

Te Kura o Te Kao



17 Pipiri 2022

TE HIKU MANU KŌRERO

The annual Te Hiku Manu Kōrero competition is coming up in 2 weeks from Monday 27 June to Tuesday 28 June. Te Mahinga recently conducted their class manu kōrero to determine who will represent their year level at the Te Hiku competition. Congratulations to the following kai kōrero that will be competing;

Tau 5 - Suzy Ratu (1st), Amber-Lee Pairama (2nd)

Tau 6 - Paytin Kahutai Mathcitt-Kahui (1st), Mita Thorne (2nd), Ria Slade & Kaimanu Conrad (3rd equal)

Tau 7 - Kuini-o-te-maunga Smith-Kaaka (1st), Jaden-James Pairama (2nd)

Please encourage them to practise as much as possible at home in preparation for the competition.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our annual parent teacher conferences will be held in the last week of the term on **Tuesday 5 July** from 1.00pm to 5.00pm. School will finish at the earlier time of 12.40pm to allow for the conferences to start at 1.00pm. Bookings will take place in week 9 closer to the conferences. Parent teacher conferences are a good opportunity to discuss learning goals and ways to support learning. Please mark this date in your calendar.

PŌ MATARIKI

Our Matariki celebration night will be held at kura on Thursday 23 June before the first Matariki Public Holiday on Friday 24 June. The evening will commence at 6:00pm and whānau will need to bring their tamariki to kura by 5:30pm to prepare for the evening. There is a gold coin donation entry with light refreshments following the performances. The evening is open for our whānau and community to join and celebrate with us. If you are unwell, please consider staying at home.

SENIOR WĀNANGA

Next Monday after kura our senior classes, Te Mahinga and Te Wharekura will remain at kura for kapa haka wānanga from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. This is in preparation for their kapa haka performance at our Pō Matariki next Thursday. Dinner will be provided for the evening, and whānau will need to collect their tamariki from the kura at the end of the wānanga. There is an availability for our tamariki from Te Hapua to stay overnight. We understand the late hour and distance is out of your way, so let us know if we can help with any arrangements. Seniors can bring a change of clothes for comfort to practise in.

WHAKAWHITI ORA PAI HEALTH PROMOTION

We are fortunate to have Maquita Lia and Kimberley Blucher from Whakawhiti Ora Pai join us fortnightly to promote healthy activities for tamariki to play. We have been learning traditional māori games that help improve our coordination, and get active whilst having fun.



FIRE DRILL

Last week we carried out our quarterly fire evacuation drill. We are very pleased with the children's quick response to the drill.

MID YEAR REPORTS

Mid year reports will be distributed at the end of week 9 before our parent teacher conferences in week 10. We will let whānau know when they have been distributed.



REO MĀORI

KEI NGĀ WHARE PIKITIA HEI TE 23 O PIPIRI
IN CINEMAS JUNE 23

BOOK TICKETS NOW



LION KING REO MĀORI

We are excited to secure our private screening of The Lion King - Reo Māori at Te Ahu Cinema in Kaitia on **Thursday 30 June at 10:30am**. There is no cost for the movie but tamariki will need to bring money for their kiosk snacks. We will share the kiosk price list when we receive this from the cinema.



Te Mahinga

Haerenga ki Te Pa o Nga Ariki

I te wiki kua pahure, ka haere Te Kura O Te Kao ki Rotorua. E wha nga waka i haere. I haere matou ki Te Kura O Whakarewarewa. I moe matou ki roto i te whare hakinakina. I haere matou ki te takaro pa taiaho i taua po. I raru nga tamariki o te wharekura i nga kaiako. He tino pai te matakitaki. Ko te mahi a nga kaiako, he huna me te tatari ki nga tamariki o te wharekura. Katahi ka ho-mai he kari hei whakamahi i nga mihini takaro. Katahi matou ka takaro tuku maita. Katahi ka haere ki te moe.

