



Te Wānanga
o Aotearoa

He Puāwaitanga

Ōpōtiki

Graduation Ceremony 2023



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Ōpōtiki Graduation Programme

Date

Friday 28 April 2023

Venue

Ōpōtiki DeLuxe Theatre

1:30PM Mihi whakatau to guests and whānau of graduands
Karakia Tīmatanga

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Angitu – Māori & Indigenous Development

- › Te Kunenga o te Ao Tikanga Level 4

Te Reo Rangatira – Māori Language

- › Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pi Ka Pao) Level 1 & 2
- › Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pi Ka Rere) Level 3 & 4

Hauora – Health & Fitness

- › Certificate in Rongoā Level 5

Toi – Māori & Indigenous Art

- › Toi Maruata Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art Level 3
- › Kāwai Raupapa Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art (Ngā Mahi ā te Whare Pora) Level 4
- › Kāwai Raupapa Certificate in Māori and Indigenous Art (Toi Ataata) Level 4
- › Toi Paematua Diploma in Māori and Indigenous Art (Toi Ataata) Level 5

Waiata Tautoko

Karakia Whakamutunga

Light refreshments served

Photography

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Your graduation photos will be available to download online, free of charge, from:



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Mihi from Nepia Winiata Kaiwhakatere Chief Executive Officer



Tēnei te karamihi te haere ake nei ki runga ki a koe mōu i whakatinana i ngā āwhero i manakohia i te whakarewatanga o te waka o mātauranga, tēnei ka whakamiha. Tēnei tonu ko reo rāhiri e karanga ana kia karapinepine mai koutou ko tō rahi ki tēnei kaupapa whakanui i ngā ihu oneone, i ngā ihupuku kua puta i tēnei tau. Nau piki mai, nau kake mai ki tēnei rangi nui whakaharahara ōu.

Tēnā koe,

Watching our taura take to the stage for their graduation always fills me with immense pride and reconnects the mahi we do with our purpose – you, our taura. It is why we do what we do, and seeing the smiles on the faces of our graduates is one reward for our efforts.

Our graduation ceremonies are the high point of the year for not only taura and kaiako, but the organisation as a whole and no doubt your whānau are brimming with aroha for you at this point in your learning journey.

Your graduation day is known as He Puāwaitanga, which means 'to come to fruition.' You began your journey with a goal in mind, and today the achievement of this goal has become a reality. This achievement is the culmination of months and sometimes years of hard work and is a fitting tribute to the efforts you have made under challenging circumstances.

Congratulations to you on your graduation. We're thrilled to celebrate with you, your whānau, your classmates and your kaiako. I hope you will take some time to reflect on your accomplishment and acknowledge those who have helped and supported you along the way.

'Kia Angitu Te Taura – Taura Success' is our mission at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, and we know success looks different for every taura, so reflect on your own journey and take it all in. Success could mean you've graduated with a new qualification that will help you progress at work, or assist you in getting the job you're chasing. Or perhaps, you've pursued a tohu that enables you to make positive contributions to your whānau, marae, hapū and iwi.

Regardless of the educational path you've taken, it's been our privilege to be alongside you and part of it all. At Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, our vision is 'He Takapau Mātauranga, He Whānau Huarewa – Whānau Transformation Through Education' and it's a vision as we see how education can transform the lives of those who seek it. I urge you to make good use of your education to benefit others in your whānau, your hapū, iwi and your community - but most importantly, yourself.

It is our belief that the education you have received will present you with new opportunities and I encourage you to embrace them.

I also believe in lifelong learning and hope you will consider continuing to study with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa soon or in the future. We've loved having you as a taura and no matter the future path you take, you will always be part of our whānau at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

Congratulations again on your graduation today, enjoy it; you've earned it.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Nepia Winiata
Kaiwhakatere - Chief Executive Officer



Angitu – Māori & Indigenous Development

Te Reo Rangatira – Māori Language

Te Kunenga o Te Ao Tikanga

Level 4

Kaiako: Ripeka Mihaere

Te Reinga Chase
Tau Herewini
Walter Herewini
Maureen Herrick
Korotangi Kapa-Kingi
Kohi Kingi
Ramari Kingi
Wikuki Kingi
Jack Mihaere
David Peters
Tamarangi Rogers

Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pī Ka Pao)

Level 1 & 2

Kaiako: Maxine Tai

Tuesday AM
Roseanne Jones
Donell Peka
Terrimoana Peka
Vicki Peka
Te Teira Tawera

Tuesday PM
Melanie Brown
Kathleen Donaldson
Lilian Harley
Ngaumutane Jones
Juanita Mottram
Beverley Pollard
Iranui Te Kani-Huriwai
Tarshar Williams

Te Ara Reo Māori (He Pī Ka Rere)

Level 3 & 4

Kaiako: Maxine Tai

Samuel Brown
Dorothy Dickson
Wendy Fleming
Deborah McKillop
Debbie-Sharon Shaw
Linda Taiapa
Piripi Taiapa
Rangi Williams



