

WELCOME TO YOUR KURA KAITI SCHOOL

Nau mai haere mai.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Kāiti School. Kāiti School is a great place to be! A place where we love learning and go places.

We are a school with a proud record and history. The school was first established in 1907 and celebrated its centenary in 2007. While strong in history, the school is also positioned to be future focused and able to provide students with an innovative learning environment. We have a positive reputation for connecting with students and providing opportunities to ensure success. The curriculum has been designed around developing a resilient learner, who knows their whakapapa, is a confident and active thinker, literate, numerate and able to make good decisions. Positive behaviour is expected here and students are encouraged to Pause, Breathe and Smile when they need a break from learning.

I can guarantee you that children will always come first at our school. Learning will be fun and they will enjoy coming to school. We do not charge school fees and all students receive free stationery. Parents and whānau are welcome to come into our school at anytime during school hours. In fact, what you think matters at Kāiti. We call on parents often for feedback, to share their ideas around learning and to participate in school events. If your child is turning five, we offer a transition to school programme in our New Entrant rooms – The Tiny Tiki Club. Please ask us about this during enrolment.

When enrolling your child at our school, we require two simple commitments from you the parents. Your child's learning comes first and you will be a partner with us to support your child through their education. Your child will come to school consistently and if they cannot make it, there is a valid reason why. If your child is turning 5 and coming to Kāiti, we will make contact with you to make a time to meet to discuss the activities that you can do at home regularly to help your child learn to read, write and count. If you want to give your child the best start to their primary school education, give them Kāiti School!

Kia Tū Maia, Kia Tū Pakari, Kia Tū Rangatira.

Billie-Jean Potaka Ayton
TUMUAKI

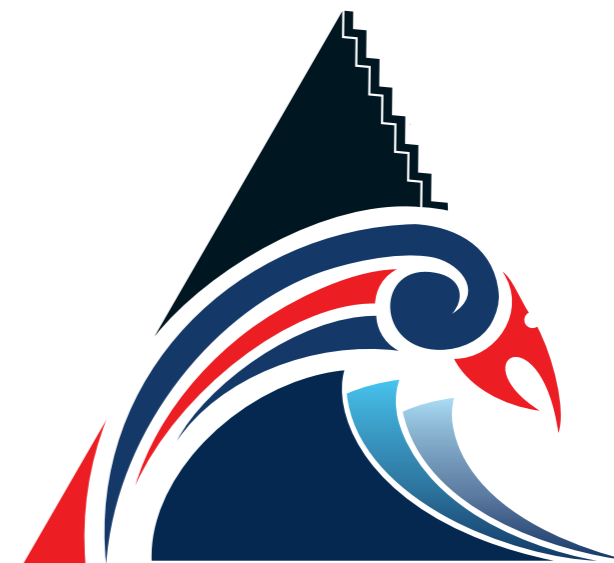


Kaiti School *Be a Leader*
Kia Tu Maia
Kia Tu Pakari
Kia Tu Rangatira *Stand Strong*
Puhikaiti *Be Brave*



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OUR VISION & VALUES

KIA TŪ MAIA - BE BRAVE

KIA TŪ PAKARI - STAND STRONG

KIA TŪ RANGATIRA - BE A LEADER

This vision is alive and active in our school, tamariki learn about what these statements mean for them as learners. The school values that we grow in our tamariki are: Whakaute (Respect), Manaakitanga (Care), Pono (Honesty), Rereketanga (Innovation) and Harikoa (Fun).

LOVE LEARNING ...LOVE KĀITI !

Our priorities at Kāiti School are Literacy and Numeracy, the foundation learning areas of the NZ curriculum. Children must be literate and numerate to live successfully in the modern world. In order to access the other learning areas, students must first be able to read, write and have a strong knowledge of the number system. We teach the Arts, Science and Technology through the Term wide topics. Hauora topics are covered at the beginning of each term and focus on Physical growth and Emotional development and what our body needs to have hauora.

WE ARE DIGITAL NATIVES

We encourage students to use digital technologies as a learning tool safely across all learning areas. We are also preparing to implement the new digital technologies curriculum across the school. The new digital technologies curriculum is about helping students to develop as digitally capable thinkers, producers, and creators. Our mahi will be to teach Kāiti kids how digital technologies work then to use this technology safely to solve problems. Our goal is to develop learners to be confident, independent technologically capable individuals who value collaboration.

