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### Tēnā koutou katoa

Kei aku iti, kei aku rahi kei aku rangatira o te whānau o Te Kāpehu Whetū tēnā koutou katoa.

Ka huri ngā whakaaro ki ngā mate kua whetūrangitia. Nō reira, ki ngā mate o te wā nei rā mātou o Te Kāpehu Whetū e poroporoaki e tangihia ia koutou kua hoki ki tua o pae o maumahara. Nō reira, haere mai haere.

Huri noa ki a tātou ngā Āitanga a tiki ki te hunga ora tēnā tātou.

E te whānau o Te Kāpehu Whetū nau mai hoki mai ki te tau 2025. He hīkaka nō mātou te kite i ō koutou tamariki e hoki mai ana ki te kura. Ko te manako kua rite ngā ākongā te hoki mai me te koke whakamua ki roto i ngā mahi katoa ki te kura.

E tika ana he huhua ngā kaupapa kei mua ia tātou. Ko te kapa haka, ko te noho marae, ko te tiaki taiao te aha, te aha raini.

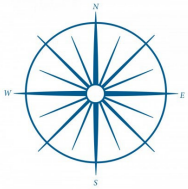
Nō reira kei ngā kura katoa ngā mahere nui mō te tau, mō te wāhanga hoki.

Heoi anō, ka nui ngā kōrero i tēnei wā.

**Nā  
Matua Ropata Mahanga**

**Waitangi Day Done and Dusted.....and we are back for 2025**



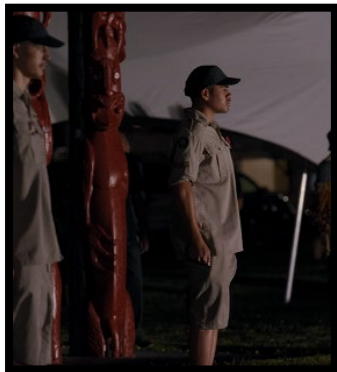


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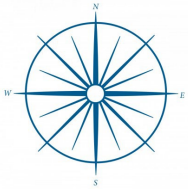
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Actually some of us have been back since Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>



The Leadership Academy of A Company and Pou Arahi Kōhine, attended the re- opening of Te Tiriti O Waitangi marae, having been asked to hold vigil under He Pou Rangatira at 4am Monday, before the whare opening at 5am. It was an honour to be part of the moment.





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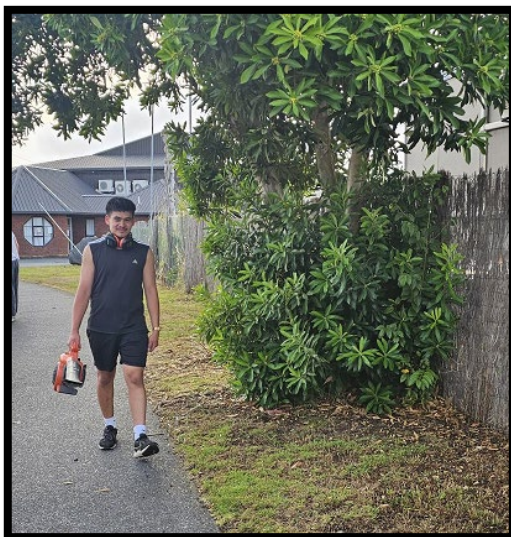
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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Paerangi returned – Officially Day 1



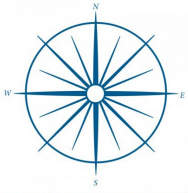
Paerangi started the year on behalf of all the Kura on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>. **Mahi on!!**



Yesterday , found these two doing lawns and tidying around Maumahara today in preparation for our powhiri for new akonga, staff and whanau on Monday

**Thank you Cruize me Quade**

Koutou ma....we have a massive year ahead of us and we will all have to pitch in, like these guys!



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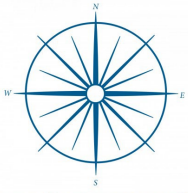
## TEINA Paenuku

Preparing our spaces for the return of our ākonga doesn't just happen by magic.... Our hardworking Pouako and Pouawhina come in during their leave to get our Kura ready. Snapped these guys still at mahi late Friday afternoon, prepping Paenuku and completing their planning for Term 1, in readiness for Monday 10<sup>th</sup>. Ngā mihi.....



Next week I'll introduce our full TKW team, so you all know who's who and all the faces behind the heavy lifting for our kaupapa.

