

AKO PANUKU

Inspiring Learning

PĀNUI - TERM 3, 2025

KIA ORA!

We hope you had the chance to rest and recharge over the break, ready to step into the final term of 2025.

This past term has been one of celebration — of our culture and reo, of our kaiako, and of the inspiring mahi taking place in our kura and communities. In September, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, which included the launch of a suite of interactive, ready-to-use resources that highlighted a different linguistic feature each day.

We also delivered a wide range of workshops, including a workshop supporting beginner teachers. Our connections with kaiako

across the regions continued to grow through cluster meet-ups, alongside professional development sponsorships offered exclusively to our community members.

A particular highlight was Hui ā-Tau 2025 - *E Pao, Tōrea!* - which was held both in Auckland and online. It was inspiring to see kaiako engage in deep reflection and learning as each kaikōrero delivered impactful and timely kaupapa. We extend our thanks and appreciation to our kaikōrero and kaiako for participating and contributing to Hui ā-Tau 2025. Like the tōrea, striking with purpose and confidence, we move forward with strength and resilience, shaping a future where ākonga, and we as Māori, can succeed and thrive.



In this pānui, we share highlights from Term 3, upcoming workshops, and resources to support your planning and preparation for Term 4. It's been a big year — and you're almost at the finish line! Thank you for your passion and continued dedication and commitment to nurturing ākonga. We hope you find some time this term to pause, reflect, and celebrate the amazing mahi that you do! Ngā mihi.

HUI Ā-TAU²⁵ E PAO, TŌREA!



On 23 September, 300 kaiako from across the motu joined us face-to-face and online for this year's Hui ā-Tau. Alongside practical, hands-on workshops, the event featured a dynamic lineup of inspirational speakers who shared timely insights on topics ranging from curriculum changes, to te reo Māori, to using AI as a kaiako reo Māori.

If you missed the event, or want to revisit some of your favourite sessions, you can view the [livestream recordings](#) on the Ako Panuku website. Once again, thank you for your participation and contribution to Hui ā-Tau. Your feedback is important to us, and if you haven't already, please share your thoughts by completing the Hui ā-Tau 2025 feedback survey. You'll find the link to the survey in an email we sent you following the event, or you can access the survey via the Hui ā-Tau app.



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This course was an invaluable professional development opportunity, helping me understand more deeply the importance of using pūrākau as a waka to guide our taura toward reaching their natural potential as scientists.

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PŪTAIAO - HE WHARE PŪRĀKAU
AUGUST 2025 | AUCKLAND

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The facilitators were highly experienced and provided valuable insights into the current needs of kaiako, the resources being used in classrooms, and the changes within the new marautanga Poutama Pāngarau.

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TE WHAKAAKO I TE PĀNGARAU
AUGUST 2025 | AUCKLAND

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This experience has deepened my understanding of kaupapa Māori leadership and challenged me to reflect on how I lead within my school community. I now see leadership as a shared journey grounded in values like whanaungatanga, manaakitanga, and ako.

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WORKSHOP TITLE
MONTH 2025 | AUCKLAND

PŪTAIAO WORKSHOP

He Whare Pūrākau

August 2025 | Auckland

This two-day workshop engaged participants in an exploration of Pūtaiao through a Māori worldview, focusing on pūrākau and maramataka while highlighting the value of integrating mātauranga Māori into the teaching of Pūtaiao, to create culturally grounded and authentic learning experiences for ākonga.

TE WHAKAAKO I TE PĀNGARAU

Teaching the Teachers the Maths

August 2025 | Auckland

Specifically designed for kaiako teaching Pāngarau in kura tuatahi, kura waenga, or wharekura, this workshop supported kaiako to deepen their understanding and teaching of key concepts, strategies, and skills across the redesigned Pāngarau wāhanga ako.

KA HOKA

Leadership Workshop

August 2025 | Wellington

Facilitated by Mike Hollings and Barbara Alaalatoa, this workshop equipped participants with practical tools, reflective insights, and personalised strategies to strengthen their leadership practice, while also offering approaches to effectively lead change in their organisation.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

KA TAU

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

15-16 OCT
AUCKLAND

COURSE FULL

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WĀNANGA REO

5-6 NOV
CHRISTCHURCH

COURSE FULL

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LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

FAQS

for workshop participants

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KA TAU

Leadership Workshop

15-16 October 2025 | Auckland

Take your leadership to the next level with our 2-day workshop - perfect for kaiako who've completed the Ka Marewa and Ka Hoka leadership courses.

