

Te Kura o Te Kao

Hāpaingia te whakamanawa o Te Kura o Te Kao
He mea tuku iho nā ngā Mātua tūpuna.
Hei whakahihiko i te hinengaro,
Kia kakama te tinana!
Kia tau te tinana!
Kia ngāwari!
Kia pono!
KIA MĀRAMA!

Karanga mai 2022! Tēnei te pōwhiri mai nei i a koutou katoa e te whānau ki roto i tō tātou kura i tēnei tau hōu a te Pākeha.

Tēnā anō tātou i ngā āhuatanga katoa o te wā, otirā, ki ō tātou mate kua riro ki te pae o mahara, moe mārire atu ki ngā ringaringa mahana o lhoa o ngā mano.

Kia tātou katoa e kawea nei ngā tikanga a rātou mā, nau haere mai, nau hoki mai, whakatau mai rā!



Welcome to the 2022 school year! We hope everyone had a fantastic holiday and are excited to be back at kura again. We are ecstatic to welcome 14 new students and whānau to our kura and hope you are all settling in well with us. To our whānau who have joined us this year, thank you for putting your trust in us to provide the educational pathway for your tamaiti. We look forward to working closely with you to achieve our educational goals together in 2022.

We have lots of new changes this term such as staffing, teacher only days, and reminders that we need to update you about. So bear with us as we endeavor to enlighten you about what's happening in our kura this term.

UNIFORMS

If your child has outgrown their school uniform polo's, our kura will provide 2 new school shirts per year to every enrolled student. Additional shirts can be purchased from the office at \$25 each. School jackets have unfortunately increased in price. Junior sizes from 4 - 14 are now \$90, and senior size jackets from Adult S to 5XL are now \$109. These are the direct costs from the printer, we do not add any surcharges for our kura. These need to be ordered through the office with a deposit before orders are placed. If you require financial assistance, please talk to our office as we may be able to assist you. Time payments to the school bank account is fine. Please ask for a deposit slip from the office to set up regular payments. The jackets take approximately 2 weeks to arrive. For all uniform enquiries, please contact our office on 4097813.

LICE TREATMENT AVAILABLE

Headlice is common when children are swimming in the pool these summer days. We have plenty of lice treatment and nit combs available for whānau. Please feel free to ask or collect yourself from the office. If we notice any students with signs of lice, we will discreetly send some treatment home with your child.

SWIMMING POOL

Our school swimming pool is open for instructional swimming. Each class has their own swimming timetable and tamariki are encouraged to bring their swimming gear on their classes swimming days. If your tamaiti is unable to swim, please send a note to their teacher. Swimming is an important life skill for us living in a coastal area, so we encourage tamariki to learn these basic skills from an early age.

ABSENCES

If your tamaiti will be absent from kura, please notify our office as soon as possible. Notifying our office is a safety measure to ensure we know where your tamaiti is.

KA ORA KA AKO

School lunches are now being provided daily and made fresh onsite by Alex. Lunch is served at morning tea break at 10:30am. Second lunch break is at 12:40pm and whāmau may still wish to bring their own snacks which is fine. We do wish to remind parents of healthier snack options. Please do not send sugar flavoured drinks, or high sugar snacks. Our kura promotes water only and nutritious kai for healthier learning. If your child has any food allergies, please inform our office.



CONTACT DETAILS

The beginning of the year is the best time to update contact details. It is imperative that we have up to date contact details for parents/caregivers in case of emergencies. If you have recently moved addresses, or changed phone numbers, please contact the office to update these records.



SCHOOL FOOTWEAR

A reminder to make sure your child is wearing the correct footwear. Gumboots, slides or jandals are not permitted. Black sandals (with straps, ie. roman sandals), black sneakers or black ballet flats are acceptable. Please note that gumboots and slides are tripping hazards hence why we don't allow this form of footwear.

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School Docs is our school's online Policy and Procedures host that maintains all of our school's policies and procedures making them accessible to our kura whānau. It's easy to use and helpful if you're looking for information about our school's policies or procedures. Just visit www.schooldocs.co.nz, then using the "Search for your school" button in the top right, search for "Te Kao School", and both username and password are "tekao". From there you can use keywords in the search bar to look for policies or procedures that match your query.

