



Kōia te Mātauraka

Pānui WK 3 Term 5
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Kupu whakataki | Introduction

Ngā mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou
Greetings for the New Year.

Kia ora koutou, we hope Term 1 is treating you well so far. We have had a number of changes since we've been back at work at Kōia te Mātauraka. Sadly, we have lost our Curriculum Design Lead Holly Bodman- Holly doubled as Aunty Ally (as in the allied forces) and had a column in our Pānui. Luckily for NZ youth she is not lost to Education. Holly missed the buzz of the classroom and has decided to return to a kura near her home. We will miss Holly and her expertise but wish her the best for the future.

We welcome into the team Renae List who will be a mana whenua facilitator working with a number of Mid-Canterbury kura as well as managing Te Whiwhika o te Reo Māori- our te reo Māori platform of resources for kaiako from ECE through to secondary school. We also welcome Elizabeth Ashton as a researcher and Bailey Nutira-Gilmour in an editing and graphic design role. Late last year Kōia te Mātauraka secured the Timaru Catchment Attendance Contract, and you may have interactions with our Te Tūhana team who work across all kura in that Catchment; Damion Neri, Rachel Tahuri, Sange Malama, Bethanie Cootes and Brittany Jordan. Check out our team page on the website for more info and bios. Best wishes for an exciting term ahead as you grow and develop your relationships in the classroom. You're doing an amazing job,

Kia kaha.

Ā kō ake nei | Coming up



Whānau Engagement Hui: Strategic Framework Guide

Our four Education Facilitators have been in wānanga to develop a guiding document to support kura with culturally responsive best practices for their whānau engagement hui. We are very excited about the document, and we look forward to sharing it with you. Please contact your local Education Facilitator for any help, support or facilitations needs for your upcoming Whānau Engagement Hui.



He Ara Reo

He Ara Reo: A Pathway to Te Reo

PLD based around te reo Māori for ECE & 1-3 Kaiako in Waimate, Timaru, Temuka, Ashburton Darfield, Rolleston, Lincoln and Hornby.

Starting next week.

For Darfield, Rolleston, Lincoln and Hornby register here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/R92LwXiPR4>

For Waimate, Timaru, Temuka and Ashburton register here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/4TtmA2HXFp>

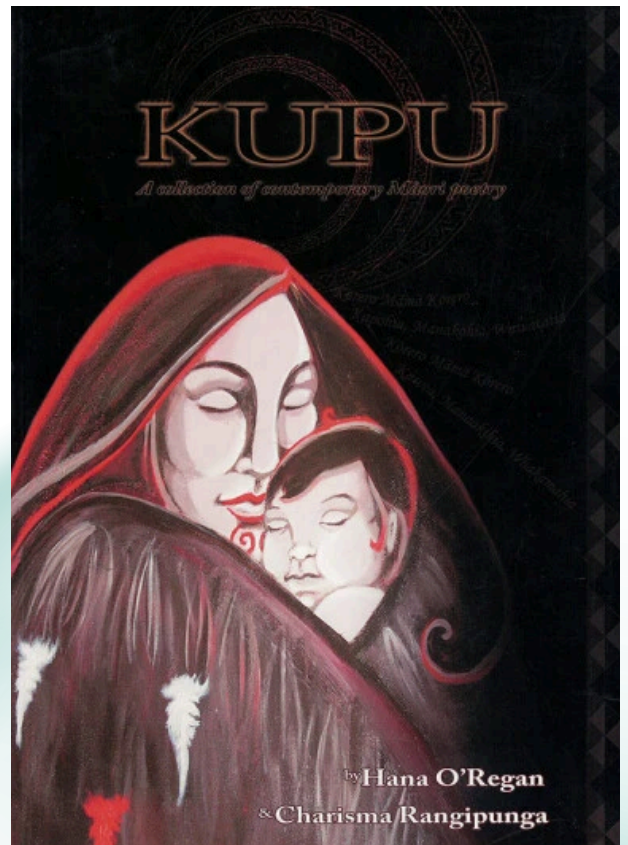
COMING SOON: Full day Workshops

Kōia te Mātauraka are intending to run a series of full day workshops over the next school holidays.

Kupu

Hana O'Regan and Charisma Rangipunga

KUPU is a fresh, dynamic and engaging new poetry book in Māori and English. The poems in KUPU cover a wide range of themes and topics: from issues of identity, te reo and culture revitalization to love's highs and lows, politics, motherhood, dreams, desires and much, much more. Whether you are a student of the Māori language, a teacher looking for new material to share with your students, someone interested in New Zealand poetry or just after a good read, KUPU has something for you!



Whenua - Māori Pūrākau of Aotearoa

Isobel Joy Te Aho-White

From sleeping giants to battling mountains, fiery sisters to adventurous trees, dig into Whenua and discover eleven tales of how Aotearoa was formed beneath our feet.

Whenua takes readers back in time with each purakau, exploring the ways in which Aotearoa's land was formed and introducing children to legendary Maori figures and atua.

A beautifully illustrated collection that will delight the whole whanau!



Enjoy reading?

We are looking for good books to promote across the schools. Read any books by NZ AUTHORS, or including LOCAL CONTENT and MĀTAURAKA MĀORI, and we will publish your review!!! Reviews can be done by staff, students or whānau.

Mihia ki tēnei kura | School Shout-out

RTLB (Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour) visit to Ngāti Moki marae 26 January 2026

Over the course of 2025 we were privileged to work with the kaiako and specialists in the RTLB Cluster 36 and to become part of their cultural learning journey. We have delivered PLD around Ngāi Tahu history, Kemp's Deed and piloted our KTM game 'Whenua Hou' parts 1 & 2 with their team. On the Monday of their visit to Ngāti Moki we completed a cultural tour and scavenger hunt through the wetlands and then spent the session after lunch developing core understanding of Ngāi Tahu and Te Ao Māori values. By looking at four pūrākau in groups the RTLB Cluster 36 team were able to pull a deeper meaning with context into each of their team values. We thoroughly enjoyed the day with them although Julz was very much missed.



