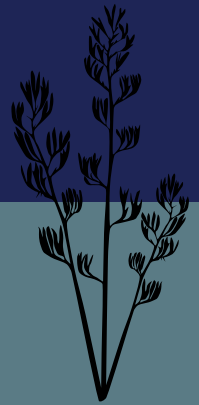




Pānui Term Three 2025



Tūwhitia te hopo, mairangatia te angitū!
Feel the fear and do it anyway.

As we return from our noho marae at Takahanga in Kaikōura and come back to kura for the final week of term, which also coincides with Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, it feels like the perfect time to reflect. This whakataukī, Tūwhitia te hopo, mairangatia te angitū- Feel the fear and do it anyway, has been a guiding light for us throughout the term, challenging us to step outside of our comfort zones and embrace opportunities for growth.

Throughout the term, I have witnessed both staff and students doing exactly that, whether it was presenting pepeha, being open and vulnerable in their learning, engaging with new approaches such as maramataka, or stepping into opportunities beyond the walls of Karanga Mai. One of the exciting shifts this term has been how we begin our day, with a kaiako check-in, karakia, pānui, and the maramataka o tēnei rā, followed by an activity that challenges both our minds and bodies. This new rhythm has brought a sense of focus and energy: win the morning, win the day.

Noho marae was a highlight of the term. In the lead-up, staff and students worked hard through our "Road to Takahanga" sessions to prepare for the experience. Staying at Takahanga Marae for two nights gave us the gift of warm weather, fun and memorable activities, and the opportunity to connect deeply with each other. We are incredibly fortunate to be able to offer this experience to our students without the barrier of expense, thanks to the generous support of the Rātā Foundation. A heartfelt thank you to Rātā Foundation for making this special experience possible for our young parents.

Another joy this term has been welcoming back some of our māmā returning from maternity leave with their pēpī. It has been beautiful to see our new māmā settling into this new season of life. We've also welcomed Kaia and Chase, Belle and Faye, Britney and Mahalia, as well as Tapu-Wai and Te Rangi into our Karanga Mai whānau. Our space is filling up fast, and the busyness brings with it a vibrant, warm energy. Next term, as more whānau join our hāpori, we look forward to continuing to extend that sense of welcome and belonging.

Looking ahead, Term 4 will be a big one as we wrap up 2025. We'll celebrate achievements at our Prizegiving, enjoy the Karanga Mai Formal (a student-led, student-focused event), and take part in our annual Hanmer Springs trip, an all-expenses-paid day of fun for our whole community, generously hosted by Hanmer Springs Hot Pools.

It has been a big term, and the next will be even bigger. Over the holidays, I encourage you all to take time to rest and reset. With the warmer days approaching, we hope to see fewer of the bugs, colds, and flus that winter often brings. My deepest thanks to our dedicated staff at YPC and ELC who go above and beyond to ensure our students and their whānau are supported, cared for, and uplifted. I look forward to seeing everyone next term, well rested, re-energised, and ready to take on the final quarter of the year together.

Ngā mihi nui,
Whitney Misiuata



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From our Kaiāwhina's office

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's hard to believe we've already reached the end of Term 3 — time has flown! This term has been filled with connection, learning, laughter, and a healthy dose of chaos! Our Community Kai every Tuesday has continued to be a special part of our week. Thanks to Eli and Beth, we've shared beautiful meals, meaningful kōrero, and moments that have nourished more than just our puku.

We were fortunate to welcome the team from Waipuna, who shared some exciting programme options with our māmā. There was lots of interest and energy around what could be possible next term — a great reminder of the support that exists within our wider community.

Our tamariki (and adults!) had a blast at ICE Trampolining — jumping, rolling, laughing, and letting off steam in the best way. We also had the privilege of hearing from Janelle Riki, whose powerful kōrero on identity and the strength of wāhine left a deep impact on many of us.

A huge highlight was our Noho Marae to Takahanga in Kaikōura. We tried felting, joined a Whale Watch tour, explored the Maui's Footprints experience, and deepened our understanding of the whenua and its rich cultural stories. Visiting the whare taonga at the marae was a truly special moment.

Term 3 has been one of growth, courage, and connection. To our amazing māmā and ākonga — I'm so proud of all you've juggled and achieved. As we head into the break, take time to rest and do what fills your cup. You deserve it.

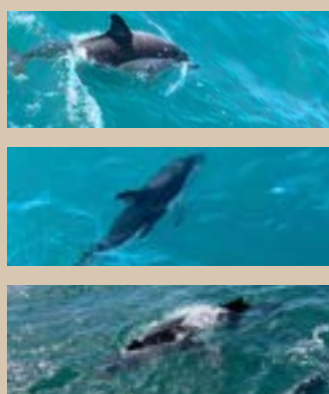
Bring on Term 4!

Noho ora mai rā,

Emma – Kaiāwhina / Counsellor



A few special moments from our noho marae at Takahanga Marae





In the lead-up to our recent Noho Marae, some of our girls rolled up their sleeves in the kitchen to prepare some delicious baking.