WE LOVE SPORTS!

We provide many sporting opportunities at Kāiti school. We have a full time Sports Leader and a range of sporting codes for students to participate in at local school sporting events through out the year. Did you know that Kāiti School has a bike track and a fleet of bikes? Our Kāiti Kids ride two times a week with their teacher. Make sure you get involved in the range of sports on offer at Kāiti .

WE LOVE TO SWIM!

Learning to swim is important. At Kāiti School we provide professional coaching for all classes in Term 1 with Comet Swimming Club. Students travel to Elgin or Olympic pools depending on their swimming ability. The School also runs a swimming academy for competitive swimmers. Academy swimmers train before school in the mornings, two times a week.

TE REO MĀORI

Ko te Reo Māori he taonga mai i o mātou matua tīpuna, he reo mā tātou kātoa. He reo tikanga ki ngā hapu, iwi o Te Tairāwhiti whānui. The school offers a bilingual immersion programme at level 3 (31 –50%) from Years 1–8 and in 2019 we have introduced a Level 2 (80%) Class. The rest of our classes in the kura work at Level 4 of the Reo curriculum which is 3 hours per week. All students participate in a planned programme of Kapahaka. Waiata and Haka from our local area is the curriculum. At the end of the year, the whole school comes together in performance at the Tūranganui a kiwa festival. Tamararo is the oldest kapahaka competition in the world. We are very fortunate to be part of that legacy through our participation in this annual event. The school also sends a competitive roopu to Te Mana Kuratahi every second year.

WHAKAPAPA

One of the most important things our tamariki should know is their identity and their connections to the whenua, hapu, iwi and waka. In your first few weeks here, Kaiako will request your child's pepeha so that they can connect with their whakapapa through the school's curriculum

PASIFIKA EDUCATION

We support students who speak English as a second language with 1:1 teacher aide support. The school actively celebrates and encourages our pasifika students to bring their culture to school with them. We meet with our Tongan parents regularly to discuss learning programmes.

WE LOVE TO BE LEADERS!

Leadership opportunities are on offer to those who are ready to lead. In Term 1 of each year, the schools holds a student leaders election. Students are nominated for the election and run a campaign across the school. The student body vote in a real life election to decide who their student leaders will be.

YOU WILL LOVE THE FREE STATIONERY!

Parents don't have to worry about this cost when your child starts Kāiti . All students at our school receive FREE stationery.

WE LOVE TO TREAM!

We teach our tamariki how to be sustainable through the TREAM BIG project. (Together Raising Environmental Aroha Movement). Tamariki work on small and big enviro projects that they are passionate about and projects that will make a difference for our whanau, our school and our community. Some of our special projects include The Kāiti Mall Smoke Free Project, replanting natives on Titirangi, collaborating with Waste Management to introduce Kupu Māori to their waste bins and working on the reinstating of the rightful name for this area – Tūranganui a Kiwa. We are plastic bag free and a Say Ae to Wai kura which means we drink water during the day. Coloured drinks and fizzy drinks are for treats on the weekend.

WE LOVE TRANSITIONING TO KURA!

The start to primary school is an important time. We provide a comprehensive, fun transition experience for your child called the Tiny Tiiki club in mainstream and the Tiny Taonga in Bilingual. 4½ year olds are welcome to join our new entrant classes for an hour a week to establish those essential routines for a successful start to school. If your child goes to an early childhood provider, Puna or Kohanga, you can drop them to the club on Thursday mornings and we return them at 10.30am. We also support parents through the Ttirangi project to help their new Kāiti kids get off to a great start in their education. Kōkā Moana meets with every whānau to provide resources and strategies to learn the alphabet and foster a love for reading, writing and counting.

BREAKFAST AND MILK IN SCHOOLS

Breakfast is available free in the mornings from 8.15am. Any child who would like some cereal for breaky need only ask the teacher. We are on the Fonterra milk for Schools programme as well. Every child gets a daily drink of Fonterra Milk. If your child does not drink milk, please let us know.

WE LOVE DUFFY BOOKS

We are a Books in Homes school. This means that your child will receive a free Duffy book most terms and throughout the year be rewarded for caught being good with a special Duffy Book.

