

TE KAUWHATA COLLEGE NEWS



Term Three - 31 August 2026

Growth Respect Ownership Whanaungatanga

Upcoming Events

- 4 September Teacher Only Day (School is closed)
- 7-11 September Derived Grade Exams
- 14-18 September Literacy and Numeracy Exams
- 22 September Senior reports sent out
- 23 September Senior Parent Teacher conversations

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.

Note from the Board

Board Update: Community Consultation

Community consultation is launching soon, and we want to hear from you! Your feedback plays a vital role in guiding our school's future direction, strategic goals, and long-term planning.

How You Can Participate:

- Online Form: A Google Form will be sent out this week. We kindly ask that you complete and submit your feedback by Monday, 7 September.
- In Person Session: For whaanau who would like to chat with Board members face-to-face, we will also be hosting a drop-in consultation session on Wednesday 2 September in the Reorua room from 6 - 7 pm.

We strongly encourage everyone in our school community to share their thoughts and help shape our next steps together.

Celebration

Over the last two weeks, our school has been buzzing with activity! We celebrated Filipino Language Week with traditional dress and an exciting lunchtime basketball "Liga." Our junior girls Rippa Rugby team represented our kura proudly, while on Friday the campus turned into a sea of yellow for Daffodil Day, raising funds for the Cancer Society. We are also cheering on Alla Cassidy as she represents our kura in swimming at the AIMS Games in Tauranga after placing second regionally!

Beyond sport and culture, our Puuhoro crew explored STEM learning at the University of Waikato, several students gained their driver's licenses, and a group of Year 13s earned their two-day first aid certificates—gaining essential skills for the future.

TKC Counselling Team

Kia ora whaanau.

The team consists of Kim Avery and Lisa Pallister. We both work part-time and are registered Counsellors with the New Zealand Association of Counsellors (NZAC). We feel privileged to support the wellbeing of our aakonga here at Te Kauwhata College.

We provide confidential, student-centred wellbeing support through one-on-one counselling sessions. All students are welcome to see us, and we have a self-referral system in place. If your student is unsure how to access this, they can come to the Student Centre or email us directly.

We work from a trauma-informed approach, which means we understand how difficult experiences can impact learning and wellbeing. Our focus is on creating a safe, respectful space where rangitahi feel heard, have choice, and are supported at their own pace.

We are also committed to working in a culturally responsive way. We value Te Ao Maaori, whanaungatanga, and the diversity of all whaanau in our community. We aim to work alongside our students with respect, humility, and partnership.

We encourage parents and caregivers to reach out if you have any concerns or feel your young person may benefit from counselling. Our kura acknowledges the value of connection with whaanau and parental connection, and that you are your child's biggest advocate, and we welcome working together with you.

Days available

Kim: Mondays & Wednesdays.

Lisa: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday



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Year 7 & 8's at the Rangiriri Trenches



Filipino Language Week



Alla Cassidy
AIMS Games
Representative



Filipino Language week



Junior Girls Rippa Rugby