NCEA L2

So Yeon Kim

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Classical
Studies

He tohu kairangi mō Te Whakaakoranga
Puāwaitanga NCEA L2

Olivia Boyd

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Design and
Visual Communication

He tohu kairangi mō Ngā mahi Hoahoa me te
Whakawhitiwhiti ataata NCEA L2

Anika McPhee

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Digital
Technology He tohu kairangi mō Hangarau
NCEA L2

Zara Geddes

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 English
He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Ingārihi NCEA L2

Niamh Trail

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 French as a
second language

He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Wīwī NCEA L2

Sifan Huang

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Geography
He tohu kairangi mō Mātai Matawhenua NCEA
L2

Tia Carden

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 German as a
second language

He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Tiamana NCEA L2

Antonia Towers

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Health
Education He tohu kairangi mō Te Hauora NCEA
L2

Kaia Hutchinson

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 History
He tohu kairangi mō Ngā Kōrero Nehe NCEA L2

Ella Broadley

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Home
Economics

He tohu kairangi mō Te Ōhanga NCEA L2

Riley Butler

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Japanese as a
second language

He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Hapanihi NCEA L2

Luna Duval

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Legal Studies
He tohu kairangi mō Te Akoranga Taha Ture
NCEA L2

McKayla Moody

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Mathematics
and Statistics

He tohu kairangi mō Te Pāngarau me Te
Tatauranga NCEA L2

Stella James

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Media Studies
He tohu kairangi mō Te Mahi Pāpāho NCEA L1

Blake de Bettencor

Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Music
He tohu kairangi mō Te Pūoro NCEA L2

Reuben Woodhead

**Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Pathways Education
He tohu kairangi mō Te Rapuara NCEA L2**

Ella Lambert

**Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Physical Education
He tohu kairangi mō Te Hākinakina NCEA L2**

Muireann Green

**Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Physics
He tohu kairangi mō Ahupūngao NCEA L2**

Kieran De Grey

**Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Samoan
He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Hāmoa NCEA L2**

Tai Mapuilesua

**Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Spanish as a second language
He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Pāniora NCEA L2**

Isla Smith

**Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Te Reo Māori
He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Māori NCEA L2**

Mihirangi Kohatu

**Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Technology
He tohu kairangi mō Hangarau NCEA L2**

Ailah Taring

**Award for excellence in NCEA L2 Visual Art
He tohu kairangi mō Toi Ataata NCEA L2**

Tia Carden



Tangiwai Brown



Amelia Abernethy

NCEA Level 3

**Jenny Armstrong Memorial Accounting Prize
for excellence in NCEA L3 Accounting**

**Ko te tohu whakamaharatanga ki a Jenny
Armstrong mō Te Mahi Kaute NCEA L3**

Oliver Cayley

**Award for excellence in NCEA L3
Agricultural and Horticultural Science
He tohu kairangi mō Te Ahumahi Matua
NCEA L3**

Lily Shortus

**Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Art History
He taonga kairangi mō Toi Hītori NCEA L3**

Sylvie Yee

**Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Biology
He taonga kairangi mō Koiora NCEA L3**

Taylor Foster

**Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Calculus
He taonga kairangi mō Te Tuanaki NCEA L3**

Cherub Helpful

**Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Chemistry
He taonga kairangi mō Matū NCEA L3**

Dante Martin

**Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Chinese as a
second language**

**He taonga kairangi mō Te Reo Hainamana
NCEA L3**

Jade Lin

**Judith Waugh Prize for excellence in NCEA
L3 Classical Studies**

**Ko te taonga ā Judith Waugh mō Te
Whakaakoranga Puāwaitanga NCEA L3**

Kayla Chapman

**Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Design and
Visual Communication**

**He taonga kairangi mō Ngā mahi Hoahoa me
te Whakawhitiwhiti ataata NCEA L3**

Isabela Dean

**Award for excellence in NCEA L3 Digital
Technology**

He tohu kairangi mō Hangarau NCEA L3

Tom Osman

**Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Economics
He taonga kairangi mō Ōhanga NCEA L3**

Dante Martin

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 English
He taonga kairangi mō Te Reo Ingārihi NCEA L3
 Fleur Lassale

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 French as a second language
He taonga kairangi mō Te Reo Wīwī NCEA L3
 Julie Bladinieres