WĀNANGA REO

Strengthen your te reo Māori!

5-6 November 2025 | Christchurch

Strengthen your reo and teaching practice at our 2-day Ako Panuku Wānanga Reo. Note: te reo Māori is the main language of instruction and learning at this workshop.

ATTENDING A WORKSHOP?

Check the FAQs for participants

Our [FAQs for workshop participants](#) provide helpful information to support your preparations for an upcoming workshop, including what to expect at a workshop, what Ako Panuku covers, and who to contact if you have any questions.

A sepia-toned photograph showing several pairs of hands at a table, holding and exchanging small white business cards. The hands are wearing various sleeves, including a brown sweater with striped cuffs and a light-colored button-down shirt. The cards have some text on them, though it's not clearly legible. The overall scene suggests a professional networking or meeting environment.

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**“Short and intensive sessions,
with practical strategies to
take away.”**

Te Kāhui Kaiako Reo Māori
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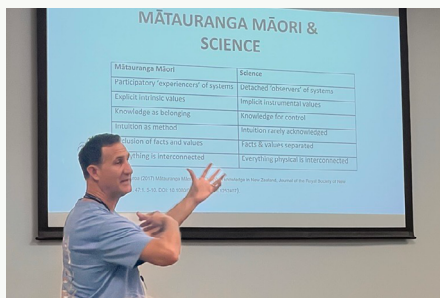
MUMU REO
Ko te reo kia tika.

SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Mumu Reo

Ako Panuku is sponsoring up to two Te Kāhui Kaiako Reo Māori members to join the 24-week Mumu Reo online course by Pānia Papa and Leon Blake. Expressions of interest have now closed, and we are currently reviewing submissions. Thank you to all kaiako who submitted their expression of interest. For more exclusive opportunities on offer in the future, keep an eye on our new [community pages](#) and on your inbox for further details.

Te Kāhui Kaiako Pūtaiao
AKO PANUKU COMMUNITY



HE WHARE PŪRĀKAU

Inspiring kōrero, powerful insights!

A big mihi to Pūtaiao experts Dr. Dan Hikuroa and Te Kahuratai Moko-Painting for sharing their inspiring kōrero and insightful perspectives, sparking thoughtful reflection and meaningful discussion at the recent Pūtaiao Workshop in Auckland.



Te Pōkai Kākākura
AKO PANUKU LEADERS



AGENCY BY DESIGN

An Educator's Playbook

By Derek Wenmoth and Marsha Jones
with George Edwards and Annette Thompson

TE PAE PUKAPUKA

New Review Released!

Mike Hollings interviews Derek Wenmoth, co-author of *Agency by Design: An Educator's Playbook*, exploring the ideas and strategies behind this essential guide for educators and leaders. For leaders ready to transform learning, *Agency by Design* blends big-picture vision with actionable strategies to empower kaiako and foster agency in every classroom. Check out the full interview on our [Te Pae Pukapuka Facebook page](#).

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLUSTERS?



Central West Auckland Cluster Hui - September 2025

Kaiako of the Central West Auckland cluster came together to share rauemi, discuss moderation, reo Māori resources, and junior planning. The hui fostered collaboration among local kaiako, with relevant and timely resources provided to support their teaching and assessment.

The Central West Auckland cluster plan to meet again in Term 4. If you're interested in joining a cluster near you, or starting a cluster in your region, please [email the tari](#) for more information.

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me ngā hua kua puta mai hei
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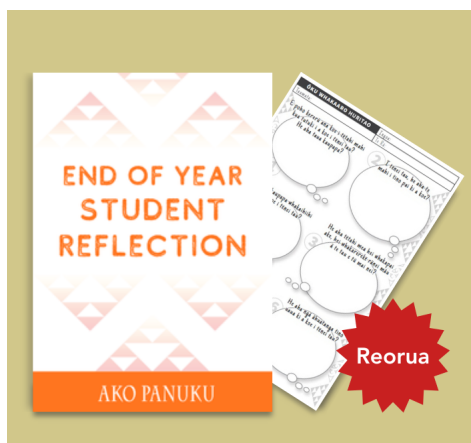


STUDENT RESEARCH GUIDES

Simple, easy to use guides

A set of 8 guide cards that support students in their research projects.

