

AKO PANUKU

Inspiring Learning

PĀNUI - TERM 1, 2026

KIA ORA

We hope you've had a great first term full of new learnings, connections, and meaningful mahi. As we move into the cooler season, it's also a timely reminder to take care over these colder days - keeping your tinana and wellbeing strong and resilient.

It's been a busy and exciting first quarter for Ako Panuku. Recently, we sent out the first mailout of new resources for 2026.

We've also released a new set of [Hākinakina posters](#), all bundled together on our website for easy download.

This term, we delivered our first set of workshops including Pāngarau, NCEA Co-Requisites - Te Reo Matatini and our first delivery of Te Reo Rangatira. Looking ahead to Term Two, we have a range of [workshops open for registration](#), including Wānanga Reo, Poipoia te Pitomata, and Te Ara Whakaterere - Navigating Leadership.



Additionally, planning for Hui ā-Tau 2026 is underway, and we can't wait to share more details with you soon.

MEET OUR TEAM



TE PURITANGA JEFFERIES

Ngāti Tūkorehe, Ngāti Raukawa, Te Whakatōhea, Te Whānau a Apanui

Te Puritanga is a taura of kōhanga reo, Kura Mana Māori, and Māori secondary school. She has held consultant and managerial roles in both private and public sector organisations with experience in research, strategy, and policy development. Te Puritanga also represents her iwi on post settlement governance entities.



TE KIRIWAI MURPHY-FELL

Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Apa, Ngāi Tahu

Te Kiriwai has recently returned from her overseas exchange at the University of California, Berkeley, in the United States. She holds a Bachelor of Social Science from the University of Waikato, majoring in History with a minor in Te Reo Māori. She joins the team as project support, and has a strong foundation in history, tikanga, and Māori engagement.



**Ngā mihi o te Aranga
ki a koutou katoa!**

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!

Fill your Easter with good kai and company - a choc egg or two (or three), and fresh hot cross buns always goes down a treat with the whānau. You could also try out some [Easter phrases in te reo Māori](#).

Note: The tari will be closed Friday 3 April for Good Friday, and Monday 6 April for Easter Monday.



TE REO RANGATIRA

Introduction to the Wāhanga Ako

At our first delivery of Te Reo Rangatira, kaiako valued being guided through the wāhanga ako, as they navigated its new structure and terminology. They gained a stronger understanding of the rationale behind the changes and, through tūārenga group discussions, explored implications for programme planning and expectations.

NCEA CO-REQUISITES

Exploring NCEA Te Reo Matatini

Although the NCEA Co-Requisite focuses on ākonga in Tau 9 -10, understanding the requirements of the standard means it is applicable and appropriate for kaiako teaching ākonga from Tau 1 onwards. It was great to welcome nearly 40 kaiako to this 2-day workshop, including kaiako teaching Tau 1-6 ākonga.

PĀNGARAU WORKSHOP

Tihei Pāngarau

We welcomed another large group of kaiako to Auckland for the first of two Pāngarau workshops scheduled for this year. Divided into three groups, kaiako spent time with each facilitator exploring important concepts in pāngarau, as well as practising how those concepts can be taught.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

WĀNANGA REO

Te Pōtitanga

29 - 30 April | Auckland

This 2-day Ako Panuku Wānanga Reo is designed specifically to improve the quality of the teachers' language. *Te Pōtitanga* is the theme of the first Wānanga Reo for 2026.

POIPOIA TE PITOMATA

Supporting Diverse Learners

6 - 7 May | Auckland

This two-day wānanga builds practical strategies and confidence to support ākonga, exploring executive function through a kaupapa Māori lens and strengthening belonging for all learners.

TE ARA WHAKATERE

Navigating Leadership

20 - 21 May 2026 | Wellington

Based on traditional navigation, Te Waka me Te Moana will be the focus for the first workshop in a new leadership offering called Te Ara Whakaterere.

Te Kāhui Kaiako Reo Māori
ME RANGĀTIRA TO AKO

Te Kāhui Kaiako Pūtaiao
PŪTAIAO COMMUNITY

Te Pōkai Kākākura
AKO PANUKU LEADERS

EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES IN 2026



Kura Reo 2026

We'll sponsor up to six kaiako to attend the popular Kura Reo in Ōtaki (July) and Rotorua (September).

