



NEWSLETTER

HELLO & WELCOME...

Kia ora Futures Academy whānau,

We're now well into Term 2 and it's been fantastic to see our students thriving in their courses and making the most of the hands-on learning opportunities across the Trades Academy.

As always, thank you for your continued support, flexibility, and collaboration—it makes all the difference as we work together to create the best possible outcomes for our students.

The photo above features a group of ATT alumni from last year who are now continuing their journey in the Level 3 Construction course at Toi Ohomai. It's inspiring to see the real pathways our students can take after Futures Academy, and we're proud of their progress.

We also wanted to give you a quick update on the transport budget. While it hasn't been officially signed off just yet, we've been advised that full approval is likely. We're optimistic and continuing to plan with confidence. As soon as we receive confirmation, we'll be in touch to share any updates.

A reminder that the Term 2 Hui will now be held on 11 June. Be sure to check the updated details in the green section next to this introduction—we're looking forward to connecting with many of you there!

In the meantime, we're seeing great engagement from students across all programmes, and we're excited about the momentum building this term.

Ngā Mihi,

The BoP Futures Academy Team
Cindy, Sue and Stacey



2025 HUI DETAILS

Term 2 Hui

- Wednesday 11 June
- 9.30am - 11.30am
- Kauri Room, MoE office, Rotorua

Term 3 Hui

- Wednesday 13th August
- 9.30am - 11.30am
- Whakatane

Term 4 Hui

- Wednesday 22nd October
- 9.30am - 11.30am
- Taupo

Email invitations have been sent, so please let us know if you did not receive any.

Reminder emails will be sent closer to the time of each event along with an agenda for the corresponding Hui

BUILDING MOMENTUM: TRADES COURSES IN ACTION

It's been a real highlight this term to visit courses in action and see firsthand how engaged and focused our students are. Whether they're welding, designing, building, diving, styling hair, or prepping food, it's clear they're gaining practical skills and confidence in real-world environments. These visits are a powerful reminder of the incredible opportunities Futures Academy offers—hands-on experiences that not only build technical knowledge, but also open doors to exciting future pathways.



EmployNZ students learning about IT Support



Te Wananga o Aotearoa, Building & Construction project at Ruatoki High School



Caravan Restoration course run by Tarawera High School



Allied Trades Training Course run through Trident High School



Te Kakau o te Toki Construction Academy, building a house for kainga Ora, through Whakatane High School



Automotive Engineering course run through Toi Ohomai



Patchell Engineering students doing work-based training



Students from Toi Ohomai Whakatane Hair and Beauty Course



Hair to Train students getting creative



Creatives in Business Academy (CBA) students learning to monetise their creative interests!



ETCO students doing their bookwork in Rotorua



Dive Zone students getting ready for a scuba dive

BUILDING MOMENTUM: TRADES COURSES IN ACTION

Serving, Sipping and Sizzling in the Kitchen: A Term of Growth and Skill-Building

It's been an exciting and productive term for our Toi Ohomai STP Hospitality and Culinary ākonga, who have hit the ground running with a variety of hands-on, industry-relevant experiences that are already making a big impact on their learning journeys.

Our Level 2 STP class are learning the foundations of espresso beverage preparation and baking techniques. From pulling the perfect espresso shot to measuring and mixing ingredients for sweet and savoury bakes, these learners are developing essential skills that form the backbone of any career in hospitality. Seeing their confidence grow as they apply theory to practice in a fun, supportive environment has been fantastic.

Meanwhile, our STP Level 3 Café learners have taken their barista skills to the next level by running a pop-up café at the Window @ the Atrium every Wednesday. They plan the menu, manage workflow, prepare a variety of espresso-based drinks and serve customers from across the Windermere campus. This real-world learning environment offers ākonga the chance to experience the pace and expectations of the hospitality industry while receiving ongoing feedback and support. They've had great feedback from customers, and it's been rewarding to watch their teamwork, professionalism, and technical ability develop week by week.

In our STP Level 3 Culinary class, things are heating up as students prepare to compete in the Waikato Culinary Fare later this term. Their current project? Crafting creative, restaurant-quality burgers that showcase flavour balance, presentation, and innovation. Each student is responsible for conceptualising and executing a unique burger, with a focus on both taste and visual appeal. This competition offers an invaluable opportunity to put their skills to the test in a high-pressure environment while engaging with the wider culinary community.

Across all levels, the emphasis this term has been on real-world learning, building transferable skills, and fostering the kind of resilience and creativity that will serve our learners well in future study, work, and life. We're incredibly proud of their progress and can't wait to see what they achieve next.

STP Team at Toi Ohomai



ACHIEVING GREAT OUTCOMES

Futures Academy Students Take the Next Step in Their Careers...



