

**Ngā Mate**

Rata Bryers  
Rata Shanks

Haere atu rā, haere ki tua o te ārai.

Our thoughts and sympathy are with the  
whānau.

**Aoraki Heke**

Te Whanau o Kati Huirapa ki Puketeraki  
I didn't stay home and mow the lawns (3weeks length now)  
I didn't stay home and go to my niece's graduation (bad  
auntie)  
I didn't stay home and do the housework (it'll get done  
another day)  
But I did go to Aoraki and I did take my camera so I could  
remember vividly the ataahua skylines and mauka that is  
our Aoraki.

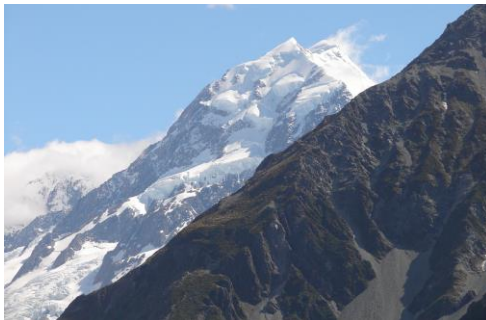
From the Tamariki to the Taua's - sure was a trip to  
remember for a once in a life time experience, spending time  
with the wonderful whanau from none other than Kati  
Huirapa.

If I had to choose again...yep the lawns and the housework  
can wait till another day.

Many thanks whanau and when can we do this again best  
break ever.

Oh one last thing I'm not going in the top bunk next time...

Kei a mau te wehi  
Tui Kent

**Te Marae o Puketeraki**

Ko Hikaroroa to mātou mauka  
Ko te papatuwhenua ko Puketeraki  
Ko te awa a Waikouaiti  
Ko te moana "Te Moana Nui a Kiwa"  
Ko ngā waka a Huruhurumanu, Uruao,  
Takitimu me Araiteuru  
Ko ngā hapu, Kai Te Ruahikihiki, Kati Hawea,  
hoki tonu Kati Huirapa ki Puketeraki

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**A message from the Upoko.**

Ka tangi te titi  
Ka tangi te kaka  
Ka tangi hoki ko au  
I wish to call you all.

E mihi ana ahau te whanui ki Huirapa Puketeraki.

Tena koutou katou.

Christmas and New Year greetings from the Upoko and Kaumatua.

What an eventful year we had, and next year is shaping up to be a major Huirapa milestone. This year saw the advantages of having special committees to maintain our mana and rangatiratanga over our rohe.

We signed a MoU with NZ Police, and this year a formal MoU will be worked out with NZ Corrections. Our relationship with Orokonui Ecosanctuary will also be formalised in 2010. We welcome Tumai Ora into our district and much needed services are being provided.

2010 means “massive mahi” towards staging Hui-a-Tau in November. We encourage all our whanui to participate and help.

Taiapure is working towards a comprehensive “catch” programme in an effort to save our kaimoana. Paua seeding is underway.

We are planning a medal presentation of NZ Defence Medal for CMT and National Service personnel from 1950's and 1960's. Regular Force who did not go overseas are also eligible. This activity may be our last to do with military pomp and ceremony, but I hope to proceed with plans to rehabilitate and build the Memorial Gates to include iwi structure (carvings, motifs).

Thanks for a job well done to the Runaka Manager, Executive and volunteer workers. It will be a sad event when our Administration Officer is fare-welled in mid-December. Thank you, Sue for your honest and most capable service.

Our Huirapa year ended on a grand note – a heke to Aoraki/Mt Cook. Well done to the organisers.

I am lucky to have Rangimarie Mules help me organise another project. A book – “Our Fathers and Other Heroes”. More about this and your possible contributions in the New Year.

Thank you all for your aroha and support this year.

Ma te marie a te Atua,  
Tatou katou e tiaki;  
Ma te Atua Tamaiti ra,  
Ma te Wairua Tapu hoki,  
Ratou, Atua Kotahi hei.  
Tatou Katoa e whakapai.

