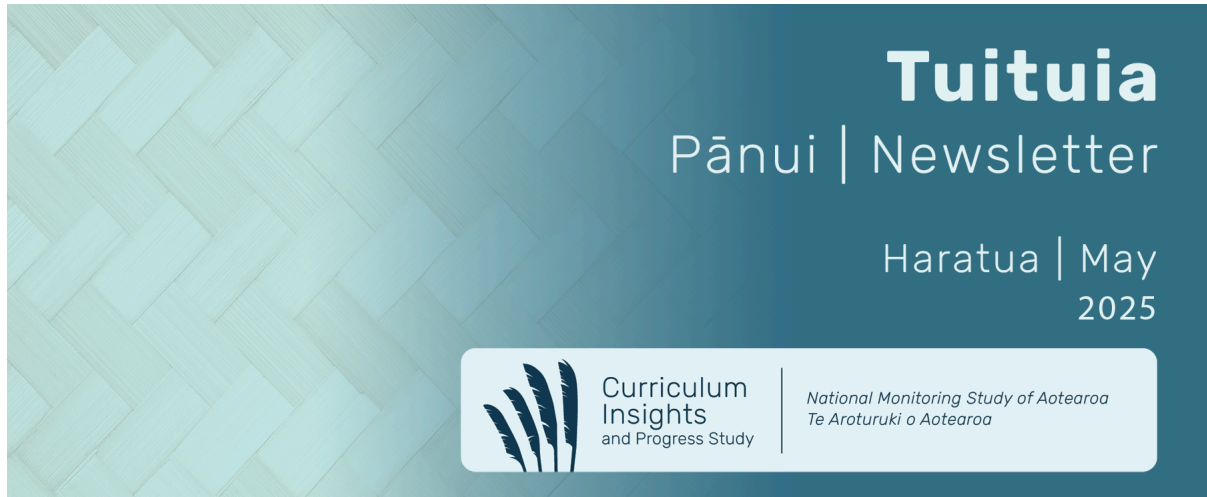


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KIA ORA | WELCOME

We are pleased to share the first pānui | newsletter for the **Curriculum Insights and Progress Study**.

Curriculum Insights builds on the legacy of the *National Monitoring Study of Student Achievement (NMSSA)* and the *National Education Monitoring Project (NEMP)*, continuing our commitment to understanding student progress and achievement across Aotearoa.

As the national monitoring study has evolved, so too has the education sector. Curriculum Insights is designed to reflect these changes, offering insights into student progress and how the sector can better support all ākonga.

We hope these pānui are helpful for you and your kura. For more information about the study, please



visit [our website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Kei te hirikapo o ngā tamariki, te kairangitanga o te anamata

The future lies within
the minds of our children



ABOUT TUITUIA

The Curriculum Insights team is pleased to introduce the name of this newsletter: **Tuituia**. Tuituia means to bind, to join, to lace, to weave together – and that's exactly what we aim to do. It's a word of action, just like the study.

Through Curriculum Insights, we bring together expertise, evidence, and purposeful mahi to build a clearer picture of student progress and support improvements in teaching and learning across Aotearoa.

The name Tuituia was gifted to the study with guidance from our Kaihautū Māori | Māori Lead, Mereana Pawa.

Ngā mihi for joining walking alongside us on this journey and sharing our knowledge. We are so glad you're here.

We encourage you to share this newsletter with staff, whānau, and friends.



FROM THE STUDY

INTRODUCING THE STUDY

We recently sat down with our Project Lead, Dr Jenny Ward, to talk about the Curriculum Insights study.

In this short introductory video, Dr Ward shares the kaupapa of our study, how we're collaborating with kura across Aotearoa, and how our mahi helps strengthen learning across the motu.

[Watch now](#)



NAU MAI HAERE MAI TO OUR SCHOOLS

We are delighted to welcome all of the 160 kura who have been selected for the Curriculum Insights and Progress Study in 2025. Your participation is at the heart of this kaupapa, and we're excited to work alongside you in shaping a clearer understanding of teaching and learning across Aotearoa. We know it's a busy time in schools, so we want to acknowledge and thank you for making space for this important mahi.

If you've been selected for the study this year you've likely talked to one of our team. We really enjoy working with schools and are heartened by the willingness of kura to come on board. It reminds us that we're all in the same waka, paddling in the same direction, committed to better understanding learning in Aotearoa and creating meaningful outcomes for all ākonga.

KAIAKO TESTIMONIAL



Recently, we had the pleasure of speaking with Carolyn, an experienced kaiako from Ōtepoti Dunedin, who generously shared her reflections on being a Kaiako Rangahau | Teacher Researcher as part of the study. Carolyn spoke warmly about her experience, offering valuable insights into what it was like to be involved.

We've captured her kōrero in a short video now available on [our website](#) and [social media channels](#). It's a great way to hear directly from someone who has been part of the kaupapa. We encourage you to visit [our vacancies](#) page to hear about opportunities to join our team.

NEW REPORTS TO BE RELEASED SOON

The team is in the process of finalising our first reports for the learning areas, along with our second reports for the foundation areas. This marks an exciting milestone for the Curriculum Insights and Progress Study, and we're looking forward to sharing these insights with you.

The reports are slated for release soon. As soon as they're available, we'll share them with you directly and they'll also be accessible on our website for anyone keen to explore the findings in more detail. Keep an eye out!



OUR STUDY - NOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



We're excited to announce that we've recently launched a presence on both Facebook and LinkedIn.

These platforms will allow us to share updates, celebrate milestones, and connect more directly with our wider community.

Whether you're kaiako, tumuaki, researcher, or simply interested in our work, we invite you to follow us and join in the conversation. It's a great way to stay informed about our latest developments, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved.

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EVENTS



Conferences

A significant part of our mahi involves connecting with educators and stakeholders to share who we are and the goals we're striving to achieve. This engagement is especially important as we expand our study to include data collection from Years 3, 6, and 8. That means we are working with over 6,000 students across more than 160 schools each year.

Recently, we attended the New Zealand Assessment Institute (NZAI) Conference in Auckland, which focused on 'Using assessment for better, smarter, faster learning'. We also participated in Te Akatea's Hui Taumata 2025 in Wellington, a gathering dedicated to transformative Māori leadership. Both events provided valuable opportunities to engage in kōrero with kaiako, tumuaki, and other education professionals.

If you see us at the conferences we'll be attending in the near future, we'd love you to come and say hello!



The Curriculum Insights and Progress Study is a collaboration between the University of Otago and the New Zealand Council for Educational Research, conducted on contract to the Ministry of Education.



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