**Nā, Whaea Rae**  
POUHERE



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## TUAKANA Paetata-Paetawhiti-Paerangi

### **Nau mai, hoki mai, e te whanau ki TKW Tuakana,**

We hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and our tamaiti are set and ready for another full-on year of learning and discovering with us.

We would like to welcome all our new whanau and ākonga and look forward to meeting with you soon. We would also like to welcome back Matua Jade Tipene to our kura whanau. Matua Jade has been appointed as Pou Arataki Tuakana, and will oversee and lead our tuakana site. We are privileged to have his wealth of knowledge and skills to help continue to steer our waka forward.

With the current governments focus on literacy and numeracy, these continue to be core elements in our day-to-day programmes. Pouako are engaging in professional learning and preparing resources to ensure our tamariki excel in these areas.

We have many exciting kaupapa this year including waka, te taiao moana projects, the 50<sup>th</sup> Te Tai Tokerau Kapa Haka Festival in Opononi, Secondary regionals for Kapa Haka, Nga Manu Korero and Pu Korero, sports and IronMaori, as well as the always fiercely fought platoon challenges.

As always Paerangi have their NCEA achievements to focus on and this year there is an extra drive for ākonga to push themselves for the higher grades and apply themselves to their studies. They all have the ability to be high achievers in their areas of interest.... **Let's do it!**

A big congratulations to all our 2024 Paerangi ākonga who gained their NCEA levels last year. A special mention to **Ngākupenga Tautari-Herrick**, our head girl, for gaining NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Merit.



### **Week 1 Haerenga**

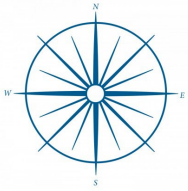
#### **Paetata**

We are starting our year with a hikoi to Māngungu on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb (Wednesday)

Back in 1840, at the Māngungu Mission House, 64 rangatira chiefs signed the Treaty of Waitangi on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. It was the second signing of the treaty (after the initial signing at Waitangi) and the largest.



**Permission slips have been emailed out, contact Whaea Jackie at the tari, or Matua Wiremu for more information.**



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## Paetawhiti/Paerangi

Our Year 9-13 ākonga are starting their year with a haerenga to Mokau Marae, leaving on the 11<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) and returning to kura on the 13<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) We are grateful to Moana Futures who will be working with our akonga around water safety, diving, and the importance of our marine environment and its health. This Kaupapa will continue throughout the year.

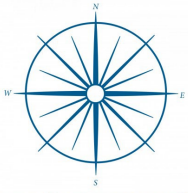
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## Paerangi first day back

Today was the first day back for the year for our Paerangi ākonga and it was pleasing to see almost all ākonga present and everyone positive and ready for the hard work coming at them. We spent time with Matua Nathan, listening to korero about some history of the area, had a taste of the school kai under the new government scheme (It vanished pretty fast so it must have been tasty!) and discussed aspects of the year and expectations. It was a joy to see everyone again and their smiles and energy were uplifting.





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## Kapa Haka

**Kapa haka will feature strongly this year with three major events on.** End of March we will send a kapa roopu through to Ngatihine's **Te Ahuareka Festival** in Otiria, as we have always done.

We will also attend **Te Tai Tokerau Festival** 50 year milestone!! A moment that reflects the enduring spirit of our people, our language, and our traditions. The festival is being held in Opononi, where it first started, and our very own Whaea Raewyn took the stage! (4<sup>th</sup> row...far right lol). At the end of 2024 we began learning and practising waiata for our bracket, but there is a lot of kapa mahi ahead of us this term in order to represent ourselves well. All ākonga from Year 7-13 will be involved. The event is being held in the last week of Term 1, **9-10<sup>th</sup> April.**

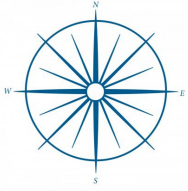


### **Te Tai Tokerau Secondary School Regional Kapa Haka**

The competition is a major focus this year for Paetawhiti and Paerangi.

**We go to compete, no 'ifs' or 'buts'.....This means the mahi for kapa starts week one!!**

The Festival will be held Term 3, Week 3, **2<sup>nd</sup> of August.** More information about this event will be out once we have clear directions from the organising committee.



## REMINDERS

**We have a few reminders for whanau and ākonga**

### **Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices**

At Te Kāpehu Whetū, we advocate, promote and support ākonga engagement, achievement and hauora.

