

TE KAUWHATA COLLEGE NEWS



Term Three - 18 August 2026

Growth Respect Ownership Whaanaungatanga

Upcoming Events

- 25 August NCEA and subject selection evening.
- 27 August Daffodil day

Key Information

- Are you concerned about your student online? Visit www.netsafe.org.nz for information on how to stay safe and to report digital incidents.
- **PhotoLife** Team photos are now live. Please check your emails, including junk and spam folders.



Note from the Principal

Teenaa koutou kaatoa!

As I step into the role of Acting Principal while Mrs Hohneck is on medical leave, I want to reassure you that our core focus remains steady. Our senior leadership team consisting of myself as Acting Principal, alongside Whaea Whitney Williams-Totorewa, Mrs Sarah Matheson, and Mr Chris Plant as Acting Deputy Principals and dedicated staff continue to deliver exceptional learning, maintain high standards, and support student growth across all areas of school life. It has already been a vibrant term, marked by welcoming our Japanese exchange students, participating in various sporting events, exploring history at the Rangiriri trenches, and running our Business Studies Market Day.

Looking ahead, it is crucial for our senior students to focus on serious revision as they prepare for the Derived Grade Exams in Week 8. These exams provide a vital benchmark of their progress. We also extend our best wishes to all students undertaking the Common Assessment Activities (CAA) to secure their NCEA literacy and numeracy core requirements.

We send our warmest wishes to Mrs Hohneck for a full and speedy recovery. In the meantime, my door is always open, and I look forward to working alongside you to ensure a smooth, productive, and inspiring term for all.

Acting Principal
Ms Achary

Celebration

There is so much happening at Te Kauwhata College this term! We have welcomed students from Japan's Higashi Sumiyoshi High School, who joined our Year 11 classes for a memorable cultural exchange.

Our junior school explored local history at the Rangiriri Trenches and gained vital life skills through first aid workshops with Hato Hone St John. Meanwhile, Level Three Business Studies students took their products to the Hamilton Farmers Market, putting real-world skills into practice. Across the region, our sports teams continue to represent our kura with immense pride. The Enhanced Learning class explored the local transport options. The senior PE class has been working with the Te Kauwhata Primary school children as part of their learning. Throughout the PE department student's have been getting involved in relays and warm up activities. Having a lot of fun learning teamwork, participation and being active.

Pastoral

Kia ora e te whaanau, as we step into the middle of Term 3, our pastoral team has undergone changes. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Venini Thaver, Cathy Riddell, and Whaea Susan Pomate for their dedicated service as they work in other roles within our kura. We are so grateful for the help they continue to provide whenever needed in the deans' office. Our Junior Team (Years 7-10) includes Vai Apisai and Shauni Phippen, overseen by SLT members Chris Plant and Sarah Matheson, while our Senior Team (Years 11-13) features Whaea Whitney Williams-Totorewa and Sangita Achary. Kaitiaki Hauora kaiako Whaea Sera Henare and Matua Te Waiheruata Rawiri continue supporting student wellbeing, academic tracking, and student goals. We thank families for partnering with us to embed our GROW values, ensuring the proverb of Princess Te Puea lives in our kura: Kia tupu, kia hua, kia puaawai (To grow, to flourish, to prosper).



Having fun in Physical Education



Enhanced Learning Transport Trip



Year 7 & 8's at the Rangiriri Trenches



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