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Geography
He taonga kairangi mō Mātai Matawhenua NCEA L3
 Isabella Whybro

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 German as a second language
He taonga kairangi mō Te Reo Tiamana NCEA L3
 Linn Herzig

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Health Education
He taonga kairangi mō Te Hauora NCEA L3
 Natasha Egen

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 History
He taonga kairangi mō Ngā Kōrero Nehe NCEA L3
 Joni Atkinson

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Home Economics
He taonga kairangi mō Te Ōhanga NCEA L3
 Anna Canegallo

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Japanese as a second language
He taonga kairangi mō Te Reo Hapanihi NCEA L3
 Rachel Johnson

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Legal Studies
He taonga kairangi mō Te Akoranga Taha Ture NCEA L3
 Kayla Chapman

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Mathematics
He taonga kairangi mō Te Pāngarau NCEA L3
 Dante Martin

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Media Studies
He taonga kairangi mō Te Mahi Pāpāho NCEA L3
 Liam Dixon

Judith Waugh Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Music
Ko te taonga ā Judith Waugh mō Te Pūoro NCEA L3
 Hannah Barnett

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Physical Education
He taonga kairangi mō Te Hākinakina NCEA L3
 Daisy Boon

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Physics
He taonga kairangi mō Ahupūngao NCEA L3
 Dante Martin

Award for excellence in NCEA L3 Samoan
He tohu kairangi mō Te Reo Hāmoa NCEA L3
 Atenai Tuugamusu

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Spanish as a second language
He taonga kairangi mō Te Reo Pāniora NCEA L3
 Katie Parkinson

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Statistics
He taonga kairangi mō Te Tatauranga NCEA L3
 Olivia Goodman

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Te Reo Māori
He taonga kairangi mō Te Reo Māori NCEA L3
 Karen Clark

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Technology
He taonga kairangi mō Hangarau NCEA L3
 Liam Walle

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Visual Art – Design
He taonga kairangi he tohu aronga kairangi mō te Toi Ataata NCEA L3–Hoahoa
 Regan Penning

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Visual Art – Painting
He taonga kairangi he tohu aronga kairangi mō te Toi Ataata NCEA L3 – Peita
 Olive Dean

Prize for excellence in NCEA L3 Visual Art – Photography
He taonga kairangi he tohu aronga kairangi mō te Toi Ataata NCEA L3 – Hopu Whakaahua
 Percy Martin

New Zealand Scholarship

Biology

Anja Thompson

Calculus

Philip Brand

Chemistry

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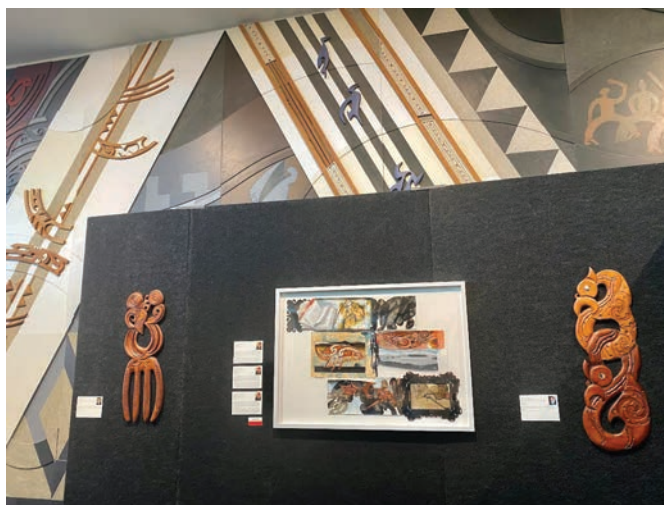
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Lucy McGill

NZQA RINGA TOI 2022 ART EXHIBITION

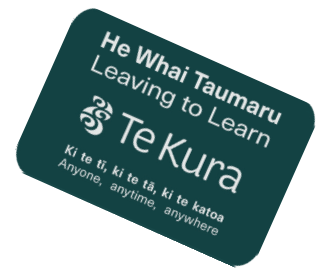
Congratulations to Te Kura ākonga (student) Olive Dean – her artwork received Highly Commended in Mixed Media at the annual NZQA Ringa Toi art exhibition. We published close-ups of the exhibited piece in the December 2022 issue of *Link Up Te Whakahononga*, but there is something special about viewing the full display! Ka mau te wehi!