Cellphones and other personal digital devices are detrimental to this approach. In addition, we know that there is an increasing number of problems associated with social media and addiction to the stimulus

This is why at our Kura we concur with Governments regulation that:

***‘Ākonga do not use cellphones during kura hours, including break times’.***



**Te Kāpehu Whetū advise that ākonga not bring personal digital devices to Kura. These are not necessary to have during the day as we have more than enough digital devices to use.**

However, we understand that some parents like their tamariki to have a device to communicate with them after Kura. If this is the case, ākonga must hand the phone in to the tari before 9am and can collect it after 3pm.

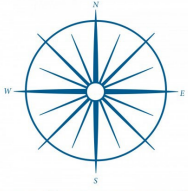
If they do not do this and the phone is visible during the day, it will be confiscated.

If an ākonga is seen with a personal digital device in their possession during the school day the ākonga must hand it to a staff member immediately when asked. The device will be kept in the tari and can be collected by whanau at the end of the day.

If an ākonga refuses to hand over the device whanau will be notified to collect them and keep them at home for the rest of the day due to breaching our behaviour management processes and personal digital devices policy.

**WE ASK THAT WHANAU SUPPORT US ON THIS!**





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## Kura Uniform and PE Gear Expectations

At Te Kāpehu Whetū, we take great pride in our school uniform and expect it to be cleaned, ideally ironed and worn correctly every day, including for physical education (PE) lessons.

Why? Simply when ākonga present well at Kura, their overall demeanour lifts. When they feel good about themselves it shows across their mahi. We encourage our whanau to insist/encourage that their tamaiti to come every day looking good.

We note, that once substandard or non-uniform or partial uniforms are worn, behaviour tends to drop as well.

Our Kura does not support gang insignia or colours being worn over or under uniform at any time

**Uniform Expectations:** Ākonga are required to wear the correct Kura uniform. If an ākonga arrives at kura wearing non-uniform items, they will need to remove them before entering the whare. The non-uniform item will either be handed in or stored in their bag for the day.

In cases where an ākonga is unable to remove non-uniform items, such as incorrect shorts or skirt, they will be sent to the office to contact home for the correct item to be brought in.

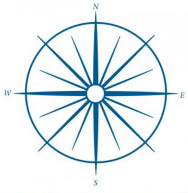
**PE Gear:** For PE, students must wear the designated Kura PE top and full black bottoms (such as shorts, leggings, or running pants). Please note that plain black tops are no longer acceptable as part of the PE uniform. We also encourage ākonga to wear appropriate sports shoes (of any colour) for better support during physical activities.



**Uniform Support:** We understand that it can sometimes be difficult to have uniforms washed and dried in time, especially during the colder winter months. To support our students, we have a washing machine and dryer available. Under special circumstances, we can assist with washing and drying uniforms to ensure ākonga are dressed appropriately for Kura.

In addition, we are setting up a Swap Shop, so whanau can drop off previously used uniforms and swap them out for a larger size. We will keep you updated.

Thank you for your continued support in helping ākonga maintain pride in our Kura and themselves



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## Healthy Kai

Good nutrition is essential for the healthy growth and development of children and young people.....actually for all of us! Nutrition affects students' behaviour, learning, concentration and energy, as well as their physical health. When students eat a nutritious diet, they find it easier to learn. We want to embed good eating habits in our ākonga so they can live healthy lives and develop healthy habits.

**Please do not send junk food to school with your tamaiti...or allow them to buy such food before Kura**

Eg: Items such as sweets, lollies, potato chips, fried food, fast foods, soft drinks, energy drinks McDonalds/KFC/Burger King are not acceptable food at our Kura.

These will be confiscated and either disposed of or returned at the end of the day.

**NOTE: We are still receiving Ka Ora Ka Ako Healthy lunches for now.**

## Wai Maori

Fresh filtered water is provided in every where, ākonga just need their own drink bottle. In this hot weather it is important we are all drinking enough water throughout the day, so please remind them to bring their water bottle!

We see too many ākonga arriving at Kura in the morning drinking sodas and/or energy drinks. These may taste nice but are detrimental to their health. (More on that in future panui)

Unhealthy drinks will also be confiscated during the school day.



