

AKO PANUKU

Inspiring Learning

PĀNUI - TERM 2, 2025

TĒNĀ KOE!

The period of Matariki and Puanga offers an opportunity for reflection on the past, celebration of the present, and planning for the future. Over the past few months, we have conducted several wānanga across Aotearoa and distributed new and updated resources, including a recent mailout featuring timely materials for Matariki.

We are pleased to announce that preparations for our Hui ā-Tau are well underway. This year's Hui ā-Tau will be another hybrid event, taking place both in person in Auckland and via exclusive livestream for members. The event's theme, "E Pao, Tōrea!" creates a space for

kaiako to reflect on where the tide is taking us, as we focus on the fundamentals that empower our ākonga, and ourselves as Māori. Kaiako will have the opportunity to network, share ideas, and critically think about how we use the basics to create learners who are strong in identity, articulate and confident, literate and numerate, and inspired by the future.

Reflecting the spirit of Matariki, this issue highlights exciting updates, including details of our workshops, community and cluster activities, newly released resources, and a special recognition of one of our new team members.



MEET OUR TEAM

Introducing Kelly Brooks

My daily do: I'm quickly finding my feet in the new role, supporting the daily operations of the tari, while also providing communication and administrative support to ensure the smooth planning and delivery of events.

My mahi background: I have 10+ years' experience across education, media and primary industries. With a sales and marketing background, my administration skills evolved whilst at Eastbay REAP by facilitating the delivery of pūtaiao in the schools of the Eastern Bay of Plenty; empowering kaiako to raise science literacy with House of Science.

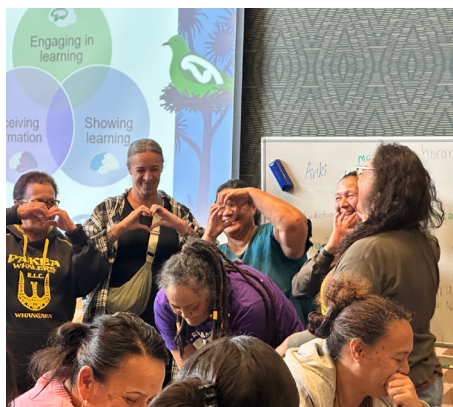
Transferring my skills to the role:

My strengths and skillset lie in networking and relationship management. I thrive on seeking mutually beneficial relationships that provides access to opportunities, resources and potential collaborations.



HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR NEW SET OF RESOURCES?

The second mailout for 2025 was recently sent out and we can't wait for you to use your new resources. If you haven't yet received your pack, please [email the tari](#) to let us know. We may need to update your details. Ngā mihi!



POIPOIA TE PITOMATA

Universal Design for Learning

This workshop aimed to deepen kaiako understanding of neurodevelopment and trauma-informed, inclusive practice through a mātauranga Māori lens. Participants explored Te Whare o Oro, neurodiversity, and frameworks like Te Tūāpapa o He Pikorua and Universal Design for Learning.



KIA WANA TE AKO

Reo ā-Waha | Reo ā-Tā

Over two days, kaiako came equipped to strengthen their teaching of reo ā-waha and reo ā-tā. While day 1 focussed on reo-ā-waha, day 2 was an opportunity for kaiako to explore reo ā-tā strategies suited to ākonga who are reading and writing independently. The wānanga provided practical tools, rich kōrero, and a space for kaiako to share, reflect, and grow.



KA MAREWA

Leadership Bootcamp

It was a full house at Ka Marewa, held in Wellington in May. Participants had the opportunity to explore their unique leadership style and how it influences others, while learning strategies to build confidence and thrive in their leadership role. For those who have completed Ka Marewa, we encourage you to register for further leadership offerings.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

[REGISTER HERE](#)

KA HOKA

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

6-7 AUGUST 2025
AUCKLAND

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

AKO PANUKU

KA HOKA

Leadership Workshop

This two-day workshop is designed for those who would like to further develop their leadership capabilities. This workshop is suitable for those who have participated in the Ka Marewa Leadership Bootcamp.