NGĀ KŌRERO
Ā NGĀ ĀKONGA

STUDENT STORIES



WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA CONNECTIONS AT THE CENTRE OF ĀKONGA LEARNING

Popoia te kākano, kia pūawai ai – Nurture the seed so it will blossom

Ākonga (students) on Te Ara Kōhungahunga, our Te Kura early childhood programme, learn through whakawhanaungatanga – relationships with the people, places, and things closest to them.

Through reciprocal learning opportunities embedded in whānau routines, aspirations, interests, and cultural practices, ākonga develop a sense of who they are, an appreciation that their contributions are recognised and valued, and that they are capable, competent learners.

The following stories from our ākonga demonstrate these learning outcomes.



Learning along with Mum and Dad

'I've been out on the farm helping Mum and Dad over the summer. My brother Lachie and I like being part of the shearing gang, we are getting good at sweeping up and helping where we can. One day we mustered over 2500 ewes with the dogs. It took a long time, but at the end of the day I got to open my parcel of library books that were in the mailbox for me. I love getting books from Te Kura. I call them my "new books".'

– Tad Tapp (age 2)

Whānau voice: 'We are a busy farming family so the boys tag along for jobs every day. They learn so much on the farm and love being "helpful". We don't spend much time inside, but when we do Tad loves his Te Kura resources. It's been really neat to see his development and be able to talk it through with his great teachers. It's so nice to have someone so invested in him and keeping us on track. He's a wee bookworm so it's such a treat for him to receive new books in the mail.'



Awards at A&P Shows

Through their attendance at local A&P Shows, ākongā are celebrated by their community, developing their sense of mana whenua (belonging), and mana tangata (contribution) to the wider world around them.

Tilly Hardwick (age 3) and her whānau had a wonderful family day out at their local A&P Show. Tilly enjoyed a ride on a pretend horse and also getting to watch real horses with their riders doing jumps.

Her art creations looked amazing, and her ocean-themed decorated gumboot received a certificate! This is part of an ongoing sustainability focus Tilly and her whānau have been exploring with her Te Kura kaiako (teacher).

Hazel Syminton (age 3) and her pony Saffy entered different events at the South Westland A&P Show. They did a great job and were very successful, taking home lots of ribbons.

‘This was my second time at the show with Saffy. To get prepared, I rode Saffy lots, brushing her and cleaning her. I love my dress and the wings,’ says Hazel.

It was lots of fun. I love riding Saffy.’



Tilly with her certificate for gumboot decorating

Hazel and Saffy

***We are kaitiaki,
guardians of our whenua***

‘We have started going out with Dad to check the possum traps. We are learning about kaitiakitanga and how we can be kaitiaki, guardians of our whenua (land). We have learnt it is important to keep possum numbers low in the bush because they destroy our native trees by chewing/eating them.

We are also learning about earning and working for things we want. We sell the furs, and the money goes towards things that aren’t necessities, like shoes with wheels.’

– Hamuera, Elizabeth and Tawhaki Rangiahua (ages 5, 4 and 4)

Whānau voice: ‘We are sharing the importance of protecting our ngahere (forest). Lots of the trees that the possums like to eat are over 100 years old and need to be protected, because they are important to the ngahere. They are kaitiaki too, and by protecting them from the possums they will be there to be kaitiaki for future generations.’



***Popoia te kākano –
Nurturing the seed***

Braxton has recently had the opportunity to revisit prior experiences as the whole whānau works together in a sustained way, tending the garden through the seasons. He uses resources from Te Kura to support his gardening, frequently referring to the growth cycle of sunflowers.

These photographs show a commitment to holistic learning, fostering curiosity and perseverance. His family say they have been picking lettuce, spinach, strawberries and a few tomatoes, and that sweetcorn will be ready soon.

Alongside his whānau, Braxton has also been gathering resources such as wild seasonal fruit and seafood, encouraging healthy food and lifestyle choices.

– Braxton Hart (age 4)

Whānau voice: ‘Braxton has been a huge help getting our garden back up to speed! He loves planting seeds and watching them grow. He still refers back to what he learnt planting the sunflowers last year.’