Hauora – Health & Fitness

Toi – Māori & Indigenous Art

Diploma in Rongoā

Level 5

Kaiako: Dorothy Hayes

Anatia Gaskill
Waimaria Huriwaka
Jade James
Linda Kennedy
Lyndal Kennedy
Elsa Kupa
Arapeta Mio
Memory Mio
Ani Nuku
Paea Papuni
Ashlee Paul-Gray
Raelyn Rika
Bella Savage
Karen Wilson

Toi Maruata Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art

Level 3

Kaiako: Emma Marino

Semester A
Lacey Bartlett
Chanelle Biddle
Rilee Gillies
Eruini Hawke
Charles Houia
Moanaikauria Kennedy
Kataraina Palmer
Amiria Parker
Rubena Te Ua

Semester B
Morgan Biddle
David Parker
Basil Pera
Beatrice Pera
Erena Pera
Kaumai Smiler
Ema Williams



Toi – Māori & Indigenous Art

Kāwai Raupapa Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art (Ngā Mahi ā te Whare Pora)

Level 4

Kaiako: Lacey Bartlett

Jennifer Ashby

Reena Baker

Kyla-Jaye Bartlett

Cheyne Copeland

Amanda Kerei

Tracey-Ann Wairua

Kāwai Raupapa Certificate in Māori & Indigenous Art (Toi Ataata)

Level 4

Kaiako: Manu Tupara

Tangimoe Clay

Hemanawa Frethey

Nicole Hutson

Lisa Parkinson

Waitai Pohoiwi

Aroha Ririnui

Toi Paemataua Diploma in Māori & Indigenous Art (Toi Ataata)

Level 5

Kaiako: Manu Tupara

Crystal Beach

Melanie Gloyn

Sandra Innes-Smith

Anita Kurei-Paruru

Karen Pickford



Ōpōtiki Graduation Stories 2022

Learning tikanga in the hopes of giving back to iwi



Walter Herewini

**Studied: He Tikanga Whakaaro
NZ Certificate in Tikanga
(Mātauranga Māori) Level 4
Campus: Ōpōtiki
Location: Ōpōtiki**

Through learning tikanga at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, Walter Herewini hopes that he will be able to give back to his marae and keep te ao Māori (the Māori worldview) alive and thriving.

Walter may be close to retirement age but he believes it's never too late to step up, learn the tikanga of your marae, and represent your iwi (tribe).

"I've been trying to upskill, so that when I retire from work I can be of some use to my iwi. I've been trying to help my iwi at home by learning tikanga and the tikanga for my marae and our history."

Walter studied He Tikanga Whakaaro NZ Certificate in Tikanga (Mātauranga Māori) at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa's Ōpōtiki campus and says that the support he received was exactly what he needed to grow in confidence and achieve in his studies.

It is Walter's hope that through the teaching and guidance of his kaiako, Ripeka Mihaere, he will now be able to confidently represent and speak for his whānau and his iwi both on the marae and off.

"This programme has given me confidence when I'm at the marae and now I can stand for my family and if needed, my hapū (subtribe), and iwi, celebrating birthdays, at tangi (funerals), and meetings at work."

Whether you are Māori or not, Walter encourages others to learn tikanga and the history of marae around them.

He also challenges fellow Māori to stand up and give back and support their iwi by not only learning tikanga but learning to whaikōrero (give a formal speech) or kaikaranga (act as a formal caller) as well.

"Iwi all over the country are running short of those who can whaikōrero and kaikaranga. If we don't stick our hands up now then there will be nobody else."

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa's tikanga programme was the perfect start for Walter and his fellow class mates to learn whaikōrero and kaikaranga.

"It's only us, there's nobody else. You have got to stand up and that's what this programme helps you do. It gives you the confidence to at least try. We are allowed to make mistakes when we are studying, but we learn from them."

If you'd like to gain new skills in Tikanga, our next classes start in July 2023 / March 2024.



Waiata

He Hōnore

He hōnore, he korōria
Maungārongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro pai e
Ki ngā tangata katoa
Ake, ake, ake, ake
Āmine
Te Atua
Te Piringa
Tōku orange

Nā Tāne

Nā Tāne i piki ake ki te Toi Ahurewa
Ki te tiki i ngā kete o te mātauranga
Ko te kete Tuauri
Ko te kete Tuatea
Ko te kete Aronui

Kātahi ka hora
Ki te Ao kikokiko
Ki te Ao hurihuri
Ki ō tātou tūpuna
Ka hao te taura
Herenga tāngata
Ko Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
Ko te kete Tuauri
Ko te kete Tuatea
Ko te kete Aronui

Kātahi ka hora
Ki te Ao kikokiko
Ki te Ao hurihuri
Ki ō tātou tūpuna
Ka hao te taura
Herenga tāngata
Ko Te Kupenga o te Mātauranga
Ko Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
Ko Te Wānanga o Aotearoa

Tai Aroha

Ko te aroha anō he wai
E pupū ake ana
He awa e māpuna mai ana
I roto i te whatumanawa
Ko tōna mātāpuna he hōhonu
Ā ina ia karere anō
Ko tōna mātāpuna he hōhonu
Ā inā ia karere anō
He tai timu, he tai pari
He tai ope, he tai roa
He tai nui
He tai nui
He tai nui





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