Na  
David Ellison  
**Upoko**

**Birthdays celebrated in July**

Lorraine Smitheram Bayliss  
Marilyn Taylor  
Graeme Ross  
Tory Hagan  
Missy Parata  
Tania Richardson

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## **Mō Tātou - the Ngāi Tahu Whānui Exhibition at Te Papa Tongawera closed over the weekend of 8 – 9 August 2009.**

Mō Tātou which had opened three years ago on Saturday 8 July 2006 told the story of our distinct and dynamic culture. The exhibition was developed in partnership with Ngāi Tahu and celebrated both the past and the present. Underpinning the exhibition were four cultural values drawn from the tribal saying, '*Mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei*.

For us and our children after us'.

These principles of *Toit ū te iwi* (Culture);

*Toit ū te rangatiratanga* (Tenacity);

*Toit ū te a ō tū roa* (Sustainability),

and *Toi ū te pae tawhiti* (Innovation) reflected the contemporary understanding of our past and our future.



**Marama Preddy, Kukupa Tirikatene, John Broughton**

A very strong contingent of Ngāi Tahu whānui from throughout the *motu* attended a weekend of activities at Te Papa culminating in the handing back of the *mauri* to Te Atiawa and Ngāti Toa.

We were represented by *our kaumātua*, Marama Preddy and John Broughton, along with Matapura Ellison, Suzanne Ellison, Ria Brodie and many other *whānau* from Puketeraki. We look forward to the exhibition coming to Dunedin in the future after touring other centres throughout Te Waipounamu.

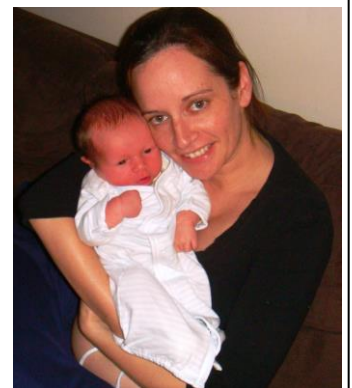
### **Birthdays celebrated in August**

Mahana Walsh  
Hawea Ellison  
Mahara Fraser  
Suzanne Ellison  
Courtney Duff  
Chloe Greer  
Tania Duff  
Keanu Vanisi  
Marvin Kent  
Justine Camp

### **He Pepi**

Congratulations to Rachel Hall (Parata whanau) and Luke Mullins on the birth of their son, Kawepo Tamakaitangi Parata Mullins who was born on 16 August 2009.

A little brother for proud sister Emaani Huiterangiora Parata.



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### Scottish MP's Visit

It has been a long time coming but finally we had visitors to the marae (and Karitane) who appreciated and knew the origins of our unusual street names.

The runaka had the privilege of welcoming the British High Commissioner, George Fergusson, and a delegation of MP's from the Scottish Parliament, including the Presiding Officer, Alex Fergusson, to the marae on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009.

The visit to New Zealand marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Scottish Parliament and was the first international trip undertaken by a Scottish Parliament delegation.

Reference was made in the speeches of welcome to personal connections as well as connections between our countries. The street names originated from the Western Isles. David Ellison suggested to the Member for Highlands and Islands that the residents of Karitane were her farthest flung constituents and were pleased to finally meet our parliamentary representative!

Thanks to Richard Parata for making this memorable visit happen. Your Black Watch tartan trousers were splendid and never more appropriate!



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### Te Whiringa

A major topic at the last Te Whiringa hui was discussion about the Koiwi Tangata. Part of the korero took place at Hau te Kapakapa (urupa above the Foreshore Reserve) where it was agreed to accept the offer of the trustees to rebury in a dedicated area the koiwi tangata that our runaka has responsibility for. It was also agreed that prior to reburial further forensic examination of some koiwi tangata would be allowed.

A Letter of Agreement between the Anthropology Department and the Runaka has been drawn up to detail the purpose of the examination, what may happen, and conditions of the use of the findings. We are working towards an April timeline to have the koiwi tangata back at the marae for poroporoaki and then reburial.

