

# Te Rerenga Kōtuku

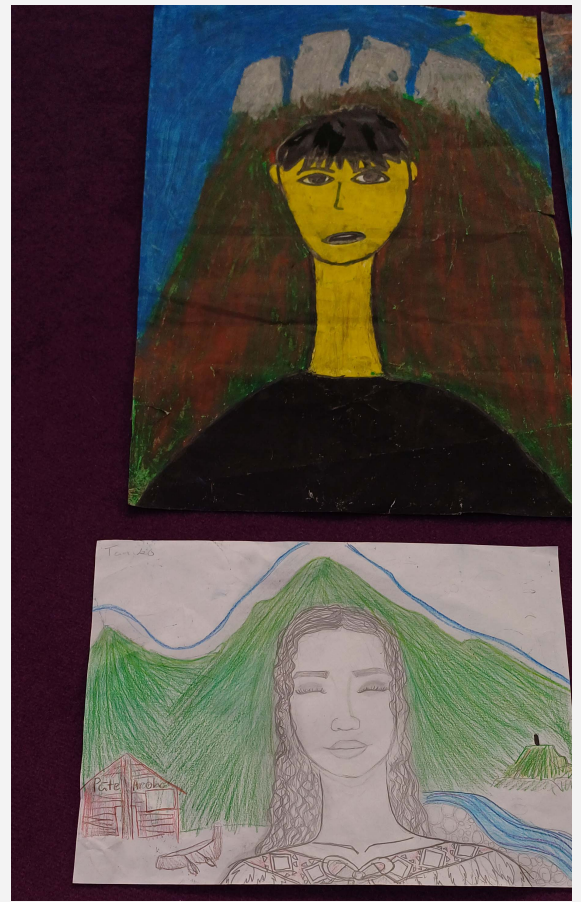


Pānui - 3 September, 2024

Ngā mihi mahana ki te whānau me o hoa mai i a tātou tauira tau 7 me te 8 o Te Rerenga Kōtuku. Warm greetings to family and friends from our year 7 and 8 students in Te Rerenga Kōtuku. We are nearing the end of our busiest term and are delighted to share with you all the learning across the curriculum we have undertaken this term already.

Our overarching theme for Term 3 is based on “Maunga” following on from “Moana” in term 1, and “Tāngata Whenua” in term 2. In Pāngarau we have been learning Taurangi/Algebra supported by warm up basic facts and maths games that invite friendly whole class competition and critical thinking tasks. In particular we connect with everyday objects, learning how Algebra (relationships and patterns) can be applied in our daily lives. In Tikanga-ā-iwi, in the first 3 weeks of term we explored the cultural and symbolic significance of maunga in Māori culture, and we connected these with similar symbols of the Olympics. We now have delved into researching one maunga within “Te Whare Tapu o Ngāpuhi” to create a digital visual display of its significance to Tangata Whenua. Alongside this kaupapa Kūkunui roopu are also well underway with learning more about Financial Literacy, enjoying the platform “Banqer” which offers students the opportunity to manage and balance the responsibility of income against expenditure. We continue with our Structured Literacy approach to Pānui/Takikupu - reading across different texts (surprisingly one journal article that focused on the art of taiaha on Mokoia Island featuring one of our students), and Tuhituhi - structuring and drafting a Persuasive writing piece with a focus on why your chosen maunga is in need of protecting. We include special language features that support this style of writing.

Because of the rigorous learning in Wāhanga toru, we support te taha hinengaro by utilising mahi toi - whakaahua whakairo to depict our connectedness to te taiao with our pastelled self-portraits. We are all learning to work and grow together with our new classes this term but - “ka mai i te whakatau, ka puta te angitu” - from determination, comes success.



## YEAR 8 CAMP

The countdown is on to our Year 8 Shakespear Camp - 8B & 8D Wed 18 Sept - Fri 20 Sept. 8A (Te Rerenga Kōtuku) & 8C will camp in the last week of school for this term Wed 25 Sept - Fri 27 Sept. Several of our taurira were out supporting the recent BBQ and Bake Sale in school recently. Thank you to all those whānau who took the time to bake wonderful goodies to sell. This supports all of our tamariki attending camp. We had a really successful fundraiser held at the Waipu Razza Riddler Quiz Night on Wednesday 21st August where several teams of 6 came together to battle their puzzle, quiz and logic skills. During the evening participants could purchase raffles, and bid in 'silent' auctions. We would like to thank all of the organisations that sponsored this event, including the amazing support from within the Kura from Emma, Francie and Whaea Raewyn. This night was one of the best evenings our Te Rerenga kaiako have been a part of (winning the first round)! Whānau, camp week is fast approaching.



## BREAM BAY KĀHUI AKO PŪRĀKAU PROJECT

On the 22nd and 23rd of August 10 of our tamariki went to Ruakākā Primary School to join our local kura in recreating stories linking to Atua, Whakapapa and Taiao using digital technologies. In mixed student groups they were able to choose their own Atua, create a story-telling sequence, blend different materials to create props and a background to enhance digitally, using different Apps like Imovie, Book Creator and Stop Motion. The final projects were amazing bilingual presentations highlighting the success of Mahi Tahī. The project was facilitated by Lisa Watson and Tania Coutts along with teachers from each of the Kāhui kura. Final projects will be posted on the Kāhui website.

