



Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae

TE PAANUI A TE HEAMANA

Wednesday 13th April 2022

Tena koutou e aaku rangatira ma. E mihi kau ana ki a taatou katoa.

The term that has been...

Term one has almost concluded. I want to thank our whanau for your patience, resilience and support of our kura in what could only be described as a disruptive start to 2022. The 14 day "circuit breaker" was necessary as it has allowed us to operate safely and effectively for the remainder of the term without further disruption. We can only hope that term 2 and forward allows us to resume the stability we have most recently come to remember as such an important part of our kura and our community.

Highlights

The return to those things we love about our kura experience. As a board we revisited our governance purpose and focused on the educational attainment of our students. We are collectively so fortunate to have amazing students that are excelling in their studies, are settled socially and cultural exemplars to our wider community. Over the last week we have born witness to boys camp and a 60 strong turn out for the netball muster. The arrival of our waka, the call up for our first ever production in conjunction with Autaia Kapa Haka theatre, audition practices for Disney films being put into Maori, Tag competitions, student lunch dates with new people to get to know more people in our kura - Awesome! Furthermore, girls camp will be scheduled for the start of next term, kapa haka, Ngaa Manu Koorero, more sports events and excursions outside the kura to enhance our students learning experience. Remember, the objective of our kura is that on graduation our students are global citizens, guided by strong Maori and personal values and work ethic.

Our Kaiako

There are not sufficient expressions of gratitude we have for our kaiako. Our kaiako are parents and educators whose wellbeing is of paramount consideration to our board. We, as a whanau, have a huge influence on the wellbeing of our kaiako. Simply saying thank you for what you do for our tamariki goes a long way. But to acknowledge the innovation of their thinking, their tenacity in maintaining stability for our tamariki and the depth of their academic purpose in the home packs for students over the lockdown period – Awesome!

Commitment

Another way we as parents can positively influence our child's learning experience is to be committed ourselves, effectively to lead by example. Be engaged in what our tamariki are doing. Encourage all of our tamariki, regardless of age, to talk and plan their learning. Help them to learn strategies to deal with stress and pressure. These are things that will help set them, especially our school leavers, for work or further academic pursuits.

Arihia Stirling – Patron of Police Recruit Wing 355

A special mention to our Tuumuaki. What a wonderful achievement and recognition for our Tuumuaki to be asked to be the Patron for Wing 355. Of particular significance is that of the 74 Police recruits almost

50% are Maori. There are 22 Maori women and 7 Maori men. The eldest recruit is a 60yr old grandfather and 10 are parents. Although many say that it is an honour to be selected as a wing patron, I think it is the absolute honour that our police recruits have our Tuumuaki as their Patron. The new recruits spent the first day together with their patron and will spend time with her every month until their graduation.

Strategic Aim No:2 Mana Wairua

“He puna wairua he puna tangata”

I ask the whanau to support the Tuumuaki's latest newsletter attached. As parents, caregivers and teachers we must work hard to support our tamariki in their social awkwardness and re-establish behaviours that are mana enhancing and embracing of each other. This strategy is being actioned by the board to support teachers in finding innovative ways to help reconnect our tamariki after so many months of disconnection. These initiatives are Gender only camps to rebuild relationships, lunch date strategies so that students acknowledge other taura outside of their usual friendships. Raising their voices and allow themselves to be seen and acknowledge each other through mihi -every day salutations.

Kia haumarū te noho i waenga i nga hararei. Kia ora tatou.



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