### Birthday celebrated in August

Richelle Manson  
Riki Duff  
Zayvia Parata  
Coral Wyeth  
Eden Purvis  
Shona Preddy  
Taikawa Tamati-Elliffe  
Rachel Ruckstuhl-Mann  
Roy Coombes  
Savannah Flack  
Stephen Preddy



### Graduation

Congratulations to Eliza Collings on graduating with a Bachelor of Teaching (Primary).

Eliza was top scholar for her year.



### Basketball

Jesse Te Tau (16) will be travelling to Australia in January 2010 with the New Zealand Under 17 men's Koru Tour to play basketball.



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### Kiwi Experience

Greeted by blue skies, West Coast waves crashing, green ngahere and snow-capped mauka, I arrived at Okarito with eighteen other secondary school students from around Te Waipounamu to learn about the rowi kiwi, its habitat and the impacts of humans. Jake Cambell (Kaikoura) and I were chosen through Ngai Tahu to take part in this week long Untouched World Charitable Trust trip at the end of November. What an awesome week we had!

Activities during the week included tracking juvenile kiwi for health checks, monitoring pest densities in the Okarito forest and rescuing kiwi eggs. We felt honoured to learn about the history of Okarito from Te Runaka o Makaawhio- for many, this was an enlightenment to Ngai Tahu culture. We had lots of discussions on topics such as biodiversity, ecosystem equilibrium, the kiwi as a national icon, ecotourism and pest control methods. A highlight for me was visiting the breeding colony of the kotuku.

The rowi is one of our rarest kiwi, along with the Haast tokoeka, with only 350 rowi left today, all located in Okarito. Their survival as a species is now completely reliant on humans since pests such as stoats, dogs and possums have caused so much destruction to chicks and eggs - there is only a 5% success rate of the eggs laid growing to be adult kiwi, so eggs are rescued and young kiwi are raised on a pest free island until they are strong and big enough to fend off predators and are released back into the wild.

In groups, we put together presentations to present back to the Okarito community, and will all bring what we have learned back to our own communities also. From this experience I have gained friendships, skills and knowledge which I know I will pass on.

Thanks to Ngai Tahu, Untouched World Charitable Trust, DOC, BNZ Save the Kiwi, my runaka and my lovely whanau for supporting me on this fantastic opportunity.

Nahaku noa,  
na Rauhina Scott-Fyfe



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### Aoraki Heke - comments

Great trip to Aoraki, he certainly dropped his cloak for the Huirapa whanau we saw the mauka in all it's splendour all day. One of the many highlights of the day was when our rangatahi went down onto the swing bridge and greeted the Tipuna with a beautiful Haka their voices were heard from the point where we were viewing the glacier.

I was impressed with the young families, the way they looked after their children and helped out with the chores. I had a great time having my daughter to myself all weekend even had tea in bed Sunday morning.

Being able to collect the special water from the stream was also special for me. The planning of the hikoi was great and we were able to achieve all the planed activities because of this.

Na Phyllis Smith



**Lake Pukaki**

### Birthdays celebrated in September

Teanahera Parata  
Kiriana Parata  
Shannon Simon  
Dylan Nicolaou  
Hone Duff  
Leanne Kent  
Sonja Kent  
Maddix Duff  
Takiwai Camp  
Riki Mules  
Mark Preddy  
Kuini Scott  
David Mules

### Graduation

Justine Camp graduated in August with a masters in Consumer and Applied Sciences (with credit). Justine did her masters on the experiences of whanau who have a member with type 2 diabetes.

She interviewed whanau from Waihao, Puketeraki and Otakou about some of the issues they faced trying to care for a member. As a result Justine is now enrolling in her PhD which is going to create a new model for diabetes management for people with diabetes and their whole whanau.

### He Pepi

Welcome to Jason Ross, born on 19 July 2009. Jason is the son of Phillip and Karen Ross and the mokopuna of Frank and Anne Ross.



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### **Birthdays celebrated in October**

Hannah Olliver  
 Aroha Ellison  
 Thomas Apes  
 Mark Loper  
 Nicole Loper  
 Bridget Stewart  
 Rongomai Parata-Taiapa  
 Anna Gorham  
 Byron Greer  
 Angus Wyeth  
 Reubin Bouman  
 Te Rito Duff  
 Alan (Sandy) Miller  
 Lex Kent  
 Rua Hagan  
 Emma Wyeth  
 Kauri Duff  
 Jordan Cairns  
 Kathy Coombes

### **Aoraki Bound**

Congratulations to Rongomai Parata-Taiapa for being awarded a scholarship to attend Aoraki Bound.