I te ata, ka haere ki te wharepaku ki te horoi. Katahi ka kai parakuihi, ka whakamoemiti. Katahi ka haere ki te pa o Whakarewarewa. Katahi ka haere ki Ngongotaha, ka tatari mo te rima miniti mo a matou kari mo te haere ki runga i nga koneke. E toru noa iho nga wa i heke ki raro, katahi ka hoki ki nga waka ki te kai. Katahi ka haere ki Ratana Pa. Katahi ka haere matou ki roto i te temepara ki te whakamoemiti. Katahi maua ko Ngaire ka hinga i te wa e oma ana ki nga wharepaku, na te mea e maku ana te whenua. Katahi ka haere ki Piki Te Kaha ki te mahi i nga moenga. Katahi ka haere ki te whakamoemiti i te ono karaka. Katahi matou ka haere ki te kai. He miti me te hotiti. Katahi ka haere ki te horoi, ka haere ki te moe.

I ara matou, ka haere ki te wharepaku ki te tini kakahu. Katahi ka haere ki te urupa. Katahi ka haere matou ki mua o te temepara ki te whakarongo ki te ko-rero a Matua Kereama. Katahi ka haere ki roto ki te temepara. Katahi ka haere ki Whanganui ki te papatakaro. Katahi matou ko Awhio, ko Whaea Ngahuia ka takaro me te turu hurihuri. I tata taka matou i runga i te turu hurihuri. Katahi ka haere ki runga i te tereina e wha nga tima. Katahi ka haere ki te pokiha rere. Katahi a Kruz ka taka tata ki te wai. Katahi ka haere ki te warewhare ki te tiki i nga kakahu mahana me te paraikete mo nga tamariki e kopeke ana. Katahi ka haere ki Ratana Pa. Katahi matou ka tatari mo te ono karaka mo te whakamoemiti. I te timatanga, ka whakatangi Te Reo i tetahi waiata katahi matou ka noho ki roto i tetahi ruma mo te haora. Katahi ka haere ki te moe.

Katahi matou ka ara. Katahi ka haere ki te wharepaku ki te horoi. Katahi matou ka haere ki te kai parakuihi. Katahi ka haere ki te temepara ki te whakamoemiti. Katahi ka tatari mo te haora, ka haere ki Makitanara, ka kite i tetahi tia kua puhia. Katahi ka haere ki Te Kura o Whakarewarewa, ka mahi i nga moenga. Katahi ka tatari mo te rima miniti. Katahi ka haere ki te kaukau mo te rua haora. Katahi ka haere ki Te Kura o Whakarewarewa ki te kai Pizza Hut me te waireka. Katahi ka haere ki te moe.

I te ata, ka ara, ka haere ki te wharepaku ki te horoi. Katahi ka haere. I kai heihei i Tamaki, katahi ka haere ki Te Kura O Te Kao. Katahi matou ka tango i nga peke ki waho i nga waka, kaa tatiari ki o matou matua.

Na Taniara Lanigan



TE HAERENGA KI RATANA PĀ

Our haerenga to Ratana Pā was full of learning, personal growth and lots of travelling. In total we travelled 1700kms over 5 days which is the longest trip we have ever driven with our kura. They did not complain once about the early morning risings, the long distance travelling, the packing, the unpacking numerous times as we stayed at different places. They just did it without complaint. The amount of positive feedback we received about our student's behavior was humbling and we can all be proud of the way they represented our kura and our iwi.

Our journey started in the early dark hours of Thursday morning 2 June. A huge thank you to whānau for getting here on time and allowing us to get on the road as early as possible. The weather did not want to cooperate with us on this morning but we got it done and managed to leave on time. We were doing good timing so we pushed straight through Auckland before rush hour traffic built up. Then because we were doing so good with our timing, we thought it would be a really good idea to take a scenic tour around Hamilton....in other words we got lost LOL but we eventually found our way again thanks to google maps. Finally arriving at our destination Whakarewarewa School at 5.00pm, we were warmly welcomed by our hosts; Jackie Meha, Boxer Schuster, Anaru Ratapu and Maimoa artist Kaaterama Pou. We were spoilt for dinner with a yummy hangi cooked in the steam pit



of Whakarewarewa Village by our hosts. Following that delicious kai, we headed off to Motion Entertainment for some laser tag and ten bowling fun. It was awesome to see the kids relax and unwind after a long day travelling. The next morning we were treated to a guided tour by our whanaunga Boxer through Whakarewarewa Village. This is an expensive tourist

