

WELCOME TO YOUR KURA KAITI SCHOOL

KIA TŪ MAIA BE BRAVE
KIA TŪ PAKARI STAND STRONG
KIA TŪ RANGATIRA BE A LEADER

Nau mai ki te kura o Kaiti.

E mihi ana kia koutou ngā whānau hou. Welcome to your new kura. We are grateful that you have chosen Kaiti School as the kura for your child's education pathway. Kaiti School is a great place to be.

Our school has a long history, opening in 1907 and serving the Kaiti community for over 100 years. Some of the trees that we have planted in the grounds were planted on the opening day for the school. While strong in history with lots of wonderful memories, a feature of the kura today is innovation in action with the school being a leading school in innovative learning practices and programmes. We are proud of the positive reputation and the vast range of learning opportunities available for your tamariki.

Ngā Manaakitanga,
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TUMUAKI



MAIA TAUPARAPARA

Maia te tipua, Maia te tahito, Maia
te kahui o nga ariki!

Ko Te Ikaroa a Rauru tena,
e hoe nei ki uta, ki Waikanae!

Tau atu ra ki Titirangi, ki te pa-harakeke o

Hamo-te-rangi. Kia whakatauakitia i kona

"Ko Porou koa, ko Hamo te wahine koa"

Huri atu ra ki nga papa-tipu o Puhi Kaiti.

Te ripa tauarai ki te whare wananga.

Kia tu Maia!

Ruiruia nga kakano o te Hue ponotinioti,

o Hinekotukurangi

ki Tawararo, ki Mangamoteo.

Kia tu Pakari!

Hoki mai ra ki te pa o Puhi Kai-ariki,

ki te wananga o Maia Poroaki.

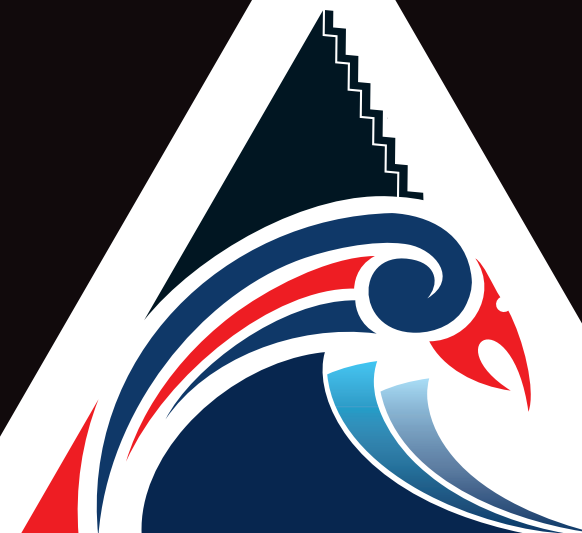
Kia tu rangatira

Tihei! Mauriora!



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OUR VISION & VALUES
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We acknowledge the hāpu Ngati Oneone and their mana as tangata whenua in this area of Kaiti. Our curriculum reflects the qualities of the tipuna Maia.

MARAU Ā KURA
He kura reo rua tēnei kura. Ko te reo tuatahi ko te reo Māori, ka rua, ko te reo Pakehā. He taonga te reo I tākohatia mai e o tātou mātua tipuna, hei taonga mā tātou katoa, otirā, hei rautaki e ora ai ngā tikanga ā- Hāpu, ā-lwi mo te Tairāwhiti, ā-hōrapa noa.

The curriculum has a strong Te Ao Māori focus that is localised to the iwi, hapu and whakapapa of Te Tairāwhiti. We have 11 Bi lingual learning spaces and 7 English medium spaces catering for over 430 akonga. All classes at Kaiti school offer a level of te reo māori language learning. A Bilingual learning pathway is offered from years 1-8 with the English medium pathway is provided from year 1-6. Teachers who work in the bilingual language pathway are involved in professional language development to support them in providing a bi lingual curriculum. They are supported by Kaiārahi i te Reo and Kaiāwhina who have fluency in the reo.

Kapa Haka is an important part of our daily programmes. We participate in the Tūranganui festival, the Tamararo whakataetae and Te Mana Kuratahi Kapa haka should we be lucky enough to qualify.

KO AU
Tuakiritanga and Whakapapa are the foundation of our curriculum. We learn about ourselves, who we are, where we come from, our Tipuna and their connection to this whenua. All students will learn their pepeha and be able to connect with their iwi and hapu.

LEARNING OUTSIDE
Connecting with our Taiao has a valued place in our curriculum. We make it happen for our Kaiti kids and plan regular opportunities for tamariki to be learning outside. Our Kaiti kids are often out the gate on their bikes, climbing Titirangi and planting out or heading out into the Taiao to learn about Tipuna stories.

WE LOVE TRIPS TOO
Your child will be offered a range of trips to support their learning in the classroom. We also venture further afield to other places. Every few years we take groups overseas to experience other cultures and make connections with our Pacifica whānau.

POROU ARIKI
Kaiti School is part of the Kahui Ako Porou Ariki which is a group of kura from Te Toka a Taiau to Potaka. We work closely with these kura to ensure that the curriculum we deliver has a strong Ngati Porou flavour. You will find that many of our kaupapanui are linked to Porourangi as a founding ancestor.

LOOKING AFTER OUR HAUORA
Being active is an important part of our everyday day. All students are involved in regular physical activity. We have a full time sports leader who works with classes daily as well as a high performance coach who supports coaches of the 5 sports academies that run in the kura.

SWIMMING
We attend weekly swimming lessons with Comet in the summer months at the Kiwa and Elgin Pools. Living in Te Tairāwhiti, learning to swim is a skill that every Kaiti learner needs to have.

NGĀ RANGATIRA O ĀPŌPŌ
Every year we run a student leaders election to find out who will be our student leaders. Every child’s vote counts and our leaders have to work hard campaigning to secure votes. We grow leaders in every class and on the sports field providing leadership opportunities to develop our leadership. We are growing leaders for tomorrow.

KEEPING COSTS DOWN
School Stationery is free at Kaiti and sports fees are kept to a flat fee of \$10 for all sports. We try hard to keep costs down for whānau at Kaiti.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Our school uniform consists of the school polo, Kaiti hoody and plain black bottoms. Once students reach Tū Rangatira, they change uniforms to the TR Polo with Kaiti Rangatira Shorts or Black Canterbury. Tū Rangatira students also have a Tū Rangatira Jacket. There is a Kaiti Sports shirt that students wear for sports and physical activity. In terms 1 and terms 4 all students will need a Kaiti School cap or bucket hat for sun safety.

SAVING FOR OUR FUTURE
Our students learn how to save. We encourage all students to enroll in the school’s well-thy banking programme. Learning to save money for another day is a fundamental learning habit and life skill. Please ask us about signing your child up for the Well-thy banking programme. Students who can demonstrate a consistent savings history will receive a banking credit of \$10 in July and again in December funded by Kaiti School.

GETTING READY TO START
Having regular visits, getting to know our kōkā and new class friends makes our start to our schooling journey a calm and happy one. We offer a Tiny Taonga transition programme in Puhi Kaiāriki and a Tiny Tiki programme in the mainstream new entrant class, Whare tipu. We encourage students who are a month out from turning 5 to come along to transition to kura.

WĀ KAI
Students who would like breakfast can have brekkie in the Library kitchen. We are part of the ka ora ka ako lunch programme where students are provided with a healthy nutritious lunch from Puku ora.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE ON SITE HERE
The YMCA runs an after school care here on site for Kaiti Students. For parents who are studying or working you may qualify for a free service. Please ask us for the enrolment forms.

THE SCHOOL DAY
Classes are open from 8.15am. Teachers are available for you and your child from this time. We have shortened break times with break times staggered. Seniors break first then the juniors. Kai time for seniors is 12.30pm and juniors eat at 1pm. School concludes at 2.30pm.

HAUORA SERVICES
There is a Social worker on site along with a Counsellor who is available for service via a simple referral at the office. There are no costs for these services. We also provide Whānau ora services as part of the Horouta Whanau ora Collective. Please drop into Te Pihinga office on the front netball court for further information.

KEEPING IN TOUCH
Keeping informed about your child’s learning occurs formally with AKO hui around Matariki and also with a formal written report at the end of the year.

Keeping in touch daily and weekly is important. Every class has a Class Facebook page which is a window to your child’s learning programme and also a quick and easy way to connect with the kaiako. Pānui are sent home regularly and the school Facebook and website provide are the places to go for up to date information.

MAHI A KAINGA – LEARNING AT HOME
All classes provide home learning. We know that homework can be tough for busy parents. We set homework that students can complete independently. Homework is usually posted on the class FB page. Sometimes there will be projects for parents to help out with.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
We pride ourselves in being a kura that consistently has high levels of student engagement and attendance with attendance rates being in the 80–90 percent range. Tamariki have something exciting happening every day here, they want to be here and we know that students who have high rates of attendance do very well academically throughout their schooling. We expect all of our students to be at kura every day unless they are unwell or have a whānau bereavement or significant event. Kia kaha whānau!

OUR KŌKĀ AND MATUA
We are so lucky. The kaiako here are just amazing. Their teaching methodologies and ways are refreshing, vibrant and relevant for our learners. We are proud of the work that we do making sure we do a great job every day for our tamariki. We have over 50 staff here every day working alongside your tamariki. We work alongside Te Wananga o Raukawa to support kaiāwhina to complete their tertiary studies to be kaiako here.

TE KAPEHU O MAIA BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
Our tamariki are supported by Te Kapehu o Maia to manage their behaviour at kura. This compass (kapehu) refers to the qualities, characteristics and stories of Maia, Hinekotukurangi, Te Toka a Taiau and Te Ikaroa a Rauru. We refer to these stories and characteristics when we need to regulate our behaviour and remain focussed.

TIME TO PAUSE, BREATHE AND SMILE
To get the most out of the learning we must be ready to learn. As a school, we practice mindfulness through the Pause, Breathe and Smile programme. Students learn to take time to refocus ourselves and our energies on the present moment. This strategy supports students to deal with challenges both small and large that they may face throughout the day.



Tokaitūtanga Courageous This pattern the 'tokaitū' translates to founder and refers to a person who demonstrates the ability to be courageous. The Pūke or founder also represents rangatira, resilience and loyalty.	Angitūtanga Curiosity This pattern is the 'Angitū' version of 'Pūke' and speaks to a person who demonstrates the ability to be curious. A person who wants to know and learn more. It represents exploration and way finding and an opportunity to reflect much like the time when he went in search of the three baskets of knowledge.	Tāmirotanga Collaborative Known as 'Ara Moana' this pattern refers to a person who demonstrates the ability to operate in a 'collaborative' manner. It also represents alternative pathways or ways of completing a task and working together to create better relationships.	Āhurutanga Compassionate 'Te Kōkoro o Pūke' is this pattern which speaks to a person who demonstrates the ability to be 'compassionate'. Someone who can provide safe and warm spaces to support others around them.
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