Bests wishes to Riki Mules who is also doing an Aoraki Bound course.

### **Touch**

Joshua Te Tau (10) has been selected to play Touch in the Otago under 11 mixed team.

### **Tamariki Programme**

20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010

If you are interested in your tamariki attending this programme please contact Aroha on (03) 465 7300 or by email –

[aroha@puketeraki.co.nz](mailto:aroha@puketeraki.co.nz)

Cost - \$15 per tamariki or \$20 per whanau.



### **Aoraki Heke - thoughts**

It was great having such a spread of ages - a truly whanau roopu. It would be good to have this as an annual happening going around our rohe and learning about ourselves and the whenua that our tipuna walked.

We not only learned about our whenua but also got to know each other better. What awesome young people we have coming through to lead us in the future. Great singers too!

na Diana Mules



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### **Tidying up Hui te Rangiora urupā / cemetery**

We know it is a real relief to the hapū that the urupā is kept reasonably tidy these days. This is a change from earlier decades when individual families tried to keep the path to the church clear and the grass around their whānau graves under control.

Easter and Christmas often saw a flurry of activity but there were few families in the area to do this mahi and the trustees relied on sheep to keep the grass down. With the approval of the relevant trustees, one of the first changes made when the rūnaka started out was that bit by bit the sheep were moved off reservations starting with the cemeteries.

These days Tony Parata keeps the main expanse of grass at the cemetery mowed (and has been doing this for a number of years) and Brendan Flack in his environmental worker role for the rūnaka keeps the grass and weeds around the graves under control. The graves, the headstones and grave surrounds aren't touched by Brendan unless a family asks for assistance.

From time to time Brendan has voluntary labour available to help with cleaning specific areas and we recently utilised the Conservation Corp to clean up a neglected area (on the fence line near the water tanks) where there are some very old graves that were covered by overgrown Ngaio and weeds.

As well as cleaning up along the fence lines, as resources allow, we would like to clean up some of the graves for example removing moss and lichen & standing up headstones. Graves without moss or lichen and where the headstones and surrounds are upright won't be touched; we will be concentrating on what are generally the very old graves.

However, before embarking on this we would like to hear from whānau who would prefer their graves not to be touched. If for whatever reason your whānau does not want your graves cleaned etc please contact either one of the trustees or the rūnaka office by the end of January.

Koha / donations towards the maintenance of the church and / or the cemetery are welcomed.



#### **Puketeraki Hall & Church Trustees:**

Hawea Ellison (chair), Jim Apes, Hugh Duff, Tom Duff, Matapura Ellison, Richard Parata, Ruapuke Parata, Bruce Ritchie. Mitty Ellison (secretary)



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## Opening of Te Korowai o Mihiwaka / Orokonui Ecosanctuary

The hui to celebrate the opening of the ecosanctuary on Friday 30 October was well attended by whanau from the runaka. Our upoko David Ellison spoke on our behalf, having earlier carried out karakia for the new Visitors Centre.

The architecture of this new building is impressive, providing visitors with a magnificent view down the valley towards the estuary. It has been specially designed with sustainability of energy, water and other resources in mind, and includes a wharekura for school groups, and a cafe. A highlight amongst the interesting and artistically presented information displays, which include aspects of our connection to this area and related matauraka, is an expressive photo of David assisting with the recent release of the first tieke into the ecosanctuary.

Another feature of the ecosanctuary is the Pa Harakeke which we are developing nearby - the opening of this in a few months time will provide another opportunity for our whanau to come together and enjoy renewing our connection with the manu and the other taoka tuku iho that are returning to our bush in this area. A panui about this event will be distributed in the New Year.