*Te Rata went out into the ngāhere to find the tallest and straightest tree. He chopped it down without saying a karakia. Karakia is important because it asks the Atua for protection, guidance and safety. So, once he cut it down, he carved a little bit and said "that's enough for one day" and left and went home. The next day when he came back the tree was standing as if it hadn't been chopped down. He thought to himself "how is this possible?" And so he chopped it down again repeating it all and went to sleep again. The next day it happened again, the tree was standing in the forest. So he tried to catch the tree in the act to see what was happening.*  
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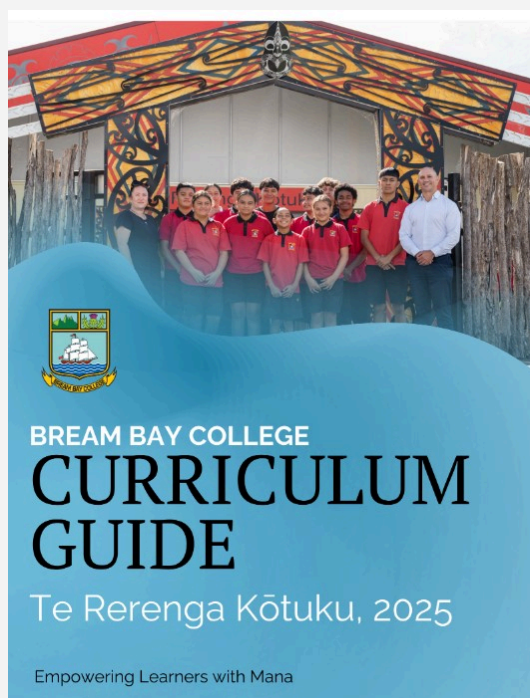
## WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA

In our morning taumata we have been focusing on strengthening relationships between our tuakana and teina. We took advantage of the Student Councils Activity week by celebrating gratitude in our Whānau time, creating links of gratitude that when joined together, strengthen our resolve to always remember the most simple things that join us together - an attitude of gratitude. We have also used Whai String Games to harness creativity and dexterity enabling ākonga to demonstrate traditions of storytelling, teaching and entertainment in pairs. This kaupapa has also been supported with movement in learning waiata-ā-ringa. Next week we will weave a korowai together using harakeke for the kurupatu/collar illustrated with individual 'feathers' of all of our taura to adorn Te Rerenga Kōtuku.



## Te Rerenga Kōtuku Curriculum Guide, 2025 ([Link to guide](#))

Year 8 - 13's - Please take the opportunity now to sign into the Options Portal and enrol your tamariki in the 2025 courses. Whānau teachers are able to guide students in their subject choices over the next few days.



## NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 27 August we entered a team into the Northland Intermediate netball tournament. The girls played well, showing their skills and playing their best. They had a couple of wins and hopefully enjoyed themselves. The girls should be very proud of themselves as we are. Thank you Whaea Francida for accompanying and supporting the tamariki, and Megan Carran our Sports Coordinator for the mahi you do to support all sporting events in the kura. Kā mau te wehi!



## TAURAROA SPORTS EXCHANGE

On Wednesday 28 August, Bream Bay College hosted Tauraroa Area School sports exchange. Sports events were football, rippa rugby, netball, hockey and basketball. Congratulations to all athletes for your outstanding sportsmanship. Mauri tū, mauri ora.



**AKE AKE AKE**  
**A FOREVER LANGUAGE**  
KIA KAHA TE REO MĀORI

### TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI (14 Sept - 21 Sept)

The theme for Te Wiki 2024 is 'Ake ake ake – A Forever Language'. It represents the *resilience, adaptability and endurance* of our language. It also reflects the commitment New Zealanders have to embracing and learning te reo Māori long into the future.

**Under enduring pressure te reo Māori has shown it will adapt and survive. It grows with our people, our culture and our environment.**

Join us this Māori Language Week to uplift te reo Māori now and into the future!

A few of our tau 7&8 taura have come together to compile a video for Mahuru Māori. We are excited to see how this turns out and cannot wait to share with our whānau. Our tau 7&8 are also working on creating pukapuka pepi to gift to our local early childhood centres during Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.

“Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou”  
Seek after learning for the sake of your wellbeing

## **Ka tū hei raukura mō tōku iwi**

***My authority and humanity is the wellspring of my Rerenga Kōtukutanga, I shall stand as an example of my people***

*We honour our Tupuna and their insatiable quest for Mātauranga.*

*We recognise the kōrero embedded in the cultural landscape of our surroundings.*

*We affirm our commitment to Te Rerenga Kōtuku as the place where we build relationships, engage in learning and teaching, and uphold the practices of our ancestors.*

To our Bream Bay College family and whānau, thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we are empowering learners with MANA.

Ngā mihi nui,

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