SANITARY PRODUCTS

Our kura has access to free sanitary products through the Ministry of Education. We have a small supply available for any young girls in our kura. Please let your adolescent daughters know they can access free products from the front office.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We have received our weetbix delivery for term 1 but are still awaiting the delivery of our breakfast milk from Fonterra before we can recommence our daily breakfast club. We expect this to arrive next week before we can start providing breakfast daily from 8.00am - 8.20am.



SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORT

We had some teething problems last week with our new school transport provider Ritchies. Due to the large increase in our school roll last week, our bus was at full capacity. We have now acquired a 48 seater bus with enough room for everyone. The bus travels to and from Te Hapua every morning and afternoon. We would like to thank our bus driver Kiri Ioane for doing her best to accommodate everyone on the bus last week. Pāpā Bob Abraham is our temporary driver until Kiri can complete her class 4 license.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

We have a planned Teacher Only Day in Week 4 on Friday 25 February. This is for our teaching staff to undertake a full day Professional Development Pāngarau course with Te Hua Kawariki. There will be **no school** on **Friday 25 February**.

WHĀNAU HUI

Our first whānau hui is in week 4 on **Wednesday 23 Feb 5.00pm** at the kura. We will have a whole range of topics to cover for the beginning of the year, so we encourage all whānau to come along and be updated on what is coming up in the kura this term. We encourage all whānau to come along and share in discussions about our kura.

SCHOOL TRIPS

A reminder to all whānau who may wish to attend or volunteer on any future school trips, you **must** be;

- Fully vaccinated against Covid 19
- NZ Police vetted through our school

These regulations are put in place to keep our tamariki safe while they are in our care. Please respect our policy and don't put us in a predicament where we would have to ask you to leave. We don't want to do that, so make sure these procedures are in place first before offering your assistance. Vetting forms are available from the school office and require a copy of a form of ID.

STAFFING

We have a few staffing changes to the start of this year. Firstly we would like to acknowledge staff that have reluctantly decided to move on from our kura this year;

Nanny Denise Peters has retired after 10 magical years of working in our kura as a teacher aide. We can not express enough how grateful we are for everything you have done for us. We hope you will still visit us with those delicious bakings we were lucky to have so often.



Our caretaker Lance Taylor has moved on to new opportunities and we wish him well in his new pathway. Thank you Lance for being the handyman, groundsman and Pāpā Lance to our kura. Our grounds were always immaculate and all the odd bits around the kura were always taken care of. Thank you for your service and dedication to our kura Lance.

We also farewell our school lunch co-ordinator Ngakura Conrad. Last year Ngakura set the bar for our new lunch in schools programme Ka Ora Ka Ako. She helped design and set up our school lunch menu, and delivered wholesome meals to our tamariki everyday. Thank you Ngakura for setting that bar really high and we wish you well in your future endeavors.

Now we have the privilege of welcoming a number of new staff members to our kura.

A warm welcome back to Whaea Ritihia Kereopa, who taught here in the 1990's until 1999. Whaea Ritihia is our release teacher who brings an extensive wealth of teaching experience in kura māori. We are very fortunate to have Whaea Ritihia with us for 2 days each week.



We are excited to have Pāpā Anaru Rieper join our kura again. Pāpā Anaru will be working with our transitional students that have limited reo Māori. Pāpā Anaru has an extensive knowledge of Te Reo Māori, history and whakapapa of Te Aupōuri. We know we are super lucky to have Pāpā Anaru in our team.

Congratulations to Matiu Wiki who has recently completed his teaching diploma with Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi. Matiu is now a full time kaiako teaching our Wharekura class, Years 8 - Year 11. We are super proud of Matiu's achievements and look forward to being apart of his teaching career.

A special welcome to Shakyra Pio who has joined our team this year to work with our junior higher needs students. Shakyra has a quiet and pleasant nature which compliments her teacher aide role well. We hope you enjoy working with us at Te Kura o Te Kao.



