



TE KĀPEHU WHETŪ

Navigating Māori Futures

HE PĀNU I - Rāpare, 28 o Kohi-tātea i te tau 2016

Tū ki te marae, tū ki te ao, tihewa mauri ora. Tēna tātou e te whānau, tuatahi, me mihi ki tō tātou matua nui i te rangi, nāna nei ngā mea katoa. Tuarua, ki ngā mate hohua o te wā, haere. Haere ki pae maumahara, haere ki te kainga tūturu mō tāua te tangata. Mate atu he tete kura, ko rātou tēna i okioki ai. Ara ake he tete kura, ka hoki tēnei ki ngā kanohi ora, koutou rā e te whānau, tēna koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou me ngā manaakitanga o te runga rawa kei runga i a tātou katoa. Nō reira, mauri ora ki a tātou.

We are in full swing and looking forward to the start of the year. Below are key dates and key events happening over the first few weeks of term 1. Please take time to read and note dates:

PAERANGI: Years 13, 12, 11

WEEK 1

Personal Learning Plans (PLP) – (Tue 2nd – Thurs 4th)

Paerangi ākongā and their whānau are being scheduled in next week to sign off their PLPs for the year. They will meet with an allocated mentor first to confirm their aspirations and overall plan. They then meet with each Pouako to sign off their course outline. Contact Whaea Christy who is scheduling all sessions if you still have to confirm a time:

Tues 2nd Feb - Year 13s

Wed 3rd Feb – Year 12s/11s

Thur 4th Feb – Year 11s

Leadership Academy of A Company Noho - (Tue 2nd – Thur 4th)

The Academy set the culture and expectations of the Kura. They are being called in to be put through their paces and prepare them for the year ahead. All cadets are asked to attend. Contact Staff Luke if you have queries.

Pou Arahi Retreat (Feb 4) – This year's Pou Arahi (student leadership team) will start the year off with a retreat in Waitangi February 4. It will be an early start for those involved, meeting at the Kura at 7:15am, and returning approximately 8pm. The ākongā will attend the Iwi leaders Forum as guests of the Ngati Wai chairman Haydn Edmonds. Take part in some team building and have a guest speaker at dinner. Ākongā will need to come to school in their number ones and pack some casual clothes, togs and a towel as well. The annual retreat is not only a time to get to know each other as the senior leaders of Te Kāpehu Whetū, but an opportunity to see leadership in action. Permission forms will be given to ākongā at their PLP meeting on Tuesday.

Teachers Day Only – (Friday 5th Feb)

Ākonga are not required to attend school on this day.

WEEK 2

Paerangi Hikoi (Feb 9 – 12) – Planning is also underway for the annual Paerangi Hikoi. The yearly event for our senior school is largely about whakawhanaungatanga, learning about our Ngapuhi history and establishing our Kura goals and standards for the year. Information will be sent home with ākonga next week.

PLUS:

Uniforms – Paerangi uniforms are available through the office. Ph Whaea Jackie on 09-438 4228. Some whānau have paid for uniforms and they are ready to be picked up now. Get in early to avoid the queue when Kura starts back. Eftpos is available.

Stationary List: Initial basic stationary will be provided by the Kura. After that whānau may well have to top up through the year. Specific subject workbooks (science, maths) will be required and paid for by whānau. Ākonga will be given a list after they start back.

PAETAWHITI: Years 10, 9, 8, 7

This is the first year for a full Paetawhiti (middle school) Kura. Like Paenuku they will not start back until the Tuesday 9th February and will attend the whole of Kura pōwhiri.

PLUS:

Uniforms – Paetawhiti uniforms are available through the office. Ph Whaea Jackie on 09-438 4228. Some whānau have paid for uniforms and they are ready to be picked up now. Get in early to avoid the queue when Kura starts back. Eftpos is available.

Stationary List: Initial basic stationary will be provided by the Kura. After that whānau may well have to top up through the year.

PAENUKU: Years 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1**Official Opening of the Paenuku Buildings - (Feb 9)**

The official opening for the new Paenuku Buildings will take place following the whole of school pōwhiri (see below). Ākonga will be transported (either by whānau or Kura) from the pōwhiri to the Paenuku site on Tarewa Rd as soon as possible following the pōwhiri.

PLUS:

Stationary List – The stationary list for Paenuku has been posted on Facebook and sent home to whānau in the mail. Any queries can be directed to Whaea Lara on 09-438 8033.

Uniforms – Whānau wanting to buy the Paenuku uniform can do so through the main office at Paerangi, 185 Lower Dent St, Whangarei. There is a limited supply available, however we have

ordered new stock and will let whānau know as soon as it arrives. The t-shirt is not available. The potae is \$13. Eftpos is available.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR NGĀ ĀKONGA ME NGĀ WHĀNAU KATOA:

Whole of School Pōwhiri (Feb 9)

The whole of Kura will return on Tuesday Feb 9.

There will be a pōwhiri involving all ākongā and their whānau at our gym at 168 Lower Dent St, Whangarei, starting at 10am. The pōwhiri is for all new staff, ākongā and their whānau. We are expecting over 250 people and advise whānau to arrive early and look for parking on the outside roads, because car parking space will be hard to find.

NOTE: All past students need to be at Paerangi by 9am to prepare for the pōwhiri. We ask whānau of current ākongā to bring a plate.

School Bus – The Kura bus will start up again on February 9, picking up ākongā from Hikurangi to Kaikohe/Moerewa free of charge. For ākongā outside that zone there is a small charge each way. Unfortunately whānau the charge is part of the Ministry of Education's policy for providing bus services.

Kura Calendar First Term – Key dates for the first term have been posted on our website www.tkw.ac.nz. Please review it regularly whānau. We will endeavour to keep you in the loop about key activities and happenings as we can.

Communications – Check us out on Facebook (search Te Kāpehu Whetū). We have three Facebook profiles: one for the Kura, another for Paenuku, as well as the Leadership Academy. Also visit our website at www.tkw.ac.nz. We update information on both frequently. And while there's a lot of information to be shared with whānau, there will be a weekly pānui to keep you informed.

Congratulations – To Kewene Edmonds. Kewene won three gold medals at the Waka Ama National Sprint Championships mid-January paddling for his club team, Kaihoe o Ngāti Rēhia's Fat Oysters J16 squad. The Fat Oysters won every race in their grade. Matua Ralph Ruka won a silver medal at the same event. Also congratulations to Tana Milton and Hemi Rihari who won the Under 17 National Beach Volleyball contest at Mt Maunganui earlier this week.

DATES TO NOTE LATER IN THE TERM

Leadership Academy:

Selection Course - (Mar 29 – 31)

Like last year new senior boys will be invited to take part in our term long Academy preparation course. Later in the term a selection course held off site will take place from March 29 – 31. That will be quickly followed by the Badging Ceremony on April 1. Ākongā involved will be asked their interest in the first week of Kura.

Volleyball & Waka Ama Nationals (4th April – 8th April)

Tai Tokerau Festival (13 April/14th April)

End of Term – (Friday 15th April)

During Term 1 Holidays:

Taratahi Agriculture course in Whangaruru – (18 April – 23rd April)

ANZAC Day - 25th April

Cut n Above course in Auckland – (26th April – 29th April)