**Please help us encourage healthy habits**

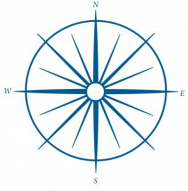
**Whanau remember our kaupapa**

*"Launching Māori Futures"*

*"Charting Māori Futures"*

*"Navigating Māori Futures"*

**That requires us all to be navigators for better futures**



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## KEY DATES FOR TERM 1

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Day 1 - Paerangi start Kura – DONE

### TERM 1 STARTS FOR ALL

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Full kura powhiri @MAUMAHARA

9.00am – current ākonga

9.30am – New ākonga, staff and whanau

**Tuesday 11-13 Feb**

Paerangi/Paetawhiti Haerenga

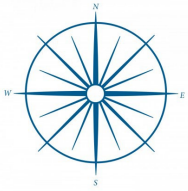
Mokau Marae

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**

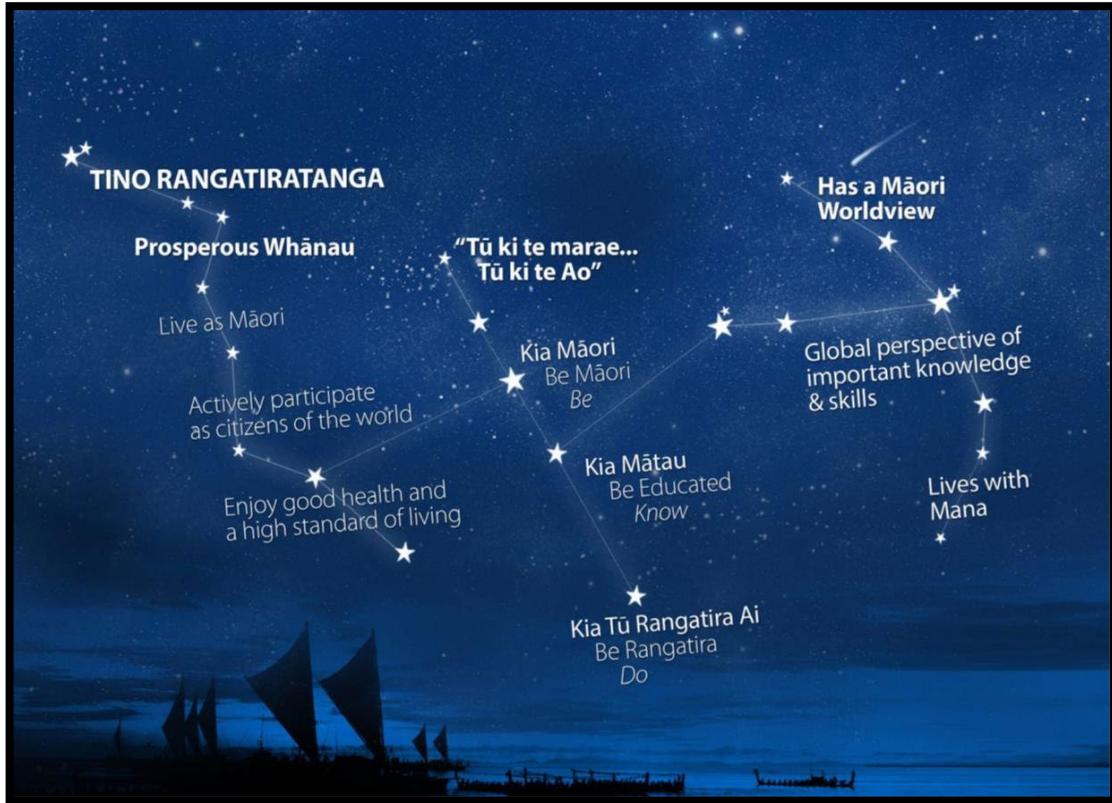
Paetata Haerenga to Māngungu

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Tuakana – Whangarei Pools TBC



## KAUPAPA



We believe passionately in our culture, our people, our ākonga, and we know that through hard work, commitment, and focused support they will achieve within the Kura and beyond. We do this hereby acknowledging the 28 Māori Battalion and the price paid for citizenship, so that ‘we’ can “Navigate Māori Futures”.

To do this we commit to success in all its forms:

**Kia Māori - Be Māori – Be**

An education that validates Māori knowledge and ways of learning.

**Kia Mātau – Be Knowledgeable – Know**

Encouraging innovation, inquiry, the development of specialised knowledge and skills.

**Kia Tū Rangatira Ai – Be Rangatira – Do**

Development of strong character and personal excellence, living with mana.

Nā

Raewyn Tipene

POUHERE