6-7 August 2025 | Auckland

TE WHAKAAKO I TE PĀNGARAU

14-15 AUGUST 2025
AUCKLAND

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

AKO PANUKU

TE WHAKAAKO I TE PĀNGARAU

Teaching the Teachers the Maths

This two-day course is designed to strengthen kaiako understanding and teaching of key concepts, ideas, strategies, and skills outlined in the five tūārerere of the redesigned Pāngarau wāhanga ako.

14-15 August 2025 | Auckland

PŪTAIAO WORKSHOP

HE WHARE PŪRĀKAU

27 - 28 AUGUST 2025
AUCKLAND

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

AKO PANUKU

PŪTAIAO WORKSHOP

He Whare Pūrākau

This two-day workshop supports kaiako to explore Pūtaiao through a Māori lens, using pūrākau and maramataka. Suitable for kaiako who teach Pūtaiao/ Science, and those interested in mātauranga Māori.

27-28 August 2025 | Auckland

Te Kāhui Kaiako Reo Māori
ME RANGATIRA TE AKO

TE REO MĀORI: Level 2

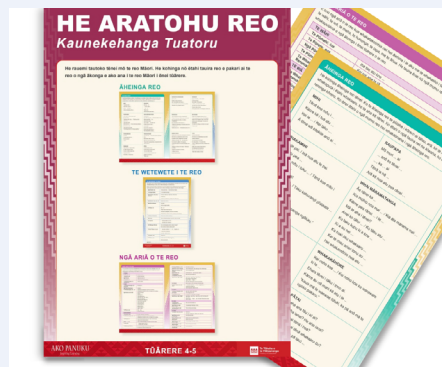
Unit title	Whakawhānauatanga
AD	21 Communicate about relationships between people.
Target Language	<p>Question forms</p> <p>Ko wai mā...? (Who are...?) Tokohia...? (How many...?) He... tēu/tōu? (Do you have...?)</p> <p>Numerical questions with negative response</p> <p>Tokohia ē tamariki? Ekoru ēu tamariki. Tokohia ē mokopuna? Ekoru ēu mokopuna.</p> <p>Grandparents</p> <p>Ko wai mā ē tipuna? Ko Kura rāua ko Whi.</p> <p>Uncles and aunts</p> <p>Ko wai mā ē mātua kōwhiri? Ko Hana rāua ko Hana.</p> <p>Key Learning</p> <p>1. The word 'te' is gender neutral (he/hia).</p>

TE REO MĀORI KIT

Te Aho Arataki Marau mō te Ako i te Reo Māori

Thank you to the kaiako who have been trialling our new Te Reo Māori kits in the past term. The first kits will be available (by order only), to members of Te Kāhui Kaiako Reo Māori during Term 3. Kits include lesson plans, photocopiable resources, teaching strategies, and slides. Keep an eye out for notifications about when the kits are ready for order.

NEW RESOURCES



He Aratohu Reo - Kaunekehanga Tuatoru

A reference resource with language exemplars relating to a wide range of language functions, grammar points, and language notions. Suitable for ākonga at tūārerere 4-5 (years 9-13).

[View resource](#) or [Request a hardcopy](#)

Te Kāhui Kaiako Pūtaiao
AKO PANUKU COMMUNITYSIR PAUL CALLAGHAN
SCIENCE ACADEMY

Our two lucky members!

Darron Tawhai Gillies (Horeke School, Northland) and Connor O'Rourke (St Andrews College, Christchurch) are heading to Auckland during the holidays to attend the Sir Paul Callaghan Science Academy. Only 24 kaiako get to attend the 4-day programme, so we are excited that two of those spots will be taken up by members of Te Kāhui Kaiako Pūtaiao. We look forward to hearing from Darron and Connor following their time at the Academy. Whaowhia te kete mātauranga.

SCIENCE ROADSHOW
2025

A mobile science discovery centre

During Term 3, the Science Roadshow will be making its way from Ngatea through the Bay of Plenty to Te Tai Rāwhiti and down through Hawke's Bay to Wellington, stopping in at lots of small towns on the way. It costs \$10/ākonga, accompanying adults are free.

To learn more and book in, visit the [Science Roadshow website](#).