We're excited to share that six Futures Academy students have recently joined us in full-time study. It's fantastic to see such motivated young talent taking the next step in their careers through hands-on training and education.

Two of these students are on track to complete their qualifications this July—one as a Level 3 Hairdresser and the other as a Level 4 Commercial Barber. Their hard work and progress have been inspiring, and we're proud to support them on their journey. We look forward to seeing all six students grow and succeed as they continue their training with us.

Donna, Hair to Train

UPDATES, NEWS AND REMINDERS

TRANSPORT UPDATE



As mentioned earlier, the 2025 transport plan is still awaiting final approval from the Ministry of Education. While we haven't received the official green light just yet, we've been given strong indications that the funding will be approved in full. In the meantime, we're continuing to operate as planned and remain confident that confirmation is just around the corner. We'd like to sincerely thank all schools, students, and whānau for their patience and flexibility during this process. Your cooperation has been crucial in helping us maintain smooth transport operations while we await formal sign-off. We'll be in touch with any updates as soon as we receive them.

MEETING REQUESTS...

We'd love the opportunity to catch up with your school and hear how things are going. Sue Morton and Stacey Maxwell from the Futures Academy team are available to meet with you at a time that suits.

Whether it's sharing what's working well, discussing any challenges, or simply reconnecting, we're keen to stay in the loop and support your school in the best way possible. Reach out to Sue or Stacey to book a time—we look forward to chatting with you soon!



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TERM 3 SHORT COURSES – EOI



Depending on the number of student withdrawals this term, there may be an opportunity to run one or more short courses in Term 3. DiveZone, Hair to Train, ETCO, and Toi Ohomai have short courses available that could proceed if there is sufficient student interest. Please note that the course(s) that go ahead will depend on both the level of student interest and the availability of STP spaces. Sue Morton sent an email on 22/5/2025 with further details about the potential short courses, including a link to the Expression of Interest (EOI) document. We ask that you please update this sheet with any students who are interested in the courses outlined.

Thank you to the schools that have already submitted student EOIs. If you haven't yet, please do so as soon as possible to support planning. Final course placements will depend on available STP spaces, and we will confirm all student placements by the end of Term 2.

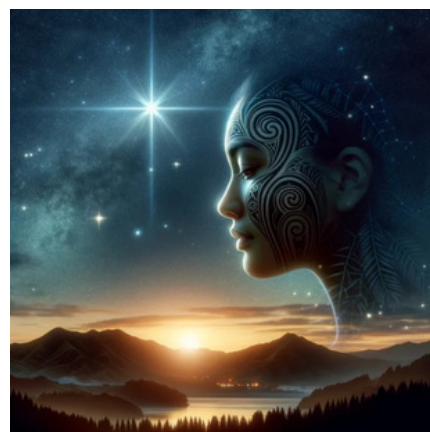
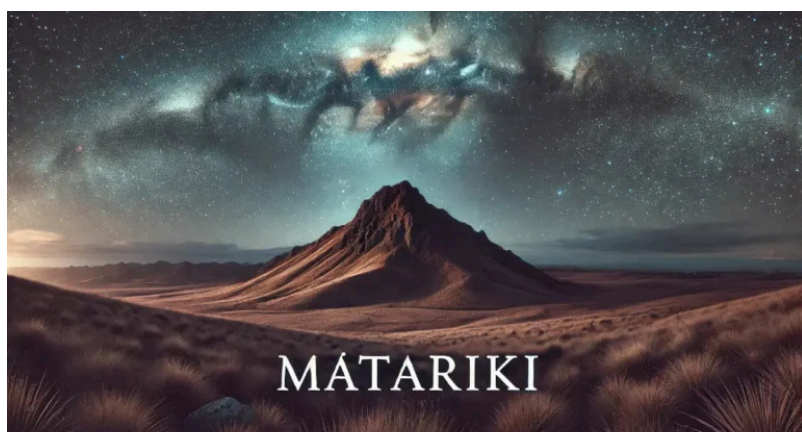
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KING'S BIRTHDAY – MONDAY 2ND JUNE

A reminder that King's Birthday will be observed on Monday 2nd June.

We hope everyone enjoys the long weekend and takes the opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend time with whānau.



Honouring Matariki – A Time to Reflect, Celebrate, and Look Ahead

As Matariki rises in our skies, we take this special time to pause, reflect, and reconnect. Matariki marks the Māori New Year—a time for remembering those who have passed, celebrating the present with whānau and community, and setting intentions for the year to come.

This year, Matariki will be observed as a **public holiday on Friday, 20th June 2025**. It is a meaningful opportunity to honour mātauranga Māori and the traditions that guide us, while also celebrating the growth, learning, and achievements of our students and communities.

From all of us at Futures Academy, we wish you a restful and meaningful Matariki. May it bring renewal, inspiration, and time to cherish those around you. Mānawatia a Matariki!

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