A big welcome to Alex Peka who is our new school lunch co-ordinator. Alex probably has the second biggest responsibility in our kura - to nourish our tamariki. We owe full credit to Alex who just started this week and has taken up the challenge; and wow she sure has delivered in just a short time. Thank you Alex for choosing to work with us to provide nutritious kai for our tamariki.

TE IKANUI

Our kura is truly humbled to receive our very own custom made W6 waka ama from Moana Nui and fully sponsored by Te Runanga Nui o Te Aupōuri. Last Thursday we travelled to Lake Ngatu to bless our waka and launch it for the first time. This was an auspicious event for our kura and our iwi as it marks the beginning of a waka ama journey for our tamariki. Waka ama is for all ages, young and old and promotes unity through working together, health and wellbeing as well as having loads of fun together. We are proud to name this waka Te Ikanui after our tupuna. We are excited to start our waka ama programme this year. More details of our waka ama programme to come soon. Keep an eye out whānau we may need your support. We'd like to thank the mana whenua of Lake Ngatu for welcoming us and allowing us to share your space with us. Thank you to the resident waka ama groups; Rangaunu, Ngā Hoe Horo and Mauri for helping us get lashed up and launched safely on the lake. Your help was greatly appreciated. Also three cheers to Matua Siebert for cooking our bbq lunch in those unfavourable conditions. Lastly a big thank you to Te Runanga Nui o Te Aupōuri for making this possible. Without your support we wouldn't have this amazing opportunity for our tamariki. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou o Te Runanga Nui o Te Aupōuri.



TE WHAREKURA

Nau mai e te tau hōu, nau mai hoki e ngā hua nui kei mua i a tātou katoa i tēnei tau.

Tuatahi, e rere ake nei ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa e ngā whānau o tō tātou hāpori, e tautoko nei i tēnei wāhanga o te kura.

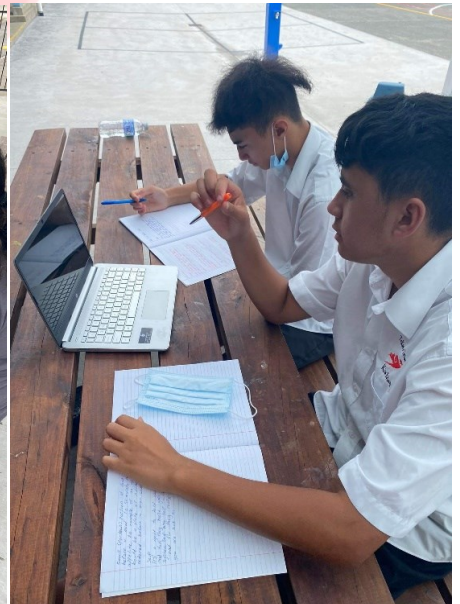
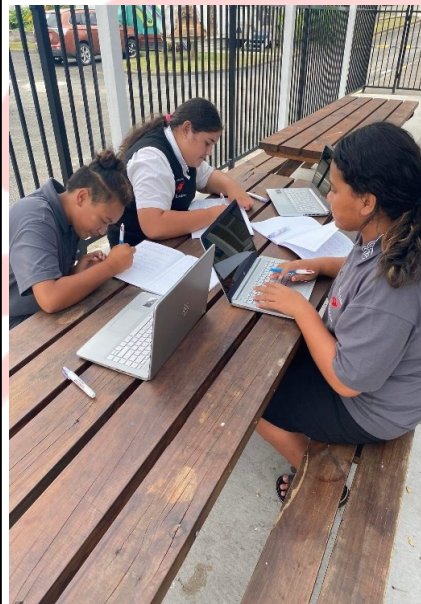
Kua whānui atu tō tātou wharekura i tēnei tau i te urunga mai o te tokorua nō Te Mahinga, a Damon rāua ko Kyven, otirā i te tokotoru hōu i ahu mai i kura kē, a Anahera Lanigan, Lyric Waikato me Laela Waikato.

Ahakoia, koia tēnei te wiki tuarua, e kaha aro ana ngā tamariki nei ki ngā mahi kei mua i a rātou. Kua uru atu ngā tau 9 ki tētahi kaupapa o ngā Kura ā-iwi, arā ko Te Whare Angitū tērā, e aro kau ana ki ngā mahi taiao. Ko te wiki tuatahi hoki tēnei mō ngā tau 7 me te 8 ki te hāngarau i te kura takawaenga o Kaitaia.