Te Pōkai Kākākura
AKO PANUKU LEADERS

THRIVE IN 2025

Inspiring and Connecting
Future Leaders

Two lucky Te Pōkai Kākākura members, Richard McLaren (Deputy Principal, Nelson College) and Patricia Simeon (Principal, Ambury Park), recently attended Learning Network NZ's Thrive in 2025 leadership conference. The conference has given both Patricia and Richard the opportunity to reflect on their own leadership. One of the powerful messages that has stuck with Patricia was a quote from Dr Paul Wood who spoke on mental resilience: "Make each interaction a first interaction!". This speaks to the potential of approaching every encounter with fresh intent and without judgement. There's a challenge for us all! We'll share some of their other reflections and learnings in future pānui and through our website. Ngā mihi ki a kōrua!

NEW RESOURCE

Feedback for Growth

This resource supports principals | tumuaki and middle leaders to engage meaningfully with the Professional Growth Cycle (PGC).

[View resource](#)

Te Kāhui Kaiako Reo Māori ME RANGATIRA TE AKO



KŪ, PŪ, KUPU!

Ngā Kārē ā-Roto me ngā Tūāhua

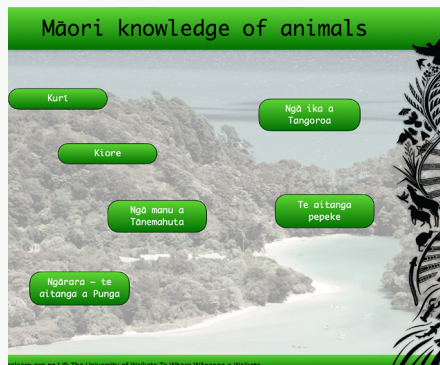
A new set of the popular vocab cards, Kū, Pū, Kupu! This new set of 80 cards all focus on kare ā-roto (emotions) and tūāhua (adjectives).

[View resource](#) or [Request a hardcopy](#)

Did you know?

Did you know that there are more topics to learn and explore in the Kū, Pū, Kupu! series? Visit the [Ako Panuku website](#) to download your own copy of each set from the series.

Te Kāhui Kaiako Pūtaiao AKO PANUKU COMMUNITY

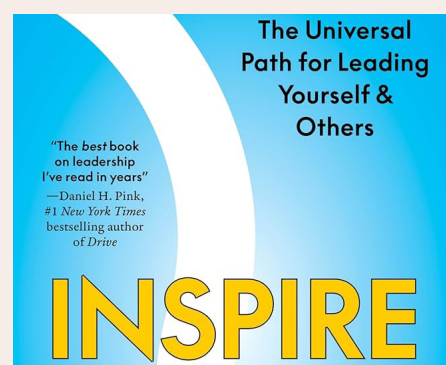


NEW MĀTAURANGA MĀORI RESOURCES

Animals and Animal Ethics

Access the new digital resources for teaching and learning about [mātauranga Māori relating to animals](#) and [animal ethics](#) on the Science Learning Hub – Pokapū Akoranga Pūtaiao: Māori knowledge of animals; Māori concepts for animal ethics. A Māori medium e-version is also available to download. Ngā mihi ki a Dr Georgina Stewart kōrua ko Dr Sally Birdsall - he mea tuhi ēnei rauemi nā rāua.

Te Pōkai Kākākura AKO PANUKU LEADERS



TE PAE PUKAPUKA

New Book Review Released

Reading signals a growth mindset — an openness to learning, adapting, and evolving. Te Pae Pukapuka aims to inspire a love of reading in Ako Panuku leaders and kaiako.

Each term we launch a new book review featuring Mike Hollings as he shares his insights and reflections on a leadership literary gem. This term, we released a book review on *Inspire*, by Adam Gilinsky. Check it out on our [Te Pae Pukapuka Facebook page](#).

CLUSTERS

WEST AUCKLAND



KIRIKIROA



Cluster meets

This term, the West Auckland and Kirikiriroa cluster groups met in their regions for a day of sharing, reflection, and wānanga. If you're interested in joining a cluster near you, or starting a cluster in your region, please [email the tari](#) for more information.



CELEBRATING OUR UNIQUENESS!