Learning through work and play

'Our summer was mainly spent working on the farm and helping to clean up after rain events. We have been learning a lot about water, earth moving and the importance of culverts. Through our play, we have been exploring these concepts by making culverts in the sandpit and using water to see how they work.

We get lots of opportunities to learn alongside our extended family as our grandparents are on the farm too. We are supported to give new experiences a go, such as learning to shear.'

– Jack & Indy Bolger (age 3)

Whānau voice: 'We live on the family farm. Jack and Indy spend their time working on the farm alongside family members, learning through intergenerational experience and knowledge.'



SURF'S UP!

Our Te Kura Ōtautahi Young Adult crew share their latest adventures on the beach.

Alarms around Ōtautahi awaken a crew of intrepid Te Kura ākonga (students) in anticipation of a day surfing with SurfWise. Around the city, sleepy ākonga open curtains with visions of golden beaches, blue sea, and sunshine, to discover ... a threatening grey sky.

Yeah, but we're heading for beautiful Waikuku Beach, in the Waimakariri District north of Christchurch – perhaps it's better out there?

'Mōrena e hoa ... sending good vibes out here in hopes of some sunshine!' texts Tammi, our SurfWise leader for the day, quickly followed by, 'We'll set up a rain shelter just in case'.

But cold and rain don't deter our crew. We pile in the bus and hit the road, but the rain thickens as we leave the city.

'Loving the weather,' texts Troy Gordon, Te Wai Pounamu Regional Leader of Learning, who's following us in a car loaded with our barbeque gear. Cheeky!

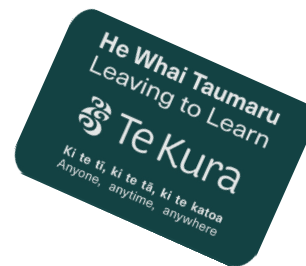
It might be cold, but we arrive to a warm welcome by Tammi and her team, and, as promised, there are shelters. Miraculously, the rain stops. First up is *whakawhanaungatanga* as we get to know each other and our special places – some of us live as far away as Te Tai Poutini, the West Coast.

Then it's time for the tricky business of getting into our borrowed wetsuits! Gear on, we select our surfboards and get down to learning our key surfing techniques and perfecting our pop-ups.

We're on fire, and after less than an hour of instruction, we are ready to graduate to the water. We hit the beach, and our instructors comment on the great cohesion and team culture within our rōpū.



First up, surf yoga to warm up for the challenge ahead, and learning to read the waves and sea conditions ...



Then it's time to put our surfing skills to the test. To be fair, the sea is pretty vigorous and brutal, yet we nail it! Crystal is surprised by how easy it is to surf, even though she has never tried before, and how supportive, encouraging and accepting everyone is.

'I found that my balance was much better than I had expected,' notes Natalie, another first-time surfer.

The surf becomes more and more unforgiving over the morning, pounding and dumping us. Yet every one of us sticks at it!

Bedraggled, but pumped with fun, we circle up at the end of the morning to reflect on the experience. Our instructors note how we have all thrown ourselves fully into the challenge and admire our tenacity in difficult conditions. With guided quiet time, we each reflect on the experience and what it means in our lives going forward.

A highlight is up next – lunch! We all pitch in to create burgers and salads to share, complemented by hot chips from the local store. And of course, as is a kiwi tradition, somehow the blokes gravitate to the barbeque ...

Tummies full, we chill out and try our hand at some harakeke weaving.

Our bus arrives. Wow! Where did the time go?! We had so many more things planned – oh well, we'll just have to come back, aye?! We wink and smile at Tammi.

'Love to have you back,' she says.

One final reflection circle completes the day where we all share something memorable: Surprise at what we achieved; kindness; connection; friendships; harakeke weaving; kai; courage; tenacity; mistakes are fine; worth the effort; and much more, including lessons we can apply to life.

'I can achieve anything I put my mind to,' Crystal shares when asked what she learnt about herself.

Natalie reflects, 'It was such a great experience, so I will be more likely to try new things and step out of my comfort zone in the future.'

'My favourite part about the SurfWise trip was getting to know other students. It was a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends through the team-building games.'





