

AKO PANUKU

Inspiring Learning

PĀNUI - TERM 3, 2026

KIA ORA!

Term 3 has been another busy and rewarding period for Ako Panuku. Our community has grown by almost 100 members, bringing total membership to 3,162. Demand for our support remains strong, with all Term 3 and Term 4 offerings fully subscribed.

This term, we delivered Te Ara Whakaterere – Ngā Whetū me te Urungi, Tiakina te Taiao, the second Pāngarau Workshop, and our Beginning Teachers' Workshop.

We also launched our new [Dual-Medium Webinar Series](#), featuring ten pre-recorded webinars with practical strategies for dual-medium learning spaces. To celebrate [Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2026](#), we made available to kaiako our new interactive resource, E 50 ngā kupu hou, e 50 ngā rā | 50 new words in 5 days, supporting ākonga to expand their vocabulary and confidently express their feelings in te reo Māori. Coming up, we look forward to welcoming you to Hui ā-Tau 2026



on 6–7 October. Guided by our kaupapa, He peka tītoki e kore e whati, the hui will celebrate the strength, resilience, and flexibility of kaiako as we navigate change together.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

AKO PANUKU
Workshop
Te Ara Whakaterere
Te Tairongo me Te Tauranga
21–22 October 2026
Auckland
[ENROL NOW](#)
FIND OUT MORE
akopanuku.education.govt.nz

AKO PANUKU
Workshop
Wānanga Reo
26 – 27 November 2026
Christchurch
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HUI Ā-TAU
HE PEKA TĪTOKI, E KORE E WHATI
6-7 OCTOBER 2026 | AUCKLAND
REGISTRATIONS OPEN
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TE ARA WHAKATERERE

Te Tairongo me Te Tauranga
21–22 October | Auckland

This is the third workshop in a three-part *Te Ara Whakaterere - Navigating Leadership* wānanga series.

Note this delivery is now full, and registrations are closed. Stay tuned for our 2027 delivery dates later this year.

WĀNANGA REO

Te Reo Māori Workshop
26–27 November | Christchurch

We look forward to delivering our last Wānanga Reo for this year in Christchurch.

Note this delivery is now full, and registrations are closed. Stay tuned for our 2027 delivery dates later this year.

HUI Ā-TAU 2026

He Peka Tītoki, e Kore e Whati
6–7 October | Auckland

Online registrations are still open. If you haven't yet registered for Hui ā-Tau 2026, now's the time.

Check your inbox for more event and registration details. Registered kaiako will receive more updates soon.

Te Kāhui Kaiako Reo Māori



TWOTRM 2026

Kia Kaha te Reo Māori!

This year's Te Wiki o te Reo Māori challenge was to learn 10 new words a day. If you didn't get to use the resources, they are still available and can be used at any time of the year. Access these and other activities from past years too to bring life to te reo Māori in your classrooms at any time of the year.

[View resource](#)

Te Kāhui Kaiako Pūtaiao



NCEA MODERATION

Need Support?

Some of our amazing kaiako have offered to support others with Science/Pūtaiao moderation. If you'd like some guidance, a second opinion, or simply another kaiako to kōrero with about moderation, get in touch with us. We can connect you with a kaiako who is happy to share their knowledge and experience.

[Email the tari](#) for more information.



Te Pōkai Kākākura

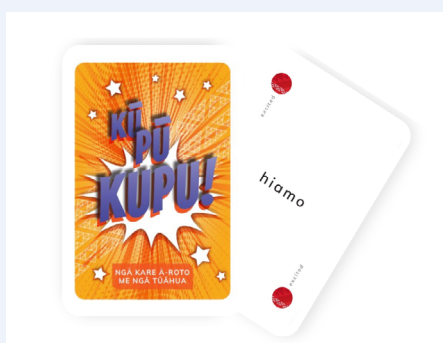


TE PAE PUKAPUKA

New Book Review

Dare to Lead by Dr. Brené Brown is a powerful guide to courageous leadership. Drawing on new research with leaders, change-makers and culture shifters, Brown offers practical insights into embracing courage and leading with purpose. Check out the review on our [Te Pae Pukapuka FB page](#). Have a book review to share? [We'd love to hear about it.](#)

FROM THE RESOURCE VAULT



KŪ, PŪ, KUPU!

Grow Your Reo

A suite of resources containing high-frequency Māori words designed to help ākonga grow their vocabulary and confidence in te reo Māori.

[View resource](#)



HE ARATOHU MĀRA

Garden Guidelines

Guide posters with information about what to do in the māra - and when! Posters available in te reo Māori and te reo Pākehā.

