



Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae

**STUDENT LED CONFERENCES &
2025 ENROLMENTS**

Thursday 15th August 2024

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua,

Korero mai te Hemana o te Poari – Scott Gemmell

EROs visit to our kura could not have gone better. At the verbal report at the conclusion of their visit a phrase resounded “exceedingly outstanding”. I have never heard a definition as such and that simple phrase carries weight we may never fully comprehend.

We should be incredibly proud of what we have collectively achieved. I want to thank our whanau for your attendance at our whanau hui during ERO’s visit. It was wet, cold and generally miserable, but it cannot be understated what your attendance that evening meant. It is one thing to hear of what our kura achieves through data, hui with kaiako, Tumuaki, SMT and board, but to feel the shared commitment of our whanau to the success of all our tamariki is incredibly humbling. I want to also acknowledge those who wrote emails and spoke to the two questions posed by ERO. We read those last night in our BOT hui and a deep heartfelt thanks resounded. We will put those comments on our face book page but keep your names confidential so our whanau can see what was said to ERO.

E mihi kau ana ki a koutou katoa.

No hui a whanau this coming Monday – please support your child in the report evenings for their conferences to show their amazing accomplishments’ instead. We expect all students to have someone to show their achievements to – please give them some of your time it costs very little. Kia Kaha whanau!

Student Led Conferences

We will be holding our full school Student Led Conferences during the week beginning the **26th August**. For those new to the Kura this year, this replaces the “traditional” Parent-Teacher Report Evening and allows your child to lead the conversation around their progress and current status.

Some non-Whare Ako (subject) teachers and Senior Teachers are also making themselves available for hui if you’d like to see them for a specific purpose. Also, if they identify that they’d like to see you – please select a time slot during that week.

Schedule will go live on Monday to book your times on skool loop, if you have any trouble please contact whare ako teachers directly.

This will be a first come – first served process where staff will upload the times they have available and you will need to select which one suits you best.

Kapa Haka and Sport

These kaupapa continue on this term and we encourage our whanau to support all age groups with their live ins and practices so our tamariki feel supported and uplifted.

Prizegiving Tickets

It's that time again – if you have a Year 11 -13 student in the kura it is part of your enrolment agreement to attend with your child to this special dinner held in their honour. The cost is \$75 per person and every student must have at least one support person. If you require more than two tickets please book and pay for them as soon as possible as there is limited seating. Save Friday 8th November at 5.15 pm at the Mangere Holiday Inn in your diaries.

2025 Enrolments

Due to the high number of children currently on our waiting list we want to begin the enrolment interview process this term. Therefore, if you or your whānau/friends etc have a child/ren wanting to enrol in Te Kura Māori o Ngā Tapuwāe next year – they will need to do the following **by 4pm Friday 30th August 2024**:

- 1) Collect and complete an enrolment form and other agreements. These can be picked-up from the office.
- 2) Provide a letter/progress report from Kohanga or their existing school. We understand that some schools may not have released their mid-year reports yet so we will accept the first term report and/or the end of 2023 report.
- 3) Provide a copy of the child's birth certificate/passport and their immunization certificate.

Please note that if you do not have all of the above at the office by 9am on the 2nd September then we will not prioritise your child even if they meet all of the other criteria. This year we have been inundated by existing parents and ex-students who drop off half finished enrolment packs a week/month before their child turns 5 and expects us to find a space for them. We had to turn down a number of whānau because our New Entrant class was filled last year. Please be aware of when your child is due to turn 5 and be prepared ahead of time. We do need the whole enrolment pack completed and returned by the 30th August including all of the additional documents outlined above so we can make an informed decision about who can move on to the first round of interviews and who remains on the waiting list. If you have whānau that you think will be a good fit here or who have indicated to you that they'd like to try and enrol please let them know that now is the time to get the enrolment packs completed.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please contact the office on Ph: 09 551 6161 or via email: info@ngatapuwaee.school.nz

Ngā Manaakitanga,



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