RAISING AWARENESS FOR WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Over the last few months, Te Kura ākonga (student) Luka Willems has been busy raising awareness for World Down Syndrome Day (WDS).

WDS is celebrated annually on 21 March (21/3), to signify the uniqueness of the triplication – called trisomy – of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome.

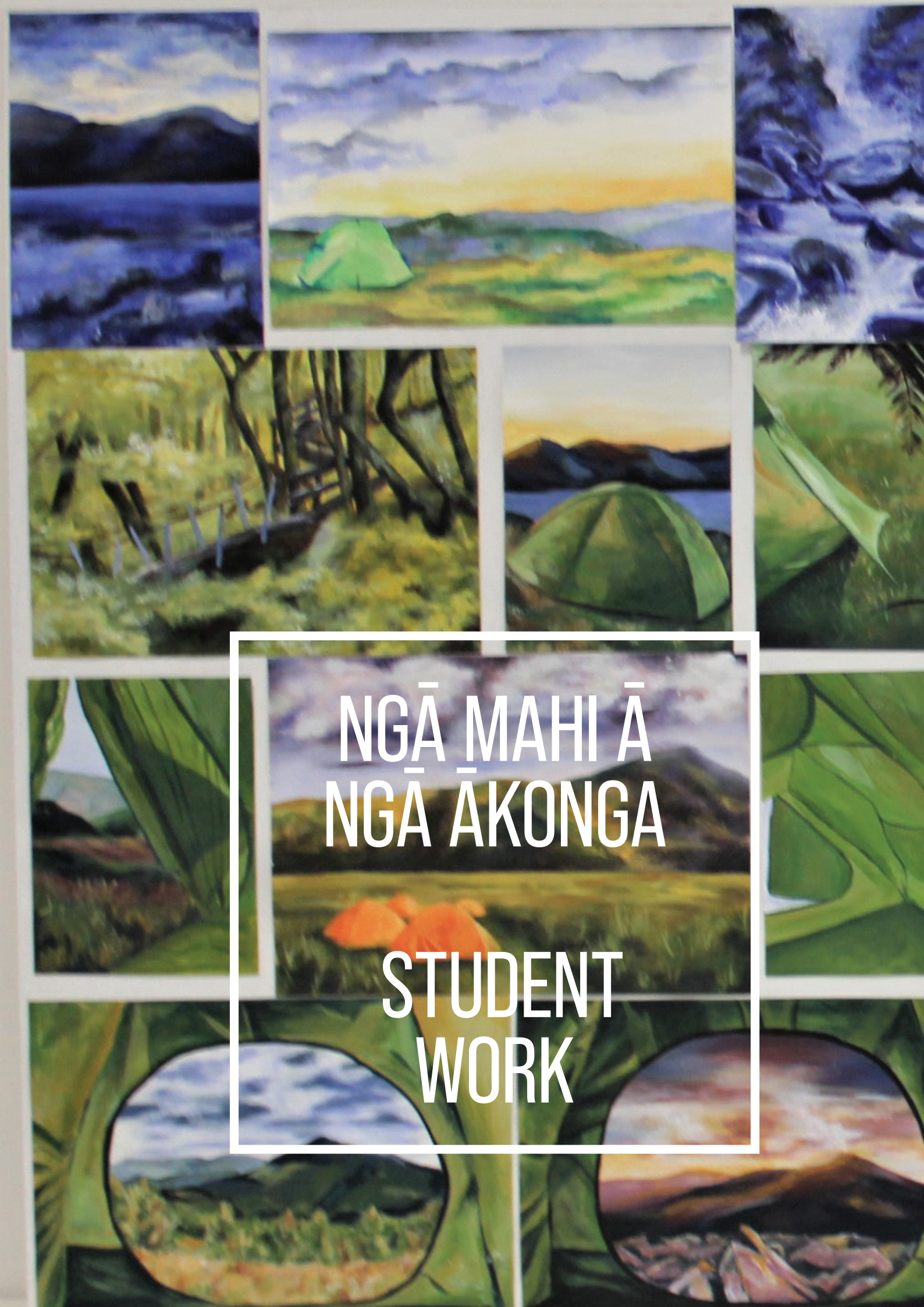
Luka wears odd socks to celebrate WDS, and encourages his community to wear mis-matched socks to acknowledge people with Down Syndrome. This year, Luka wore one sock with sushi and the other with tacos, because food is one of his passions.

