

MANAWATŪ



PŪHORO
He Waka Eke Noa

JULY 2026

NGĀ MEA NUI O TE WĀHANGA TUARUA

MĀNAWATIA A MATARIKI

MANAWATŪ TERM 2 WHĀNAU NEWSLETTER 2026

HE WAKA EKE NOA, MO TE IWI MĀORI, MO NGĀ IHOREI O ĀPŌPŌ

PŪHORO STEMM

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Term 2 has been a long one, and a great one! We have had a variety of sessions for the tavira, ranging from 21st Century skills and preparing for life after school, to learning different pūrākau and how they relate to STEM. We also have some hands-on creative mahi happening in the form of a tapestry making session, weaving together our experiences of being Māori.

We had a record breaking turn out of 327 students at Wānanga this term. A big mihi to everyone who made this possible.

Please enjoy the summary and highlights in this newsletter, and mānawatia a Matariki!

Ngā manaakitanga,
Amber, Carson and Reuben



WHĀNAU QUIZ

A huge mihi to everyone who completed our whānau quiz last term! An extra special mention to our prize winners:

Rina Taunoa
Ngāwari Matthews Carr
Mandy Hagley

We asked...

“WHAT IS A GOAL YOU HAVE FOR YOUR TAMAITI BEFORE THEY LEAVE HIGH SCHOOL?”

These were some of our favourite responses:

“To know the career path they are ready to take once they leave school.”

“To know that she can achieve, that she has confidence in who she is.”

“Leave confident in who they are, grounded in culture & their identity.”

“Pass NCEA.”

“Get level 3.”

“Gain UE.”

WHĀNAU QUIZ

And these were some of our favourite faces:



Remember to complete our quiz for this term (linked in email) to go in the draw for another petrol voucher! We have three more \$150 gift cards to give away, plus we will throw in some merch for you!

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WĀNANGA



AWAPUNI RACECOURSE



CATAPULTS



YEAR 11



TE RAU POKA

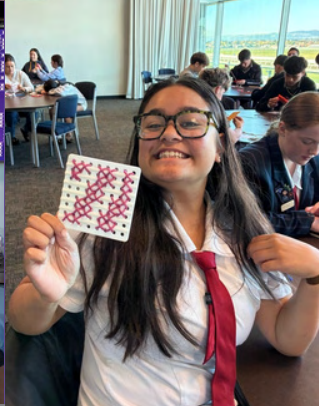


FONTERRA





PURAPURA WHETŪ



YEAR 12

MAIANGI TAIAO



BLOCKCHAIN



MAURĀKAU



YEAR 13



MINECRAFT



TERM TWO REVIEW

✦ **WEEKS IN SCHOOL: 10**

✦ **SESSIONS DELIVERED: 162**

36 combined STEM tutorials,
126 Kaihautū sessions

✦ **SCHOOLS INVOLVED: 9**

St. Peter's College, Tararua
College, Dannevirke High School,
Feilding High School, Hato Pāora
College, Palmerston North Boys'
High School, Palmerston North
Girls' High School, Queen
Elizabeth College, Awatapu College

✦ **KEY FOCUS AREAS:**

Pūrākau, life beyond the
classroom, Tūākiri



LIFE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

PĀ CARSON TOOK TWO SESSIONS WITH THE YEAR 11 TAUIRA IN TERM 2 ON IMPORTANT LIFE SKILLS – CV WRITING AND JOB INTERVIEW PREPARATION.



THIS WAS A FUN WAY TO TEACH TAUIRA USEFUL SKILLS FOR GETTING A JOB. AFTER THESE SESSIONS, TAUIRA SHOULD KNOW HOW TO WRITE A CV, BE BETTER PREPARED FOR AND MORE CONFIDENT WHEN TAKING PART IN A JOB INTERVIEW.

OUR YEAR 13S EXPLORED SCHOLARSHIPS AND MORE WITH TE URUNGA PAE (THE SECOND PHASE OF PŪHORO), AND WERE ENCOURAGED TO PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR BY APPLYING FOR UNIVERSITY, STUDYLINK AND REGISTERING WITH REALME.

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN OFFERED A PLACE AT THEIR UNI OF CHOICE!