Available to download in English and Māori. [View resource.](#)

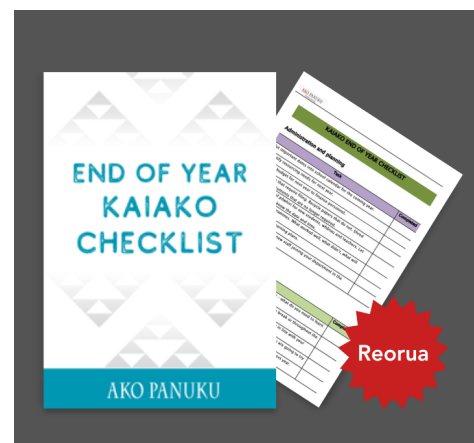


STUDENT REFLECTION

End-of-year resource for ākonga

A set of questions for students to reflect on the past school year.

Available to download in English and Māori. [View resource.](#)



KAIKO CHECKLIST

End-of-year resource for kaiako

A checklist to ensure that you've completed important end-of-year tasks.

Available to download in English and Māori. [View resource.](#)

BEGINNER TEACHERS WORKSHOP AND PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK



BEGINNER TEACHERS WORKSHOP

July 2025 | Auckland

Facilitated by Beth Dixon and Te Ahunui Farnham, Ako Panuku delivered a workshop specifically designed to support kaiako who are starting out on their teaching career. The two-day workshop focused on strengthening kaiako understanding on the 'art of teaching', exploring planning for professional learning, building positive classroom culture, addressing ākonga needs, and developing strategies to support their own wellbeing.



TANEKARE MANE (PCT)

Tūhoe, Te Rarawa

Kura: Te Pūtahi Māori o Manurewa

A key takeaway from the workshop I will implement in my practice:

Having a clearer understanding of the teaching practice standards and being mindful of these expectations in my day-to-day practice.

What I valued/enjoyed most about this workshop:

A key message throughout the workshop - "Be kind to myself!" - and to utilise the support systems around me.



TE HUKATAI TONIHI (PCT)

Te Ātihaunui-a-Pāpārangī, Ngāpuhi

Kura: Te Wharekura o Arowhenua

A key takeaway from the workshop I will implement in my practice:

The SMART goals template will help with my planning and being more specific about my goals.

What I valued/enjoyed most about this workshop:

This was my very first Ako Panuku workshop. I enjoyed connecting with other kaiako who share similar experiences and challenges.

A man in a dark quilted jacket stands at the head of a long table, presenting to a group of people seated around it. The room has large windows on the right side, and a whiteboard is visible in the background. The scene is captured in a warm, slightly desaturated tone.

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“The sessions were relevant and interesting, each carrying their own message.”

TE PŪTAHI NUI 2025

Ngā Kura ā-Iwi

Te Pūtahi Nui continues to grow each year! It was a valuable opportunity for Ako Panuku to connect with kaiako and showcase the wide range of resources and support we offer. A big mihi to the NKAI team - what a fantastic event!



KAUAWHITIA

AI in Education

Exploring AI in education, this online symposium aims to provide fresh insights, practical strategies, and tools to support you in the classroom. Register via [Circle](#) if you're a Kahu Pūtoi member - or [signup online](#) to become a member.



TE POUTĀHŪ

Curriculum Updates

Stay in the loop for curriculum changes and updates by subscribing to Te Poutāhū Curriculum Centre's regular newsletters. It's quick and easy to subscribe - simply complete their [online form](#).



50TH ANNIVERSARY

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

We hope you enjoyed celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2025. If you haven't had a chance to check out the suite of resources we launched to celebrate the 50th anniversary, check them out on our [website](#).



TE PAE RAUTAKI



Vicki Bigham

HE MIHI!

Made up of kaiako Māori from across the motu, Te Pae Rautaki is the Kaiako Advisory Group (KAG) for Ako Panuku. The KAG plays an important role in guiding our mahi and the support we provide to kaiako, ensuring we stay connected to the voices, experiences, and needs of both kaiako and ākonga. Their guidance helps us provide support that is relevant, practical, and culturally grounded.

We are pleased to welcome two new members, Jacki Paea and Vicki Bigham, both kaiako at Knighton Normal School in Hamilton. Nau mai, kōrua! Your insights and fresh perspectives will further strengthen the collective. We also want to acknowledge all members of Te Pae Rautaki for their ongoing contributions and commitment, that ensures we provide meaningful support to all kaiako Māori. Ngā mihi nui.



Jacki Paea

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“Ka rawe ngā kaupapa kōrero o
te rā nei hei āwhina i te kaiako.”

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