Te Kura supports Luka to study hospitality part-time through Ara Institute of Canterbury, where he is gaining qualifications and life skills.

Ann Wilson is Luka's Learning Support kaiako (teacher), and she has been supporting him with his work experience at a local hotel. Luka has loved the work so far and appreciates the opportunity to practise the hospitality skills he is learning on his course.

Another of Luka's passions is swimming, which keeps him fit. In June 2023 he will be heading to Vichy, France to compete in the Virtus Global Games alongside 1,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities from around the world. Luka is proud to represent New Zealand at the Games and says he intends to swim like Aquaman!





NGĀ MAHI Ā
NGĀ ĀKONGA

STUDENT
WORK

NCEA LEVEL 3 ART PORTFOLIOS 2022



Outstanding Scholarship – Painting – Olive Dean



Excellence in Painting – Gaelyn Douglas



Excellence in Painting – Lucy McGill



Excellence in Painting – Tyler Wray



Excellence in Photography – Olive Dean



Excellence in Painting – Gaelyn Douglas



Excellence in Photography – Olive Dean



NGĀ PITOPITO
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TE KURA
TE KURA NEWS



TE KURA KAIMAHI CONNECTING WITH THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Te Matatini

Te Kura kaimahi (staff) recently attended Te Matatini, one of the biggest kapa haka festivals in Aotearoa, at Ngā Ana Wai (Eden Park) in Tāmaki Makaurau.

Kaiāwhina Leilani Kake says it was a fantastic experience for kaimahi and ākonga (students):

‘Te Matatini – Herenga Waka Herenga Tangata – National Kapa Haka Festival 2023 was held across four days, in typically “four seasons in one day” Auckland weather.

Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu showed up in force, with kaimahi from Pōneke, Taranaki and Whangārei, as well as from the Tāmaki Makaurau office.

The days were long, starting at 5:30 am to pack fresh kaimahi lunches (as the wait time in the food lines was around 40 minutes), then traversing the crazy traffic to Eden Park. The crowds were constant, and the venue was super packed on the Saturday of the finals.

We had a rotating roster for our stall, which saw our core kaimahi being supported by our Auckland staff. Two current Te Kura ākonga came to do a day’s internship, greeting people, handing out flyers, and of course creating Tik Tok dances!

Past students greeted us with fond memories of how they had studied with Te Kura and where they are at now.

Our stall was in the Mātauranga/Education aisle, in between Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi, two of Aotearoa’s largest Whare Wānanga. There is no way to describe actually being there to experience the ihi/power, wehi/awe and wana/thrill of the performances, the electricity of the crowds and the vibe of aroha that cloaked the four days.

A big thank you to our team which consisted of Lynette McInman, Spencer Jonathan, Tuakau Whiu, Marama Taiwhati, Te Ao Marama Hau, Rita Beckmannflay, Joe Horlock, Delaney Maria Melej, Chanelle Kerr, Papa Erik Merkens, Ruby Darroch, Jenna Teesdale, Maxine Iversen, Matua Hoani Maniapoto, Katie Hayes and Regional Manager Nicola Anderson! I couldn’t have asked for a better team, and I’m excited for Te Matatini 2025, which will be held in Aotea (Taranaki/Whanganui). Mauri Ora!’



L–R: Rita Beckmannflay, Marama Taiwhati, Spencer Jonathan, Adam Whauwhau, Nicola Anderson, Leilani Kake



L–R: Chanelle Kerr, Kowhai Paewhenua, Leilani Kake, Matua Hoani Maniapoto, Tuakau Whiu, Marama Taiwhati, Rita Beckmannflay

Polyfest

Te Kura kaiāwhina Chanelle Kerr, Joe Horlock and Linda Blackmore attended ASB Polyfest, the Auckland Secondary Schools Māori & Pacific Islands Cultural Festival, at the Manukau Sports Bowl.

Chanelle says it was an amazing few days in Tāmaki Makaurau:

'This was the 48th year of Polyfest and Te Kura's first year as a stallholder. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with current and former Te Kura ākonga (students) and whānau. Many visitors were interested in learning about Te Kura!

