

Kaitaia Primary School kids @ the Northland Chess Championship 2022

For the first time ever, on Saturday 12th November, eleven students from Kaitaia Primary School left from the school bus bay at 7am to travel to Kerikeri and take part in the Northland Chess Championship. The tournament was held at the Turner Centre in Kerikeri with six rounds of games for all competitors. There were 68 junior competitors aged 12 and under. Scores were added up over the six rounds of play and the top three were awarded trophies and prize money, including \$200 for the winner of each division. There were three divisions; Junior (12 and under), Youth (13-18 year olds) and Senior (18+). More than 150 competitors in all.

All eleven of our tamariki won at least one game. Our best result was Zyril Andersen, who finished 9th overall with a score of 4.5 out of 6. Our other competitors from KPS were; Edwin Zhuang, Natasha Evans-Diack, Nikau Moana, Phoenix Parsons, Levi Cook, Sairus Te Pana, Paxton Leef, Calais Moetara Lilou Bueb and Harmony Leef. Our students played better and better as the tournament went on. They were also excellent ambassadors for our school and made us all proud.

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