[View resource](#)



LEADERSHIP TOOLS

Managing Difficult Hui

An A4 poster with guidelines on how to manage difficult meetings, including setting the tone and determining the purpose.

[View resource](#)

Te Ara Whakatore
Ngā Whetū me te Urungi
August 2026

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This wānanga reinforced the importance of placing te ao Māori at the centre of my leadership approach, frameworks, and decision-making.

CLUSTERS



REGIONAL CLUSTER MEETS

Hamilton Cluster

Kaiako in the Waikato region - the Hamilton cluster is planning a hui in Term 4 and welcomes kaiako from both primary and secondary settings. If you're interested in joining, please [email](#) the tari.



PRIMARY CLUSTER

Coming Soon

We're planning our first Primary Cluster hui for Term 4. This online hui will bring together kaiako working in primary settings to share ideas and experiences. If you're interested in joining, please [email](#) the tari.



JOIN A CLUSTER

Connect. Share. Grow.

Ako Panuku clusters bring kaiako together around shared kaupapa, needs and interests, creating opportunities for connection, knowledge sharing, and growing practice together. Find out more about clusters by [emailing the tari](#).

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DEVELOPMENT



August 2026 | Auckland

TE ARA WHAKATERE

Ngā Whetū me te Urungi

Workshop two of our three-part leadership Te Ara Whakaterere series explored the use of stars to navigate and guide our leadership practice.

Another great session with Helena Baker, Erena Baker and Reweti Arapere, inspiring leaders to continue to aspire and reach for the stars!

E kore rawa e mimiti te puna mihi ki a rātou.



August 2026 | Auckland

PĀNGARAU WORKSHOP

He Whakaako i te Pāngarau

What a great way to wrap up our pāngarau workshops for 2026! Kaiako from across the motu came together in Auckland to learn, share and strengthen their practice.

The workshop provided an opportunity to deepen understanding of pāngarau concepts and explore some of the new Toi Pāngarau resources available to support learning in kura and schools.



September 2026 | Rotorua

PŪTAIAO WORKSHOP

Tiakina te Taiao

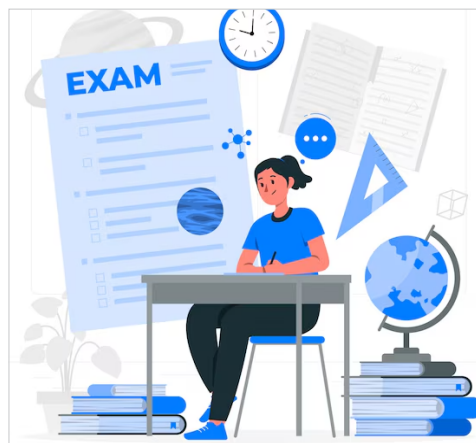
This Pūtaiao workshop was a valuable opportunity for kaiako to connect and deepen their understanding of the taiao around us.

Across two days, Pūtaiao experts, Tame Malcolm and Hinerapa Rupuha, shared their mātauranga and expertise, with kaiako exploring navigation, identifying manu taketake, and practical activities to bring back to the classroom.

Pūtaiao Workshop
Tiakina te Taiao
September 2026

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I've come away with a kete full of ideas and hands-on activities that bring pūrākau to life in my lessons in meaningful and relevant ways.



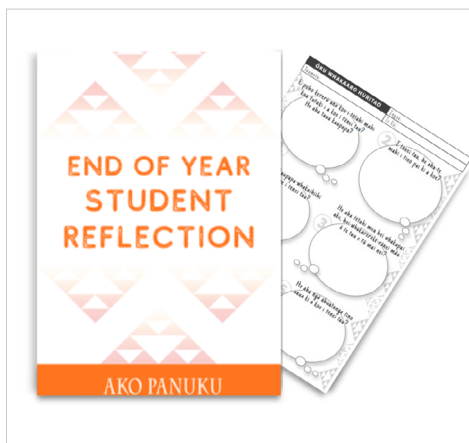
EXAM STUDY NOTES

Take Good Study Notes

An A4 printable template supports ākonga in taking useful study notes to prepare them for their exams.

Also available in te reo Māori.

[View resource](#)



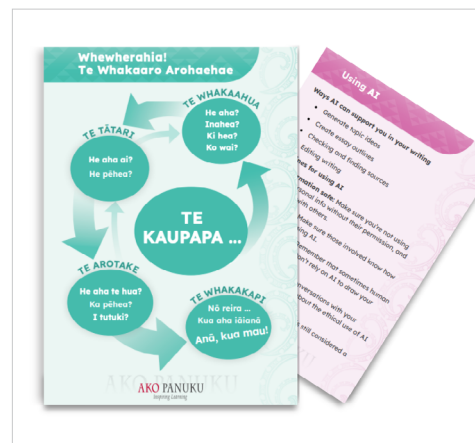
STUDENT REFLECTION

End-of-year Resource

A helpful resource that encourages student reflection, with a set of reflection questions to work through.