**Best attendance:
Emerson & LeeAnne**

Most credits: Tayzharn

**Displaying Karanga Mai
values: Charlize**



Welcome to the world

Congratulations to Summah and her whānau on the arrival of beautiful baby Lelani!



Community Kai Tuesday!

Every Tuesday, we come together with the Early Learning Centre to share in Community Kai — a special time of connection, laughter, and good food. A huge thank you to our amazing cooks, Eli and Beth, whose delicious meals bring everyone together each week.
He tino reka!



Nau Mai, Haere Mai

A big haere mai to our new students and their pēpi
Kaia & Chase
Tapu-wai & Te Rangi
Britney & Mahalia
Belle & Faye



Term 1 Achievements



To celebrate every ākonga's success in NCEA, our kaiako Brigid gifts a homemade banana cake. This one acknowledges Daisy's hard mahi in reaching Level 2. Ngā mihi nui, Daisy!



Driving Lessons Thursday!

Our wāhine are back behind the wheel this term, continuing their journey toward independence and confidence on the road. Each Thursday, a group of girls from our kura take part in driving lessons—gaining valuable skills and real-world experience. A big shoutout to Tay and Kaitlyn for earning their restricted licences this term, and to LeeAnne for getting her learner's licence—ka pai, wāhine mā!



Highlights from term 3 Wā pēpi - ICE trampoline & Bowling



Coming up in Term 4!

- Hanmer Springs day trip
- Formal
- Prizegiving



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Kia ora e te whānau,

What a brilliant way to finish our term – celebrating the 50th anniversary of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori! This milestone reminds us of the strength, resilience, and beauty of te reo and the importance of passing it on to our tamariki and mokopuna. Just as spring brings new life and fresh beginnings, so too does our commitment to nurturing te reo Māori in our everyday learning and whānau life.

“He taonga te reo.”

The language is a treasure..

Ka mau te wehi – kua tae mai te kōanga! How wonderful it feels that spring is here!

In te ao Māori, the change of season is a time of renewal, new beginnings, and growth.

As the warmth of kōanga (spring) draws near, we can see te taiao (the natural world) awakening – ngā putiputi on our fruit trees starting to bloom, ngā manu singing a little louder, and our days stretching longer.



Nau mai tauti mai

A warm welcome to our new tamariki and their whānau who have recently joined our Karanga Mai whānau.

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Life and Learning at Karanga Mai

This term began with a realignment of our teaching team, as we moved into two rōpū kaiako (teaching teams). This change has allowed us to create a dedicated space for our pēpi, ensuring they have a calm and nurturing environment that supports their early growth and development. At the same time, it has enabled us to design a curriculum more closely focused on our tuākana (older learners), recognising and supporting their unique stages of learning. We deeply value whakaaro and feedback from whānau, as it helps us to continually reflect, review, and strengthen our practice.

He waka eke noa – we are all in this together.

We were excited to welcome a visit from Eco-Educate – ‘Rethinking Rubbish’. Our tamariki loved the hands-on experience of sorting items into miniature bins and matching them with the correct coloured trucks. There was lots of great thinking and kōrero, especially around para kai (food waste). Ka rawe ngā tamariki!

We have also been enjoying opportunities to explore our wider community. This included a trip to the local library, where tamariki were able to connect with new stories and new learning spaces.

This term also marked another intentional step forward on Te Ara Māori- the Māori Pathway. Our kaiako had a second meeting with Lynne and Halle to strengthen our understanding, and we were thrilled to hold a whānau hui as part of this journey together. This fourth term we will step forward together and share our learning plan on our FB groups, Storypark at the ELC and YPC so we can learn together with our mokopuna.



Staffing-

We are delighted to have Nic back with us after completing her final 5-week practicum and gaining valuable experience in another learning environment.

He tino pai tōna hoki mai ki konei!

Term 3 has ended with beautiful opportunities for whanaungatanga within our learning community. Anna, Eli and I travelled with YPC and our youngest pēpi to Takahanga Marae, Kaikōura. What a highlight and privilege, this experience affirmed for me why I work at Karanga Mai. Our māmā's are AMAZING!! As are our Tamariki, Kaiako and Kaimahi.

Enjoy the change of rhythm that the term break brings. The early learning centre is open throughout the holidays with reduced staffing, there are no vans available these holidays, please let us know if your tamaiti will be attending.



Looking Ahead – Term 4 at Karanga Mai

- 14th October 2025- Whānau/community haerenga, Hanmer Hot Pools.
 - Stef goes on parental leave 30 October
 - The Tamariki will be preparing to perform at YPC Prizegiving Tuesday 2 December
 - Karanga Mai Tamariki Christmas Party Friday 5 December.
 - Centre closes for the summer break Friday, December 19, and re opens Monday, January 26, 2026
- Ngā mihi nui, Jacinta and team