THE SCHOOL DAY

Classes are open from 8.15am. Teachers are available to talk with you and your child from this time. We have shortened break times. Morning tea is 10.30 – 10.50am and Lunch time is from 12.15pm to 12.45pm. Kai is eaten at the end of lunch play. Our school day concludes at 2.30pm.

FREE AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The school in conjunction with the Gisborne YMCA offers free after school care from 2.30–5pm to working whānau and whānau who are studying. The programme runs in the hall and spaces are limited. To enrol your child for the wait list, please see Lil in the office.

SOCIAL WORKER (SWISS)

We have a social worker in residence at Kāiti . This service is free and supports children and parents with a range of services. The SWISS worker is available to speak with whānau by booking an appointment at the office.

WE LOVE OUR UNIFORM

We have a school uniform which consists of the famous Kāiti Tee and the Kāiti Hoody. These items are paired with any tidy black bottoms. You can purchase your Kāiti Tee and Hoody from the office. The school is able to assist families of three or more students with a uniform subsidy. We also hold sales throughout the year. The Year 7–8 students graduate to a Black Kāiti Polo and Shorts. In the winter months they wear the Kāiti School Jacket. Uniforms can be purchased at the school office. Eftpos facilities available.

WE LOVE TRIPS!

Your child will be offered a range of trips to support their learning in the classroom. Our school has been to Samoa, Tonga, Fiji and Rarotonga. Anything is possible at Kāiti School but it is only possible with whānau commitment. Local trips are connected to our localised curriculum. Classes usually have one trip per term.

LEARNING AT HOME (MAHI A KAINGA)

We know that whānau have a huge role to play in the education of their tamariki. All classes will provide a programme of homework to support learning programmes in school. Homework runs from Monday to Thursday. Please return readers that are sent home for reading the next day.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

To learn, we need your tamaiti to be at school every day. The school consistently has high attendance rates for our students. Attendance does matter and research tells us that students who attend daily also make good progress in their learning. If your child is sick, we ask that you phone, text, or message the school to explain the absence.

OUR STAFF

We have the dream team here at Kāiti . We are here because we love our job and it shows. Kids come first always for our staff who are friendly, hard working, committed and go the extra mile for your child every day. We are here to help.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

We have a school wide behaviour programme to support learning. The school rule “Mahia te mea tika” or “Do the right thing” is referred to daily in our classrooms. Through the positive behaviour for learning programme we teach students to manage themselves, relate to others and participate and contribute in our world. Please see your child's teacher for information on our school wide behaviour plan. We also run Chill Time which is a lunchtime group that meets up to chill out, relax and take a break. Students participate in supervised play activities inside during break times.

TIME TO PAUSE, BREATHE AND SMILE

To get the most out of our learning we must be ready to learn. As a school we practice mindfulness through the Pause, Breathe and Smile programme. Every day, we take time out to refocus ourselves and our energies on the here and now. Taking time to Pause, Breathe and Smile also enables us to practice strategies to deal with challenges both small and large that we may face in our everyday lives.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

We send home a full school newsletter once a fortnight and an update on alternate weeks. This can be emailed to you, if you prefer. Students share their progress via student led conferences in Term 2 and a full written progress report on learning is sent home in Term 4. We are moving with the times. Most classes have closed group Facebook pages where more personalised panui specific to class programmes are posted. Check out our school website and the Kāiti School Facebook page.

WE ARE A WHĀNAU ORA SCHOOL

Kāiti School is one of the first school's in NZ to be a whānau ora School. Funded through Te Pou Matakana and part of the Horouta Whanaunga Collective, the school has a kaiarahi/ navigator who supports whānau to put their ideas and life goals into action. Whānau ora provides families with the skills and support to make positive changes for their families.

WE ARE WELL-THY KĀITI KIDS

We have over 160 students registered in the Well-thy banking programme which is a financial literacy pro-gramme where students save their money with the ANZ Bank, share their financial performance annually with their whānau and if they can prove a consistent banking history receive a \$20 credit yearly. Your child can be a well-thy Kāiti Kid too. Register your child at the office.

GOING ALL THE WAY TO YEAR 8

The Bilingual pathway goes all the way to Year 8. There are just 20 spaces offered at Year 7 and 8 level. To enter this programme you must have been enrolled in the bilingual pathway the year before. From time to time spaces do become available for students from the mainstream.