Whakatauki | Proverb

"Mena kore e heke mai te ua, ehara te kōpere."

Without rain, there can be no rainbows. Challenges and hardships are necessary to appreciate the beauty and success in life.



Rauemi | Resources



Our online resource tab has had a refresh and new content added. Visit our website to have a look, you can find them here:

koiatematauraka.org/downloadable-resources

Our team of Education Facilitators can work with you and your staff to help you to have understanding and confidence to use these resources effectively, we can also help you plan out a pathway of resources for across the year and across the learning phases. Contact us.

We want to hear from YOU!!!
Share with us how you are demonstrating equity for mātauraka Māori and we will promote it in our next pānui!

Mihia ki tēnei kura | School Shout-out

Horoeke Haemata Rolleston College workshops 29&30 January.

In addition to all the excitement of opening their new senior campus and moving in to prepare for Term 1, Horoeke Haemata kaiako also got to spend time at Ngāti Moki marae in Taumutu. Kōia te Mātauraka facilitators ran their Te Tiriti workshop for kaiako practice- with a waiata surprise in the middle- four times over the two days. Kaiako rotated seamlessly into one of the four sessions comprising; mihi whakatau, morning tea/afternoon tea, Te Tiriti 1, Waiata surprise, Te Tiriti 2. Finishing with Kāreti Metcalfe and Jase Keno describing the journey of the Horoeke Haemata taonga pounamu (a precious gifted pounamu to be used at mihi whakatau and hui) across Nōti Raureka. Nōti Raureka is the alpine pass or trail that Raureka took as she became the first person to cross the Kā Tiritiri o te Moana (the Southern Alps) many generations ago.

The Tiriti o Waitangi workshop for kaiako practice integrated Ngāi Tahu and national iwi perspectives into a framework kaiako enjoyed but found challenging (whilst enlightening and engaging). The waiata surprise was 'Kā Puna Karikari e' a waiata composed by whānau from Waihao, Koukourārata and Arowhenua. The waiata gives voice to the pūrākau of Rākaihautū, his whānau and the kāhui (groups) with him as the first people to Te Waipounamu. The learnings of the waiata were structured and delivered by Nicole Solomon on day 1 and accompanied by her very capable singing voice on day 2. The feedback from kaiako has been overwhelmingly positive, if this sounds like something you would like to run in your kura please contact us. Alternatively Kōia te Mātauraka are intending to run a series of full day workshops in Christchurch, Rolleston, Darfield, Ashburton, Geraldine and Timaru over the next school holidays that you may want to attend. More information to follow regarding dates, venues and enrolling.



Te Rau Horopito CONGRATULATIONS on your opening.

A brand new kura in Rolleston



Jo Grant
Tumuaki | Principal

Te Rau Horopito

Welcome to Te Rau Horopito

We are a brand new school that opened in February 2026 in the heart of Tauwharekākaha | Rolleston.

We are a full primary school for tamarii in Years 1-8, grounded in strong values, inclusive learning, and a deep connection to our growing community. We can't wait to meet you and welcome you into the school!

[Enrol Now!](#)



Whanaungatanga
Connection and belonging

The top leaf form, in burgundy, flows outward with openness and reach. It reflects the strength of whakapapa and whānau, showing how relationships extend from solid foundations to form deep, meaningful connections.



Tiakitanga
Guardianship and Sustainability

The lower left leaf form, in dark green, sits firmly with a protective shape, representing shelter, resilience, and kaitiakitanga.



Manaakitanga
Care and Compassion

The right-hand upward leaf form, in bright green, curves like an embrace, symbolising warmth, empathy, and the nurturing energy of inclusive care.

To those of you who are new to our Pānui check out the freshly uploaded resources on our website
www.koiatematauraka.org

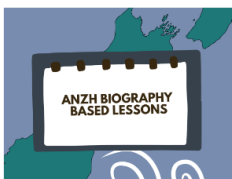
Learning Resources

Explore Kōia Te Mātauraka learning resources by phase, resource type, or browse the full collection.

These resources support teaching and learning grounded in mana whenua perspectives and the stories, knowledge, and lived experiences of Ngāi Tahu iwi and its people. They are designed to be practical and adaptable for classroom use.



Teaching units designed to support coherent learning across lessons, with flexibility to adapt for your kura and ākonga.



Lessons grounded in mana whenua perspectives and narratives to support inquiry and learning within Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories.



Resources from mana whenua and Ngāi Tahu perspectives to support authentic, localised learning.



Teaching and learning resources reviewed and endorsed by Kōia Te Mātauraka.



Resources to support kaiako professional learning, curriculum design, and shared understanding.



Reflective pieces that support kaiako to navigate Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories through real classroom experiences and thoughtful practice.

Biography Based Lessons



Biography based lesson: Mere Harper



Biography based lesson: Taare Teihoko



Biography based lesson: Amiria Puhire



Biography based lesson: Tiekē Pukurākau

NZ HISTORIES POP-UPS: TAARE WI TEIHOKA

Also known as: Tare Wi Teihoko, Tare Teihoko, Tare Teihoka

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Many of the whānau fled south in fear as he and his children, who were...)

In 1841, Tare married Mere Harper, daughter of Hōpa Pūrua and had two children, Hōpa...)

For more on Ngāi Tahu Biographies visit: www.koiatematauraka.org

Help the children find their way out of Kaaroa! Play the maze!

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