



Te Wānanga  
o Aotearoa

# He Puāwaitanga

Kawerau

Graduation Ceremony 2023



# Kawerau

**Mihi from Nepia Winiata**  
**Te Kaiwhakatere, Chief Executive Officer**

## **Presentation of Certificates to Graduands**

**Hauora – Health & Fitness**  
Certificate in Rongoā Level 4

**Ratonga Pāpori – Social Services**  
Manaaki Tāngata – Certificate in Bicultural Social Services Level 4

**Angitu – Māori & Indigenous Development**  
Te Kūnenga o te Ao Tikanga Level 4

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**Te Hiringa – Education**  
He Puāwai – Certificate in Adult and Tertiary Teaching Level 5

**Waiata Tautoko**  
**Karakia Whakamutunga**  
**Light refreshments served**

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# Mihi from Te Kaiwhakaterere Chief Executive Officer



Tēnā koe,

Each year I get to witness our taura take to the stage for their graduation and I am always filled with immense pride and reminded of why we do what we do – to see you, our valued taura, succeed.

Our graduation ceremonies are the high point of each year, not only for taura and kaiako, but the organisation as a whole. There is no doubt your whānau are brimming with aroha and pride for you as you reach this milestone.

Here at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, graduation day is known as He Puāwaitanga, meaning 'to come to fruition'. You began your journey with a goal in mind, and today the achievement of this goal has become a reality. Your hard work over months or even years, despite challenges, has led to this momentous occasion.

Congratulations to you on your graduation. We're thrilled to celebrate with you, your whānau, your classmates and your kaiako. I hope you will take a moment to reflect on your accomplishments and acknowledge those who have supported you along the way.

'Kia angitu te taura, taura success,' is our mission at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, and we know success looks different for every taura, so ensure you reflect on your own journey and take it all in. Success could mean you've graduated with a new qualification that will help you advance in your career, or perhaps, you've pursued a tohu that enables you to make positive contributions to your whānau, marae, hapū and iwi. Regardless of the educational path you've taken, it's been our privilege to be alongside you.

*Kua ea ngā hekenga werawera o Tāne te wānanga,  
ā, ko te ihu o manawanui tēnei ka tū ki te kōmata  
o te huarahi o ihu one. Tēnei a ihu ka puta, ka ora,  
tihe mauri ora. Rauhi mai koutou ko tō rahi ki te  
whare whakamānawa o Te Wānanga o Aotearoa e  
whakatika nei i tōna whare whakarei tangata. Nau  
piki mai te hui, nau kake mai te kaupapa hirahira  
nui o te tau tēnei te whakatau nei.*

At Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, our vision is 'he takapau mātauranga, he whānau huarewa, whānau transformation through education.' We've witnessed the incredible impact education has on people's lives, and that's what drives us forward. I urge you to make good use of your education to benefit others in your whānau, your hapū, iwi and your community, but most importantly, yourself.

We firmly believe that education opens doors to new opportunities, and I encourage you to embrace them. I'm also a strong advocate for lifelong learning and I hope you'll consider furthering your studies with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa in the near or distant future.

Whether you choose to continue your journey with us or elsewhere, remember, you'll always be a valued part of our whānau here at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

Take pleasure in this moment; you've worked hard for it and truly deserve it.

Ngā manaakitanga

**Nepia Winiata**

*Kaiwhakaterere  
Chief Executive Officer*

# Kawerau Graduation Programme

## Rautahi Marae Friday, 17 May 2024

10.00am **Mihi Whakatau**  
**Karakia Timatanga**  
**Guest Speaker**  
**Presentation of Tohu/Certificates**

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## Hauora Health & Fitness

## Ratonga Pāpori Social Services

## Angitu Māori & Indigenous Development

## Toi Māori & Indigenous Art

## Te Hiringa Education

### Certificate in Rongoā Level 4

Kaiako: Vanessa Skipper

Patricia Bennett  
Reina Hale  
Tai Hunia  
Julian Cinamon  
Caroline Lafaelle  
Evelyn-May Moses  
Hannabell Savage  
Ani Tai  
Patricia Tangira Falwasser  
Hani Tatu  
Toi-Joseph Te Pou  
Kristal Te Ua  
Jared Thomsen  
Francesca Wharewera  
Violet Whiri

### Manaaki Tāngata - Certificate in Bicultural Social Services Level 4

Kaiako: Rawena Rangitauira

Melvina August  
Chase Brady  
Christie Moses  
Te Aroha Nathan  
Lisa Patrick  
Leshay Pepene  
Pania Potter  
Ian Rauwhero  
Laken Stone  
Maryanne Tamatea  
Tessa Thornton

### Te Kūnenga o te Ao Tikanga Level 4

Kaiako: Martin Rakuraku

Delia Coffey  
Beryl Jackson  
Clifton McKenzie  
Aroha Ngatai  
Saraya Ngatai  
Te Whetu Ngatai  
Tamehana Ross  
Arabella Smith  
Fraser Stephens  
Davina Te Poono  
Amelia Temo  
Te Orohi Temo  
Sherry Watene