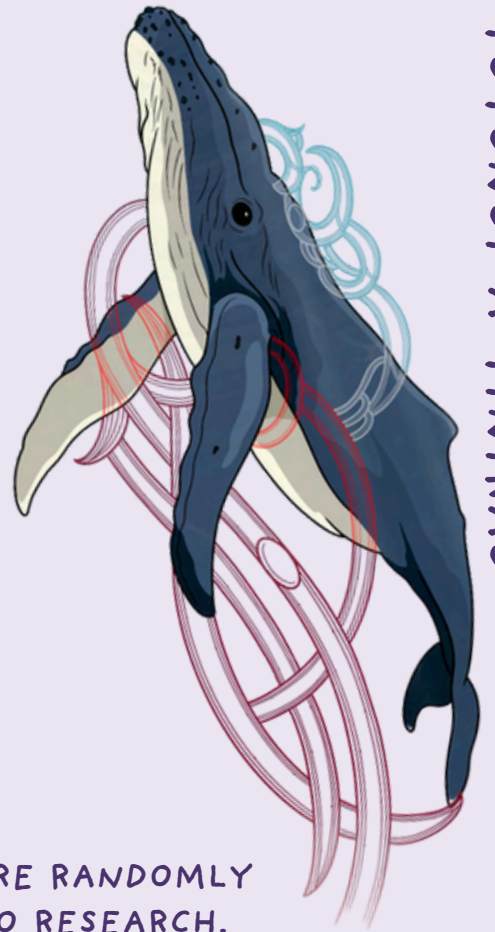


PŪRĀKAU



RONA ME TE MARAMA

INSPIRED BY OUR ATUA BANNERS, OUR YEAR 12S LOOKED AT SOME LESSER KNOWN PŪRĀKAU...



TUTUNUI-A-TINIRAU

SPLIT INTO FOUR GROUPS, TAUIRA WERE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED ONE OF THESE PŪRĀKAU TO RESEARCH. THEY NEEDED TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY TO THEIR PEERS, HIGHLIGHTING THE MAIN CHARACTERS, THEMES AND WHAT MESSAGE OUR TIPUNA MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRYING TO TELL US.

LATER ON IN THE TERM, WE LINKED BACK TO TWO OF THESE THROUGH A HANDS-ON SESSION, INCORPORATING ACOUSTIC ENGINEERING TO CREATE A "WHISTLE" TO CALL TUTUNUI.

WE THEN MOVED TO A TAU SESSION WHERE TAUIRA LEARNT ABOUT THE SYMBOLISM OF DIFFERENT KŌWHAIWHAI, AND WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW SOME OF THEIR OWN.



MAHUIKA



MATAORA

TAPESTRY MAKING

TAUIRA WERE GIVEN PAINT, FABRIC, AND A PROMPT 'WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE OF BEING MĀORI?'. WHAEA AMBER IS SEWING THESE TOGETHER TO CREATE A TAPESTRY FOR EACH YEAR GROUP, COLLECTIVELY ILLUSTRATING OUR EXPERIENCES AS MĀORI IN 2026.







TERM 2 MERCH



COMING UP IN TERM 3

EVENTS

Y12 & Y13 NZDF CAMP
OHAKEA AIR FORCE BASE
29 SEPT - 2 OCT

KAIHAUTŪ SESSIONS

Year 11

Subject Selection | Hygiene & Hauora | Effective
Communication

Year 12

Effective Collaboration & Teamwork | Kupu Māori
Pronunciation | Your Online Reputation

Year 13

Voting | STEM Challenges | Types of Racism

Heaps of STEM tutorials to prepare for exams!



KEI TE MIHI

E ngā whānau, tēnā koutou katoa,
 Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou mō tō koutou tautoko tonu i ā mātou tavira me te kaupapa o Pūhoro. Your tamariki, your taonga, are what make Pūhoro the kaupapa that it is, and we mihi to you for ensuring they show up each week, ready to learn and engage. We hope this newsletter has shed a bit of light on what we do throughout the term, and we look forward to connecting again soon.



E ngā hoa mahi, ngā kura, me ngā kaitautoko o te rohe, tēnā koutou katoa. Thank you for your continued support, collaboration, and belief in the Pūhoro kaupapa. By working together, we are creating environments where our tavira can not only succeed, but thrive. This work would not be possible without you, and we sincerely acknowledge and appreciate your contribution.