Sir Paul Callaghan Academy

Back this year after a successful 2025, we'll sponsor two kaiako to attend this year's Academy in July.

Te Māngai Kaiārahi

Two members will have the opportunity to attend this leadership conference. More info coming soon!



MUMU REO UPDATE

Participant Feedback

"I'm really enjoying the course. The teaching approaches used in Mumu Reo have also influenced my classroom practice. I'm grateful for the opportunity and plan to finish early May."

NEW RESOURCE

Coming Soon!

We're excited to be releasing a new Pūtaiao resource soon. *Ko tā te Pūtaiao* resource is a vibrant and colourful poster depicting some of the key descriptors of Pūtaiao. The resource will be available in reorua.

TE PAE PUKAPUKA

First Book Review for 2026 and new Virtual Library

Check out our first book review for 2026, [Become Unstoppable](#) by Gilbert Enoka, and explore past book reviews in our new growing [virtual library](#).

CLUSTERS

PCTs



CLUSTER HUI

Hamilton Cluster Meet

Earlier this month, the Hamilton cluster came together to network, share rauemi, and discuss Moderation and PLD opportunities. The Hamilton cluster generally meets each term.

JOIN A CLUSTER

Connect, Share & Grow!

Connect with kaiako in your region by joining an Ako Panuku cluster. If you're interested in finding a cluster near you, or starting a cluster in your region, please [email the tari](#) for more information.

ME KARAWHIU!

You're doing great, keep going!

Get familiar with the [proposed new Standards for the Teaching Profession](#). As a valued member of the teaching profession, it's important that we are aware of our responsibilities.

HĀKINAKINA POSTERS

Refreshed Resource

Check out the refreshed A3 posters for Poitūkohu (basketball) and Poitarawhiti (netball).

[View resources.](#)

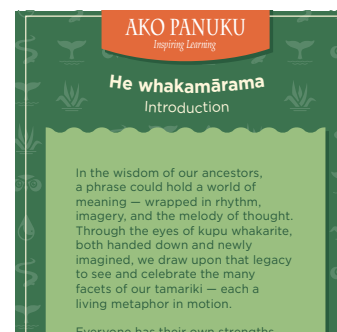


HE ITI REAREA

Mailout Resource!

A set of 30 kupu whakarite (metaphors) will help you to notice, value, and celebrate the unique qualities in ākonga.

[View resource.](#)



HE KŌHINGA KĪWAHA

New Release

A collection of useful kīwaha, including translations and examples of usage, which can be used to develop learning activities for your class.

[View resource.](#)

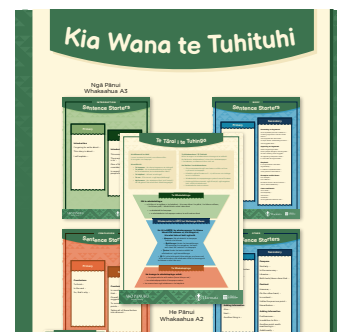


KIA WANA TE TUHITUHI

Writer's Jumpstarts

Supporting ākonga to structure their writing effectively.

Available in [te reo Māori](#) and [English](#).



HE WHAKAMŌHIO NOA



TE MARAUTANGA O AOTEAROA

Consultation on the redesigned marautanga

Submissions on the new draft Te Marautanga o Aotearoa is open until 24 April 2026. Te Waiora, Pūtaiao, Toi Ihiihi, Hangarau, Te Reo Pākeha, Ngā Reo, as well as Te Marautanga o Aotearoa Framework are available for consultation. As implementation has begun for Te Reo Rangatira and Pāngarau, these wāhanga ako are not being consulted on. Kia kaha rā e te iwi!

[Have your say!](#)



TE KURA RAUNUI

Build fluency and confidence to use te reo in the classroom

Te Kura Raunui is a free online reo Māori programme designed specifically for teachers and education staff working in compulsory education settings, from primary through to secondary.

This programme focuses on practical, everyday reo Māori use within the school environment, supporting confident language use in real classroom contexts. [Find out more!](#)



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

Sorted in Schools Financial Literacy Resources

Kia ora rā! We're keen to hear from kaiako who are using any of the following Te Whai Hua - Kia Ora | Sorted in Schools financial literacy resources:

- Ngā Rauemi Tāke
- Te Tātai Ahumoni

If you'd like to get involved, please [email the Ako Panuku team](#) for more information.