## Birthday celebrated in November

David Ellison  
Atawhai Parata  
Paul Simon  
Blake Kellas  
Kevin Duff  
Matapura Ellison  
Izaak Parata  
Rachel Shaw  
Jesse Nicolaou  
Thomas Ennis  
Samantha Jardine  
Joy Smith  
Patrick Collings  
Pamela Duff  
Tania Kelly

## He Pepi

Congratulations to Simon Haereroa Garlick and Kelly Wright on the birth of their daughter, Vianne Irini-may Garlick, born on 30 August 2009 in Adelaide. A little sister for Marshall.



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### Thank you and goodbye – from Sue

I would like to say thank you for the last 7½ years. There has been a lot happen during that time – a new office, change of staff, carvings and gateway and now the old school has had a facelift (in preparation for Hui-a-Tau).

I have enjoyed working at the Runaka, there is such a variety within the work that we do here, and it is going to be hard for me to settle for a 'normal' job.

It has been great meeting people, and even running into some I went to school with. This is an experience that I don't think I will get anywhere else.

I intend on coming and helping at the Hui-a-Tau in November 2010 and look forward to catching up with you then (if not before).

I wish you and your whanau a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**Kirihimete  
(Christmas)  
BBQ  
12 Dec 2009**

A great day was had by all. There were lots of games – apple bobbing, sack races to name a few. A visit by Hana Kōkō (Father Christmas) proved very popular.



### Birthdays celebrated in December

Ros Wyeth  
Stan Gilmore  
Angela Duff  
Eddie Ellison  
Kahu Duff  
Thomas Duff  
Trevor Ellison  
Tamati Parata  
Rawinia Parata  
Jim Fyfe  
Craig Chisholm  
Liam Ellison  
Jocelyn Hagan  
Huia Collings



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**Mana Pounamu Awards**

Well done to Rauhina Scott-Fyfe, Alice Parata, Kate Manson, Talia Ellison and all the other recipients who received recognition at the Mana Pounamu Young Achievers Awards.

**Rugby, Basketball and Cricket**

Zack Williams was selected for the Metropolitan Under 65kg rugby team. He was recently presented with a trophy to commemorate 100 games as a ball boy for Zingari Premiers.

Zack was also a member of the MacAndrew Intermediate basketball team and the Year 8 cricket team.

**NZ's Top Ten Birds**

In a flying finish, an earth-bound bird – the kiwi – winged its way to victory as Forest and Bird's Bird of the Year with 1586 votes (only taking the lead in the final days of polling). The kiwi has fared badly in this annual popularity contest, and last year, it failed to even reach the final 10.

Its main rivals – the rifleman and the kea – clocked up more than 1000 votes each in a competition that saw more than 11,000 people flock to the polls. This year's top 10 birds are: **1.** Kiwi; **2.** Rifleman; **3.** Kea; **4.** Kakapo; **5.** Tui; **6.** Takahe; **7.** Fernbird; **8.** Fantail; **9.** Karearea/native falcon; **10.** Pukeko.

**Hui Te Rangiora Church**

Services are held on the fourth Sunday of the month starting at 10am.

Christmas service – 25<sup>th</sup> December

Everyone welcome.

**Otago Museum in Shanghai**

The Otago Museum has secured a prestigious opportunity to raise the profile of Dunedin and the Museum in an international forum – exhibiting a special object in the designated 'VIP' area at the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai.

The object to be displayed by the Otago Museum is a pounamu hei tiki, which was selected by the Maori Advisory Committee. The hei tiki is 16cm high, it is large and striking, with wide eyes made from inset paua shell.

**Birthdays in January**

Waimarie Parata-Daniels  
Huriawa Parata  
Waiariki Parata-Taiapa  
Ros Ellison  
Ann Maree Cairns  
Jesse Te Tau  
Hematata Hakiwai

**Invitation**

The Faculty of Dentistry (Te Kaupeka Pūniho), Te Whare Wānanga O Otago will be holding a hui at Huirapa Marae: "Oranga Niho Ki Aotearoa."

A day of interesting presentations so come along and see how easy it is to keep that healthy smile for life! Powhiri at 10 am so if you are able to support the hui at this time that would be most appreciated.

Oranga Niho Oranga Kata  
John Broughton

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