Also available in te reo Māori.

[View resource](#)

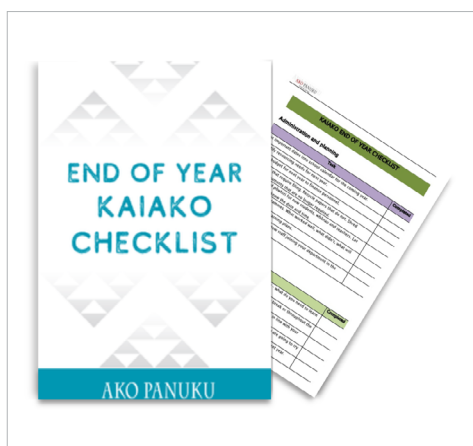


STUDENT RESEARCH GUIDES

Improve Research Skills

A set of helpful guides for students who are preparing for the end-of-year examinations, as well as written assignments.

[View resource](#)



KAIKO CHECKLIST

End-of-year Resource for Kaiako

This resource is a handy checklist to help you keep track of important end-of-year tasks.

Also available in te reo Māori.

[View resource](#)



AFFIRMATION CARDS

Timely Reminders

These affirmation cards offer simple reminders to inspire and support the wellbeing of kaiako and ākonga as we prepare for the final term of the year.

[View resources](#)



TEACHING STANDARDS

PCT Resource

Explore the Teaching Council's 2026 Standards page for practical guidance.

They will be the formal basis for practising-certificate renewal from 2027.

[View the 2026 Standards online](#)



Pāngarau Workshop
August 2026

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This wānanga provided
valuable insights and creative
ideas to teach pāngarau.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Latest Release

The fully updated Te Marautanga o Aotearoa for Tau 0-10 is now available for schools and kura to start using in 2027.

Find out more on the [Tāhūrangi National Curriculum Years | Tau 0-10 page](#).



SMART ASSESSMENT

Window Two

For 2026, schools can choose from SMART, e-asTTle, or PAT for twice-yearly progression monitoring. The second SMART window runs from 12 October to 13 November.

[Find out more](#)



HE PITOPITO KŌRERO

School Leaders Bulletin

MoE has a dedicated pānui for school leaders that covers kaupapa such as curriculum news and updates, resources, professional learning opportunities, school programmes, and any policy changes.

[View the latest pānui online](#)



TE PŪTAHI NUI 2026

Ngā Kura ā-Iwi

Ako Panuku returned to Te Pūtahi Nui 2026 held in Rotorua in August.

Te Pūtahi Nui is a great way to connect with kaiako from across the motu, and to share more about the support we offer. We look forward to hopefully returning again in 2027.



HEI WHAKAMŌHIO NOA



SHARE YOUR STORY

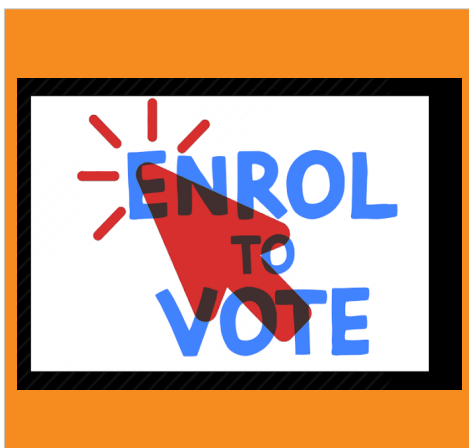
Connect. Inspire. Re-Energise.

Every kaiako has a story.

Every story has the power to inspire.

Share your experiences, and how Ako Panuku has supported your journey, strengthened your practice or made a difference in your mahi.

[Share your story](#) and inspire kaiako around the motu.



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Enrol to vote

It's important that you have a say in the decisions that affect you, your whānau, and our communities. If you haven't already enrolled to vote, now is the time. Enrolments close on 25 October.

Advance voting starts 26 October, with Election Day on 7 November.

[Find out more](#)



KAHU PŪTOI | KAUA WHITIA

Te Pūtaiao me Te Pūmanawa Tangata

This online symposium will unpack the new wāhanga ako of Te Pūtaiao and Te Pūmanawa Tangata. If you're an existing Kahu Pūtoi member, you can register via [Circle](#).

If you'd like to become a member of Kahu Pūtoi, you can [sign up online](#).