



# Te Kāhui Ako ō Kawakawa

**Whakatupu, Tiaki, Manaaki**  
**Grow, Protect, Sustain**

## Pānui/Newsletter 2 - April, 2024

**Mātaitipu hei papa whenuakura**  
*Grow and nourish a thriving community.*

Tēnā koutou katoa

Our Kāhui Ako is a hive of activity with events, ideas and future planning all being major aspects of this networking machine. As this term was brought to a close with our final full Kāhui meeting at North Street School in Week 10, it was great to hear the feedback and to see all the connections that have been made. It would be fair to say that our staff now know each other well, they know where to seek support and guidance from, and they regularly share their thoughts and work with each other. Many are also implementing meaningful initiatives linked to our current Achievement Challenges, which is definitely a win.

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to the success of the Kāhui Ako to date. We are looking forward to the year ahead as we have some magnificent professional development and learning opportunities planned along with a range of community and networking events. It is sure to be a bumper year for our Kāhui Ako so let's get stuck in.

Ngā mihi nui

**Ben & Jo**

Co-Leads - Te Kāhui Ako ō Kawakawa

### Upcoming Dates and Important Reminders

#### Term 1 - Venues and times:

- 9 April - **Principals Meeting** @ Community House, 9.00 am - 11.00 am

#### Term 2 - Venues and times:

- 5 May - **He Whare Māturanga Session 1** @ Kauwhata Marae, 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm
- 16 May **Kāhui Ako meeting** @ Mt Biggs School, 3.45 pm - 5.15 pm
- Week 6 **PLG visits/meetings**
- 11 June - **Principals Meeting** Venue TBC 9.00 am - 11.00 am
- 20 June **Kāhui Ako meeting** @ Newbury School, 3.45 pm - 5.15 pm

#### Term 3 - Venues and times:

- 28 July **He Whare Māturanga Session 2** @ Kauwhata Marae, 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm
- 13 October **He Whare Māturanga Session 3** @ Kauwhata Marae, 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

#### Term 4 - Venues and times:

- 7 November **Wearable Arts Gala** @ Feilding Community Centre

*N.B. Further information about additional PLD opportunities and events will be shared once dates and presenters have been confirmed.*

## Co-Labs 2024:

During Term 1 we ran five successful Co-Lab sessions at various schools in our community.



If you attended any of these sessions, please take a couple of minutes to complete this [feedback form](#) to let us know your thoughts. The form also asks you to share your thoughts on other Co-Labs and professional learning you would like to see offered in the future.

## Upcoming PLD opportunity:

As previously mentioned, we are excited to announce that we now have confirmed dates for our **He Whare Mātauranga** sessions with Hohepa and Whare Isaac-Sharland (from Tai Huki) and Ngāti Kauwhata representatives:



**Session 1: Sunday 5 May 2024 from 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm at Kauwhata Marae**

**Session 2: Sunday 28 July 2024, from 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm at Kauwhata Marae**

**Session 3: Sunday 13 October 2024, from 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm at Kauwhata Marae**

This PLD aims to guide kaiako to grow powerful teaching and learning programmes that enable real-life examples of engaging with whānau, hapū and iwi, as well as, allowing kaiako to walk a culturally responsive journey along the way. Participants will learn first-hand knowledge from Ngāti Kauwhata experts. While places are strictly limited to 24 people, we want to encourage representation from all our schools.

**Urgent action:** Please share the above dates with your staff and then complete an expression of interest by adding names to the attached [list](#). These expressions of interest need to be completed by **12 April** to allow us to confirm the final list of participants.



### News in brief:

Last week we held our second hui for 2024 at North Street School (NSS). The focus themes they chose for this hui were **Achievement Challenge 2.1 - To have Kaiako knowledgeable of Te Ao Māori**, and **Achievement Challenge 2.4 - To have curious, confident and connected ākonga who attend regularly and experience mana-enhancing learning opportunities that support them to feel empowered and achieve success.**

It was great to hear so many examples of how their kaiako are sharing knowledge and upskilling themselves to improve their knowledge of Te Ao Māori. Walking through a selection of their classrooms also enabled us to learn more about many authentic learning opportunities that they are implementing to support their students to feel empowered and achieve success. Thank you to the WSLs and kaiako who led this hiko around their rooms.

Here is a snapshot of what we saw:



## Host School Presentation - Jamie



**(2.4) curious, confident and connected ākonga who attend regularly and experience mana-enhancing learning opportunities that support them to feel empowered and achieve success.**



Learning experiences centred around Te Whare Tapa Whā

Curriculum integration



Specialist programmes, e.g. Mau Rākau



Visual pepeha - exploring who we are



If you would like to see further examples from this classroom hikoī and hui, click on this [link](#) and it will open the slidedeck from our hui. WSLs, you also need to click on this [link](#) (from slide 15) to access the WSL slidedeck to complete the interactive activity related to Achievement Challenges 2.1 and 2.4.

### **Wearable Arts Gala**

This year, Te Kāhui Ako ō Kawakawa will collaboratively produce a Wearable Arts Gala on 7 November. This project aims to enable students from across our schools to work together to showcase their creativity. Each school will be responsible for supporting their students to produce wearable art entries and will submit works for inclusion in the gala event. Representatives from the Kāhui Ako will work together to plan the gala event and support participating schools to access the resources and information they need to support their students with this project. If you are keen to get involved in any way, please contact our ASL, Kasia Jeric. [kjeric@northstreet.school.nz](mailto:kjeric@northstreet.school.nz)



### **Out and About:**

Remember to check us out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/feildingkahuiako/>

During this term, students from most of our Kāhui schools had the opportunity to work with local artist Joe McMenamin. Each student got to create a tile for the mural he constructed for the recent 150 Year commemorations in Feilding.

We also had students involved in the tree-planting ceremony.





### Final Note

We look forward to continuing to support you and your kura this year through our connections, collaborations and celebrations.

Ngā mihi nui

*Rose, Wendy,  
Ronald, Kasia, Bridget, Ben and Jo*

Te Kāhui Ako o Kawakawa Leadership