A ngā wāhanga e heke mai nei, ko te aronga nui mō ngā tau 9, tau 10, tau 11 ko ngā mahi o te NCEA. Mō ngā tau 9 ko ngā mahi NCEA mō te Reo Māori taumata 1, tau 10, te Reo Māori taumata 2, ā, tau 11 ko te reo Māori, pūtaiao, pāngarau, ngā wāhanga o te ao pāpāho (media studies) me ngā mahi manaaki (hospitality).

E hari katoa ana ahau ki te noho tahi ki ēnei tamariki rangatira i tēnei tau, kia hāpai i tēnei wāhanga o te kura.

Nāku, nā mātou o Te Wharekura



Te Tāpapa

E te kāhui kuaka kua tau mai i tēnei tau. Ngā tamariki me ngā whānau hou. Nau mai, piki mai, whakatau mai.

Nō ngā wiki kua taha ake, tokoiwa ngā tamariki kua whiwhia e mātou o Te Tāpapa nā reira me mihi ki a Travis-Graham Tuipulotu, Te Paira Conrad, Tamahotu Abraham-Waitai, Royal Waikato, Kamana Williams, Roman Waikato, Poka Tonihi, Parehuia Tonihi me Kohatu Tonihi.

He mihi aroha tēnei ki a Nanny Denise Peters kua wehe i a mātou i tēnei tau. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe me tō whānau. E kore mātou me o mokopuna e wareware i ngā tino hua i waiho mai e koe.

Hāunga hoki e mihi ana ki to tātou kaiāwhina hou a Shakyra Pio kua piri mai ki a mātou. He mokopuna nā Karani (Gaye) Leefe.

He tini ngā kaupapa kua oti ia mātou i tēnei wiki. He ataahua to mātou haerenga ki Te Roto o Ngatu. Kua oti i a mātou te whakawhanaunga atu tētahi ki tētahi nā reira kua tīmata te ruku atu ki ngā mahi o te akomanga.

Ko te kaupapa o te wāhanga nei ko ngā Waka. Ka aro mātou ki ngā waka hourua me ngā waka taua. Ka ako ki ngā kōrero tuku iho, ngā karakia, ngā waiata, ngā momo hāngarau me ngā momo pūtaiao e whai pānga ana ki tēnei kaupapa.



Te Mahinga

Haramai te rangatira o te timatanga o te tau. E whitu katoa ngā tauira hōu o Te Mahinga i tēnei tau. Tekau mā waru te rahi o te akomanga i tēnei tau, ka mutu, mīharo pai te kite i ngā tauira hōu e takatū marika ana ki waenganui i a tātou. Ko ngā kaupapa matua o Te Mahinga i tēnei wahanga, ko ngā waka o Te Aupouri me Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ko te whakaīnoitanga o te waka ama hou o Te Kura o Te Kao, a Te Ikanui, te tino whakatinanatanga o ēnei kaupapa matua. E whakaora ana i ētahi mātauranga Māori, e oati ana ki te mahi ngātahi me te taiao, me Hinemoana, me Wahakari anoki.

I tēnei wiki i wānanga mātou i Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Kātahi te kaupapa whakahirahira, ērangi he kaupapa hanga taimaha anoki. Nā reira i whai wāhi mātou ki te wetewete i te kaupapa nei kia whai pānga ai ki ngā tamariki. E toru ngā iwi hou i puta mai, ko Ngāti Tia, ko Te Au Poaka me Ngāti Kumara. E toru nga rangatira i tohua mō ia iwi, ā, i whai wāhi rātou ki te haina i Te Tiriti o Waitangi hei māngai mo ō rātou iwi.

Putā noa i tēnei wahanga, ka whai wāhi mātou ki te rangahau i te panga o Te Tiriti o Waitangi ki ngā iwi o te kainga nei, kia mārama marika ngā tamariki i te rahi o tana whakaawe kia mātou i tēnei rā.