attraction and we were privileged to be guided by a local resident. In November this year, we look forward to welcoming these same whanaunga to our kainga and we will return the same manaakitanga they bestowed upon us. After our awesome tour of the Whakarewarewa Village, we were off to Rotorua Skyline to try our luge skills down the slopes of the hill. The weather was a little drizzly but it didn't deter our little racers one bit! 2 hours later, we were eating hot steak and sausages



cooked on our bbq in the carpark. It was a good time to fuel ourselves up before the next part of our journey to Ratana Pā. This was the longest leg of the journey, we went past Taupo and stopped in Turangi for a toilet and stretch break. Then through Desert Road but we were unable to see Mt Ruapehu due to low clouds. A quick stop at the Waiouru National Army Museum for a photo opportunity on the war tanks before our last drive to Ratana Pā.



Arriving safely at Te Pā o Ngā Ariki 5.00pm, we were relieved to finally be there. Our first task upon arriving at the Pā is to give thanks for our safe arrival, so we went into the temepara to pray for our blessings. It is truly a great wonder to sit in this magnificent temple built almost 100 years ago. Following a warm whakatau by haukainga of the pā, we met up with some of our whānau from Te Kao; Pāpā Heta Conrad, Pāpā Brian and Nanny Meri Wiki, Maringinoa Wood, Morehu Kaaka, Huia Cooper and Pāpā Joe Everitt. I don't think we were quite prepared for the cold shock that greeted us that evening because everyone got ready for bed and stayed in their beds under the warmth of their blankets. But it was a well deserved rest for us after another long day of travelling. The next morning saw us sleeping in to 6.30am and getting ready for a relaxing day exploring and learning about Ratana Pā. We were very lucky to be given a history kōrero from Kereama Pene who has a wealth of knowledge about the Ratana faith. Our tamariki were very intrigued by his korero and sat quietly listening to him for an easy hour. Following a hot soup for lunch to warm ourselves up, we loaded up the vans and went for a tiki tour to Whanganui. We spent the



afternoon in the warm sun playing at Kowhai Park. But the coolest surprise at this park was riding the mini train. I'm not sure who had the most fun here...pictures may show it was the adults who were the most excited but I'm pretty sure it was all about the kids. Pretty sure. Our last night in the pā was another cold one. When you're at the pā, you have to at least once go and look for the angels. So we put every bit of warm clothing we had on, grabbed a blanket and walked behind the temepara in the dark to

look for angels. Whilst most will argue we only saw car lights, if you believe you saw one then you believe what you saw. We returned back to the warmth of our beds and rested for Matua Hemi's big day ahead of us. We rose at 7.00am on Sunday morning to a low of 4 degrees. I don't think anyone had ever been this cold before. We had a lovely hot breakfast which we all needed to get through the next part of our day. We dressed tidily in our no 1 school uniforms, loaded the vans and cleaned our area. Then we gathered outside and waited for the service ceremony to begin at 11.00am. At 10.50 am Te Reo o Arepa began the procession march from the Manuao to the Temepara and our tamariki were privileged to walk directly behind the band which is normally proceeded by the hierarchy of the church and Āpotoro rehitā but they were always treated kindly by the people of the church. We were proud to have front row seats to witness Matua Hemi being ordained alongside our whanaunga Apiata Brown from Te Hapua. It was truly a momentous occasion. Following the ceremony we gathered outside the front gateway and took many photos to mark this special occasion. A quick change into some comfy warm clothes and we were off on the road again back to Rotorua for the night. We arrived in good time around 5.00pm, enough time to unload our bags, set up our beds and get changed into our swimming gear for a nice hot soak at Polynesian Spa baths. Which is just what we needed after those freezing temperatures. Followed by a gourmet dinner prepared by Pāpā Anaru, x20 hot pizzas, chips and a drink we were ready for bed. Monday morning we were ready to come home. Everyone rose at 6.00am and quickly packed down and loaded the vans eager to hit the road and get home. Arriving back in Te Kao before 4.30pm was a great relief to be home safe, sound and warm! Thank you to whānau for entrusting your tamariki to go with us, they are a credit to us all. We are super proud of them. Thank you to our kaimahi and kaiawhina for looking after all of our tamariki, and our drivers for getting us there and home safely.







TE KURA O TE KAO

Pō Matariki

THURSDAY 23 JUNE

6:00PM

TE AMONGAARIKI

KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCES BY

KURA TEINA

KURA TUAKANA

GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY