

OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

Kia ora koutou,

A warm welcome to you all as we start our journey into 2026. We are filled with immense pride in the collective efforts of our students, staff, and whānau. This will be a year of significant transformation for our kura as we change our name to Te Haikura a Kiwa, formerly James Cook High School.

Together, we are navigating new horizons. This journey is a shared one, and we need your unwavering support in making our kura a vibrant place of navigation, learning, and belonging.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: 2025 PROVISIONAL RESULTS AND GROWTH

We are thrilled to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that have led to major improvements in our academic outcomes this year. Our provisional data indicates that our strategic focus on student achievement is delivering tangible results, ensuring our ākonga are well-prepared for their future voyages.

2025 NCEA PROVISIONAL ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This year we are proud to receive **13 scholarships** in Te Ao Haka and Te Reo Māori. The recipients of these scholarships are:

Te Ao Haka

- Chanae Ormsby
- Anahera Yerro
- Jermaine Peeni
- Kyrrah Goodfellow
- Colin Turner
- Tahlia Ormsby
- Hunia Lines
- Francine Downing
- Tyrone Manuel

Te Ao Haka and Te Reo Māori

- Nico Tuiolosega
- Rehua Honetana Paea

Our provisional results are a huge improvement on last year.

These results reflect substantial gains from previous years; most notably, the NCEA Level 1 achievement rate has increased significantly from the 30.7% recorded in 2024.

We still have some time before we submit our final results

	2025 Provisional Results
NCEA Level 1	48.7%
Literacy (NCEA Level 1)	67.2%
Numeracy (NCEA Level 1)	79%
NCEA Level 3	65.4%

INTRODUCING THE NEW LOGO FOR TE HAIKURA A KIWA



We are proud to introduce our new school logo, which brings to life the name **Te Haikura a Kiwa** and the aspirations which our community shared with us over the years and into 2025.

- **Matariki Stars:** Representing navigation and wayfinding; an aspirational journeying point for our students.
- **Double-Hulled Waka:** Symbolising the partnership between tangata whenua and tangata tiriti and our shared forward momentum.
- **Waves & Ocean:** A visual link to our Fale Moana, the five waves represent the five years of study at our kura. These include *haehae* and *nihō* patterns representing the currents that connect our diverse communities. The frigate bird within the waves speaks to ancestors' migrations and the lifelong learning our students achieve.

- **Guardian Kiwa:** Symbolised as a manaia to provide protection and guidance for our ākonga as they voyage through their education.

The colour palette references the sea, land, and stars through two options: **Dusk** and **Dawn**. These vibrant colours are deeply personal to our kura, as they represent our House names, including **Tangaroa**, **Tane Mahuta**, **Ranginui**, and **Hine-titama**, capturing the life and diversity of our community.

EXCITING PHYSICAL CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL

Our new satellite for BLENNZ and Rosehill is finally completed

On Monday 9 February, we blessed our new satellite building ready for our Blenz and Rosehill students. This project has been a collaboration between the schools for 5 years and it was a special moment that all 3 principals shared as we returned the whenua and planted a tree to wish our students well on their journey at our kura.

Front of the School

The front of the school is taking shape and we thank you all for your patience as the work progresses. We hope that all work will be completed by the end of the term at the latest.

Easing traffic congestion at the end of the school day.

We have opened the tennis court gates (closest to the carparks by the rugby club) so that students can meet you in the carpark rather than in front of the school). We ask that once your child is collected, that you exit towards Weymouth Road so that you **do not travel past the school**. This will minimise traffic congestion at the end of the day.

Devices for Year 11

As part of a strategic plan to equip all students with a computer, we will be leasing a device to Year 11 students this term. There will be a small bond required for the year which will be returned to families (if there is no damage) at the end of the year. A separate email will follow with more details. Please ensure your email address is current.

HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS (HSP)

In 2 weeks, we will be holding our first HSP (Home School Partnerships) where you will be able to meet your child's tutor teacher to understand the pathway that your child is navigating in 2026. This is a chance to ask questions and find out how your child has started in 2026. We will email instructions on how to book online.

We are running HSP's over two [2] days:

- **Wednesday 25th February:** 3:30pm to 6:30pm
- **Thursday 26th February:** 10:00am to 6:00pm.

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES: EVERY DAY COUNTS

Regular attendance is the foundation of student success and well-being. Research shows that regular attendance doesn't just help achievement, it makes students **happier** and more **connected** to their peers.

Missing just two days of school per term is linked to lower performance. The long-term impact is even more significant: **missing just one week of school per term adds up to one full year of missed schooling by the time a student reaches age 16.**

How you can support your child

- Establish a consistent, unhurried morning routine to start the day positively.
- Talk positively about school and emphasise how attending every day is important for their future goals.
- Only keep children home for essential reasons, such as significant illness.
- Check in regularly with your child about what they are learning and the friends or staff they are connecting with to ensure they feel supported.

CLOSING AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The partnership between our kura and your whānau is vital to the success of our ākonga. We look forward to continuing this voyage together as we move into a promising new year.

For more information on attendance and the new reporting requirements, please visit the [Ministry of Education website](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Week 4: HSP (Home School Partnerships)** – Wednesday 25th (evening) and Thursday 26th (full day) February. A separate email will be sent with more information and booking instructions.
- **Week 4: Athletics Day** – held on Friday 27th February
- **Week 7: Polyfest (Pacific Peoples)** – from Wednesday 18th March
- **Week 9: Polyfest (Māori)** from Monday 30th March

Ngā mihi mahana

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