### Kāwai Raupapa - Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art

#### Level 4 (Ngā Mahi ā te Whare Pora)

Kaiako: May Te Pou

Alice Aramoana  
Ihaperā Gear  
Bernadette Marks  
Elizabeth Morgan  
Leah Niao  
Robert Pari  
Nancy Pitau  
Rakera Wade-Tukiwaho

### Toi Paemātua - Diploma in Māori & Indigenous Art

#### Level 5 (Ngā Mahi ā te Whare Pora)

Kaiako: May Te Pou

Barbara Wheto  
Te Aroha Whittle

### He Puāwai – Certificate in Adult & Tertiary Teaching

#### Level 5

Kaiako: Elsie Rakuraku

#### Semester A

Te Kanapu Anasta  
Isobel Black  
Victoria Elliott  
Adrienne Gardiner  
Allery Gardiner  
Carlene Gardiner  
Atamira Grant  
Amanda Haylings  
David Hofmann  
Gaybriel Hofmann  
Pauline Martin  
Rita O'Callaghan  
Rangitīaria Rika  
Jennifer Robinson  
Cheryl Savage  
Grace Stone  
Tamahau Tangitu  
Nga Tran  
Tareha Walker

#### Semester B

Lara Amaya  
Raven Baruelo  
Moerangi Black  
Marino Grace  
Tracey Hall  
Matetu Herewini  
Te Taepa Kameta  
Chanelle Kelly-Waihirere  
Jessica Mackey  
Emily Sinclair  
Kevina Tarei  
Terina Tauēki-Watson  
Riwia Te Kaawa  
Heni Te Ratana  
Hinerangi Wilson  
Vivienne Wilson

# Ōhope couple striving for whānau success through continued education



Kylie Holmes and her partner, Harlem Ferrall, had never heard of Te Wānanga o Aotearoa until 2022 when they attended a mau rākau event at the Tauranga campus.

The couple, who are based in Ōhope, quickly discovered the wide range of study opportunities and soon after enrolled in Kāwai Raupapa Level 4. Harlem chose mau rākau in Tauranga, while Kylie enrolled in raranga in Whakatāne.

She'd realised her love for the artform after she weaved a wahakura earlier that year just before having their first pēpē.

*"When I found out there was a raranga programme in Whakatāne, that really caught my attention. It seemed like such a great opportunity. I knew that it would be silly to pass it by. I thought it would be the perfect time for me to study while my baby was still young".*

Kylie went back to mahi halfway through 2023, and she admits that juggling life with a baby, while working and studying was a challenge. With the support of her kaiako and fellow tauira, and with her partner also juggling the same commitments, she was able to complete the programme and proudly showcase her mahi at their end of year toi exhibition.

*"At times I was really challenged, but I have a good partner and he's very supportive. Classes were a bit of me time. I got to socialise, I got to be myself without my child, it was a good balance."*

This year both Kylie and Harlem will continue their study journey with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, working towards Toi Paematu Level 5 in raranga and mau rākau respectively.

The couple are confident that through furthering their education they will be able to make a positive impact within their young whānau and live out the vision of Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, whānau transformation through education.

*"Both of us really enjoyed our programmes because they made us feel closer to our culture, our tūpuna, and feel more connected within ourselves. Becoming parents in 2022 made us realise how much strengthening our pillars will make a difference for our offspring."*

## Waiata

### He Hōnore

He hōnore, he korōria  
Maungārongo ki te whenua  
Whakaaro pai e  
Ki ngā tāngata katoa  
Ake, ake, ake, ake  
Āmine  
Te Atua  
Te Piringa  
Tōku oranga

### Na Tāne

Na Tāne i piki ake ki te toi huarewa  
Ki te tiki i ngā kete o te mātauranga  
Ko te kete Tūāuri  
Ko te kete Tūātea  
Ko te kete Aronui

Ka tahi ka hora ki te ao kikokiko  
Ki te ao hurihuri  
Ki o tātou tīpuna  
Ka hoa te taura  
Herenga tangata

Ko Te Kupenga o te Mātauranga  
Ko te kete Tūāuri  
Ko te kete Tūātea  
Ko te kete Aronui

Ka tahi ka hora ki te ao kikokiko  
Ki te ao hurihuri  
Ki o tātou tīpuna  
Ka hao te taura  
haerenga tangata  
Ko te Kupenga o te mātauranga  
Ko te Kupenga o te mātauranga  
Te Wānanga o Aotearoa

### Tai Aroha

Ko te aroha anō he wai  
E pupū ake ana  
He awa e māpuna mai ana  
I roto i te whatumanawa  
Ko tōna mātāpuna he hōhonu  
A ina ia karere anō  
Ko tōna mātāpuna he hōhonu  
Ā inā ia karere anō  
He tai timu, he tai pari  
He tai ope, he tai roa  
He tai nui  
He tai nui  
He tai nui



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