

PASIFIKA AWARDS

Thursday 15 October 2026 at 6.00pm

Performing Arts Centre

ŌTŪMOETAI COLLEGE

Kia māramahia te ora e te akoranga

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

MC for the Evening: Lawrence Kautai
(Kuki Airani Tauranga Te Moananui Society Chairman)

Opening Prayer: By invitation

Principal's Message: Russell Gordon

Entertainment by: Gracie Cooper-Reid, Edyn Tukaki & Delamare Langton

JUNIOR AWARDS

Junior Year 9 and Year 10 Tū Kaha, Tū Maia, Tū Rangatira Awards
Announced by Arden Carter and presented by Gracie Reid

SENIOR AWARDS

Senior Year 11 and Year 12 Tū Kaha, Tū Maia, Tū Rangatira Awards
Announced by Dave Cleland and presented by Luka Maaloga

Senior Year 13 Tū Kaha & Tū Rangatira Awards
Announced by Dave Cleland and presented by Leah Maaloga

Entertainment by: Summer Taruia – Niuean Performance

Year 13 Waka Presentations
Announced by Dave Cleland and presented by Matua Komene

SUPREME AWARDS

Announced by Matua Komene
Presented by Trophy Donors & Kristen Matthews

Closing Karakia & Blessing on the Kai: By invitation

Tū Rangatira

LEADERSHIP

- *Demonstrates self-determination and initiative*
- *Achieves notable success in their subject, completing all assessments on time*
- *Leads with compassion, respect, and humility*

Tū Māia

SERVICE

- *Contributes time and effort for the benefit of others*
- *Shows commitment to the school and wider community*
- *Supports and uplifts others through respect and compassion*

Tū Kaha

DILIGENCE

- *Displays resilience and perseverance in learning*
- *Strengthens knowledge, skills, and capability in their subject*
- *Approaches all tasks with compassion, respect, and high expectations*

Junior Presentations – Year 9

Tū Kaha – Diligence Awards

Tū kaha pēnei i te toka tū moana
Standing strongly like a rock in the ocean

Elizabeth Eddie	Kiribati
Poppy-Claire Marsters	Cook Islands Māori
Albert Sahayam	Fijian Indian
Jaimeson Samuela	Cook Islands Māori

Tū Māia – Service Awards

Tū māia i roto i te ao
Standing confidently the world

Emily Finau	Tongan
Jacob Harman	Rotuman, Fijian, Samoan
Mahir Khan	Fijian
Isabella O'Regan	Tongan
Matty Ratumaitavuki	Fijian

Tū Rangatira – Leadership Awards

Kia raranga ai i ngā tira tangata
To weave people together through leadership

Naijah Areli	Samoan
Morgan Cranefield	Cook Islands Māori
Paita Taufa	Tongan
Billie Wright	Samoan

Junior Presentations – Year 10

Tū Kaha – Diligence Awards

Tū kaha pēnei i te toka tū moana
Standing strongly like a rock in the ocean

Kare Codlin	Kiribati
Teraono Codlin	Kiribati
Paula Lesa	Samoan
Faith Peni	Samoan
Indie William	Cook Islands Māori

Tū Māia – Service Awards

Tū māia i roto i te ao
Standing confidently the world

Cohen Godsmark	Samoan, Niuean
Aurora Jackson	Tongan
Miriam Vaeno	Tongan

Tū Rangatira – Leadership Awards

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Rico Numa	Cook Islands Māori
Marlow Tangata	Cook Islands Māori
Cassidy Wright	Samoan

Senior Presentations – Year 11

Tū Kaha – Diligence Awards

Tū kaha pēnei i te toka tū moana
Standing strongly like a rock in the ocean

Ariannah Areli	Samoan
Esther Cabemaiwai	Fijian
Rishan Pratap	Fijian Indian
Holly Rynex	Samoan

Tū Māia – Service Awards

Tū māia i roto i te ao
Standing confidently the world

Harlan Reid	Cook Islands Māori
Harpar Rountree	Niuean
Baxter Tangata	Cook Islands Māori
Zac Vaeno	Tongan

Tū Rangatira – Leadership Awards

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Nikita Lal	Fijian Indian

***Senior** Presentations – Year 12*

Tū Kaha – Diligence Awards

Tū kaha pēnei i te toka tū moana
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Sarah Hamer	Santa Cruz Islander
Shaista Khan	Fijian, Indian
Ayla Parker	Cook Islands Māori
Yadavi Singh	Fijian, Indian

Tū Māia – Service Awards

Tū māia i roto i te ao
Standing confidently the world

Trinity Ponini	Cook Islands Māori
Yukta Singh	Fijian, Indian
Jackson Iva	Samoan

Tū Rangatira – Leadership Awards

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Ella-May Chapman	Tongan
Beau Marsters	Cook Islands Māori
Ava Wright	Samoan

***Senior** Presentations – Year 13*

Tū Kaha – Diligence Awards

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Manaia Reid	Cook Islands Māori

Tū Rangatira – Leadership Awards

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Gracie Cooper-Reid	Samoan
Chris John	Cook Islands Māori
Amelia Peña-Stevens	Pacific Peoples
Summer Taruia	Cook Islands Māori, Niuean
Luka Maaloga	Samoan

Supreme Awards

Tanoa Ni Veiliutaki Award

For Cultural Leadership

The Tanoa Ni Veiliutaki Award, kindly donated by the Harman Family represents celebrating a young Pasifika leader who lives the spirit of the tanoa — building strong relationships at school and in the community, honouring the va, and connecting people across cultures and generations.

Chris John Cook Islands Māori

Kānuka Award

For Wellbeing and Leadership

This Kānuka Well-being & Leadership Award is for a Pasifika student who shows strength, kindness, and leadership. Just like the kānuka tree helps the land heal and grow again, this student helps others feel safe, supported, and encouraged. They bring people together, lift others up, and show the way for future Pasifika leaders.
They lead with respect, humility, and pride in their culture.

Luka Maaloga Samoan

Tū Rangatira Tākitumu Award

For Legacy

This award recognises a Pasifika student at Ōtūmoetai College who embodies service, scholarship, and leadership. The award honours students who contribute selflessly to the Takitumu Homework Hub while preparing for their tertiary journey, leaving a legacy for future Pasifika students to follow.

Luka Maaloga Samoan

Te Hue o te Ariki Atoa Teokotai Award

For Overall Leadership and Excellence

Donated by the Kapi family. This award honours a student who excels in all areas and leads with mana.

Jackson Iva Samoan

Ipu o le Tautua Atoa Niuula Award

For Service

Donated by the Kapi family. This award celebrates a student who contributes across academics, sports, culture and leadership.

Gracie Cooper-Reid Samoan

Foundation Navigators Award

Represented by Vasa Tautai, this award celebrates balance — the foundation that holds, the water that nourishes, and the movement that brings life. The recipient stands firm in their Pasifika values, leads with humility, and inspires others to grow within their own foundations.

Paula Lesa Samoan

Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa Award

Awarded for all rounded mana culturally, through sport, academically, as well as strong representation of his or her own heritage from within the Pacific ocean. This taonga is significant as it encompasses all peoples within Te Moananui-a-Kiwa as represented by each of the pou surrounding the bowl, and the bowl itself representing our vast ocean and all that lives both upon, and beneath, similarly to the vast qualities of it's recipient.

Beau Marsters Cook Islands Māori

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TAURANGA
CULTURE




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