Embracing our differences

A vibrant and colourful poster that celebrates our uniqueness, perfect to pop up on your classroom wall.

Available to download in English or te reo Māori.

[View resource](#)



TE WHAKAHOUTANGA I TE MATARIKI ME TE PUANGA

Kaiako Checklist

A checklist designed to promote professional and personal self-reflection, and planning for the year ahead.

Available to download in English or te reo Māori.

[View resource](#)



GOOD WRITERS PROVIDE EVIDENCE

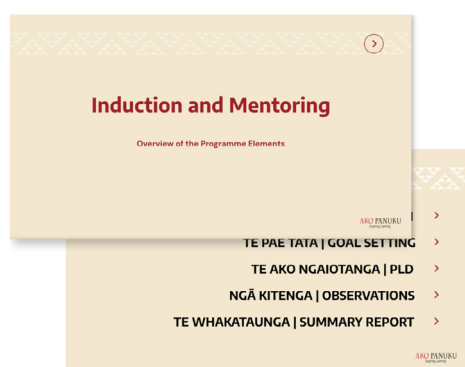
Improve student writing skills

A classroom resource that supports students to incorporate evidence in their writing.

Available to download in English or te reo Māori.

[View resource](#)

PCT RESOURCES AND SUPPORT



INDUCTION AND MENTORING

Overview of programme elements

NEW RELEASE! A digital resource that unpacks the components of a quality induction and mentoring programme.

[View resource](#)



RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

Explore our website

Check out our bundled resources specifically curated for PCTs. You'll find a range of resources such as the PCT 2-year Planner, induction and mentoring programme and access to [Te Tēpu](#).

[View resources](#)



PCT WORKSHOP

Secure your place today!

Starting out your teaching career? Register for this two-day workshop that has been specifically designed to support you to increase your understanding of the 'art of teaching'.

[Register here](#)

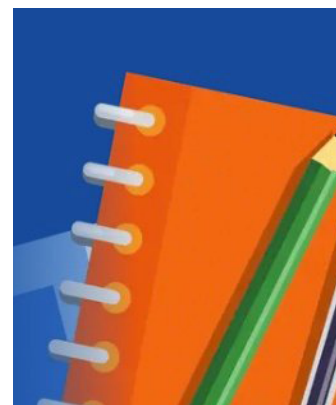
TE POUTĀHŪ**Curriculum Newsletter**

The latest issue of Te Poutāhū | Curriculum Newsletter is now available. In this issue, you'll find updates on curriculum, Years 0 to 8 and Years 9 to 13, new resources, and much more. [Read full pānui.](#)

**NEW WEBSITE
FOR PARENTS****Parent Online Portal**

The Parent Portal is an online platform that provides resources and tools for parents and whānau to support their child's education at home.

[Access the Parent Portal.](#)

**JUST LAUNCHED!****Pae Kāhui**

We're excited to announce that we've just launched the new [Pae Kāhui](#) Communities section on the Ako Panuku website. Check out relevant resources, upcoming workshops, exclusive opportunities and more.

**MĀNAWATIA A
MATARIKI****Resources**

We hope you enjoyed this special time of Matariki mā Puanga surrounded by your whānau, friends, and delicious kai. Check out our range of [Matariki resources](#) online.

**HEI WHAKAMŌHIO NOA****NGĀ KURA Ā-IWI****Te Pūtahi Nui 2025 Conference**

7 - 8 August, 2025 | Rotorua

This year's conference is set to be jam-packed with hot topics, expert speakers, networking opportunities, and so much more. Ako Panuku will also be setting up stall at the event, so drop in for a kōrero and check out some resources on display. [Find out more.](#)

**DID YOU KNOW?****Our collection of webinars**

Did you know we have a growing collection of webinar resources available on our website. Check out our latest bundle of webinars featuring a range of experts that offer valuable insights and practical strategies to help kaiako support ākonga with diverse learning needs. [View webinars.](#)

**KAHU PŪTOI | KAUA WHITIA****Te Kaiako Mauroa ki te
Whātumanawa | 22 July, 2025**

A vibrant and engaging online symposium shining a light on kaiako who have made a difference in the lives of their ākonga and the wider school community. 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](#).