We were fortunate to be situated next to the music and performances on the Cook Islands stage. We were also situated directly across from the best hot and fresh Cook Islands donuts we had ever eaten!'

Te Kura kaiāwhina Marina Vaha organised a group of ākonga from two schools, Whangaparaoa College and Orewa College, who came third in the Fusion section on the Diversity Stage. Kaiāwhina Delaney Maria Melei was taking Baradene College to the Māori Stage at the Manukau Due Drop Events Centre in early April.

'Thanks to Te Kura for the opportunity to participate, and to all the kaimahi (staff) who supported our stall. We're looking forward to next year, with the dates already confirmed for 20–23 March 2024,' says Chanelle.



Chanelle Kerr and Linda Blackmore



E ITI NOA ANA NĀ TE AROHA – A SMALL THING GIVEN WITH LOVE

At Te Kura, we value the individual and collective wellbeing of our ākonga (students) and kaimahi (staff).

To highlight the importance of caring for others, our Health and Physical Education rōpū (group) leads our school's participation in the Random Acts of Kindness initiative each September.

Anchored by the Māori concept of *manaakitanga*, the team finds small, unique ways to show appreciation and support for their colleagues and their ongoing mahi (work).

Manaakitanga is the expression of aroha, generosity, and respect for others. It is an act of kindness that enhances relationships for all. A great example is the game called 'Secret Admirer'. Each kaimahi in the rōpū is assigned a colleague to whom they send four small – yet thoughtful – anonymous gifts through the month.

A little research is encouraged, and each gift is carefully planned around the recipient's likes, interests, preferences, or favourite foods. Gifts can be homemade, or include small tasks, offering the gift of time. Lou Irwin, Regional Leader of Learning for Central North, says the game has been popular with the group.

'It's a great team-building activity, and a wonderful way for participants to feel noticed and valued.'

To inspire ākonga in their own Random Acts of Kindness, the team also posts a range of suggested activities in My Te Kura, our online learning environment.

'Sometimes a small gesture is all it takes to connect with someone and make their day!'

What other examples of *manaakitanga* are happening across our Te Kura whānau? You can share your stories with your kaimanaaki (learning advisor), or email: linkup@tekura.school.nz



From back row, L-R: Lou Irwin, Sarah Apiti, Sarita Sharma, Dana Armstrong, Sally Harte, Megan Hobson, Kristen Rennie, Cheyne Dowsett, Diana Rout, Christa Jellyman, Marcos Aranda, Matt Stevens

NCEA certificates

Congratulations to all Te Kura ākonga (students) awarded NCEA or UE in 2022.

You can now order a free certificate and/or updated Record of Achievement via your NZQA student login: www.nzqa.govt.nz/login

How to register for NCEA external standards

If you are enrolled in NCEA courses this year and wish to register for externally assessed standards, keep an eye out for the instructions that will be emailed to you (or to your supervisor) from early June 2023.

Externally assessed standards include:

- End-of-year exams
- Portfolio submissions for DVC, Technology and Visual Arts
- NCEA Level 1 Maths Common Assessment Task (MCAT)
- NCEA Level 1 Digital Technologies Common Assessment Tasks (DCATs)

Special Assessment Conditions – applications now open

If you have a physical, medical, or learning disability, you may be eligible for assistance with your NCEA assessments. This is known as Special Assessment Conditions (SAC).

SAC exists to ensure all ākonga (students) can demonstrate their full potential, and includes things like:

- Being allowed to have someone read or write for you if you have dyslexia.
- Sitting your exams in a separate room if you have attention problems or severe anxiety.
- Extra time to complete a timed assessment if you have a slow writing speed.

For more information about SAC, check out our website:

www.tekura.school.nz/special-assessment-conditions

If you think you are eligible, please email our SAC team at sac@tekura.school.nz as soon as possible.

Te Kura Charter and Annual Plan 2023

Our school-wide Charter and Annual Plan for 2023 has been approved by the Board, and is now available to read on our website: www.tekura.school.nz/about-us/publications/ We have also published a report on our charter consultation survey from December 2022, which provides an overview of responses received from ākonga and whānau. Thank you to all who participated in the survey – your feedback will help us improve our services for our Te Kura community.





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