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Huirapa

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

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to:

Waimarie Parata – 11th January

Huriawa Parata-Ellison – 29th January

Maea Ellison-Brandon – 6th February

John Ellison – 9th February

Shane Parata – 16th February – Turning the big 30!



Happy birthday to all members who have celebrated a birthday over the past few months and those who will celebrate one in the coming few months.

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Congratulations

To Emma Wyeth who has been awarded the Eru Pomare Research Fellowship in Maori Health.

Emma will investigate the health experiences and perspectives of Maori through projects that will include looking at heart and lung disease, injury related disability and Ngai Tahu view of health related genetic research.

Well done Emma.



Congratulations

To Khyla Russell who was recently in London opening the centre for NZ studies at the University of London.

Khyla has been appointed as an International Academic Board member!

Khyla has eight days lecturing, working with Ngati Ranana and attending receptions with knights of the realm and ambassadors.

He Pitopito Korero.

There has been a fairly relaxed lead in to the mahi of the New Year around the Rūnaka Office; perhaps influenced by the line up of wet suits, surf boards & waka decorating the grounds (our carving team has revealed a keen affinity for all things "moana"). Ki-o-rahi, the Maori pre-cursor to rugby, has also made for some lively tea breaks, and I can assure you that the spirit of (good natured) competition is alive and well around here. We aren't experts at Ki-o-rahi yet but the game is gaining in popularity as we get to grips with the rules. At the next Whānau Day we'll provide team colours to take some of the guess work out of playing the game.

We were really lucky that James York & Chris Nixon brought out waka ama from Fire & Ice Outrigger Club so we could have a go during the Beach Whānau Day. It was very popular getting the thumbs up from everyone who had a paddle. If anyone has contacts for second-hand waka ama we'd really like to know about them; it could become the new hot thing to do at Karitane.

Congratulations to the Beach Sculpture prize winners, I heard the standard was so high that prizes were awarded to all entrants – we obviously have very creative tamariki coming through the ranks, ka pai tēnā.

Thanks to all those who have taken the time to give your views on the proposed waharoa designed by Ross Hemara. Responses are varied with the design inciting strong feelings for everyone who has responded. There are many who love it, others who have suggestions for improvements and others who don't like it all. Because of the level of interest we have extended the deadline for feedback to the 23rd February so please contact the Office if you have lost your feedback form and would like another one.

Welcome back to Te Waipounamu to Makareta & Evan Blackler. They are now living in Blenheim after trying out life in Australia. They have been back for a few months now and are ready to 'boil the billy' for whānau passing through Blenheim, if you can catch them home. In their usual manner they have immersed themselves in community life of the area.

Over the holiday period we enjoyed whānau and friends calling in. It was lovely to catch up with you all, especially those rangatahi who were tamariki the last time we saw you. The marae was warmed by the Parata Taiapa whānau over the New Year period; it was great to see the marae filled with our whānau enjoying their holiday around their papakāika.

Tuesday evenings from 6 o'clock at the Old School grounds are working out to be a challenging time for those who have taken up the opportunity to learn the basics of maurakau under the tutelage of Chris Nixon. For most of us this is a totally new experience and it is going down a treat. He mihi nui e Chris, we appreciate your willingness to share your knowledge.

However our efforts at trying something new pale a little besides the latest adventure of our taua who took to the skies over Wakatipu in a hot air balloon recently. Ka mau te wehi!

Heoi ano, Na Suzanne Ellison
Runaka Manager





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Bilingual Education Needed in Otepoti

Te Waka Huruahu Manu ki Otepoti Trust aim to establish a quality Kai Tahu bilingual early childhood education centre in Dunedin by 2008. The centre will initially be bilingual and will be managed within a Maori framework. The relationships and learning will be facilitated from a Maori worldview.

Whanau in Dunedin have expressed the need for a centre that can initially offer both te reo Maori and te reo Pakeha, as well as quality care and education, and extend this to total immersion as the centre evolves.

The trustees: Janine Kapa, Kelly Tikao, Ron Bull, and Komene Cassidy have combined skills and energy to pursue this goal and make it a reality.

With regular communication with the Ministry of Education, support and initial guidance from Te Waka Huruahu Manu ki Otautahi and input from education experts along the way the trust has reached another milestone.

A site for building has been found and the trust has contracted Suzanne Ellison as the Project Manager. These give the trust confidence the centre will be open in 2008.

External funding is being sought for a custom made building and the trust are currently organising a Maori Art Auction to be held during Matariki Celebrations in June to assist with funding. If you are interested in submitting artwork for this fundraiser please utilise the contact below.

We are currently conducting our second feasibility survey to find out what parents are wanting for their tamariki and what they are wanting from a bilingual early childcare centre. The results of the survey will help guide the trustees to further develop the centre and will also be used towards a Ministry of Education planning grant.

If you would like to find out more about Te Waka Huruahu Manu ki Otepoti Trust, Kai Tahu Bilingual Early Childhood Centre, Maori Art Auction or if you would like to fill out one of our surveys then contact Janine Kapa on: 0272844595 or email Janine at: janine@kiamaia.org.nz

Your input is important to the trust and it will help us mould the centre to meet the needs of our parents and tamariki in Otepoti.



Whanau Beach Day – Karitane – 3 February 2007





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Out of School Tuition

Extra Places Available

Toitu te Iwi is pleased to inform whanau that we are able to offer further places for tamariki tuition.

Out of School Tuition is a programme that offers 10 tuition sessions (over one school term) to Ngai Tahu children.

It provides additional support, both remedial (catch-up) and extension (for gifted children), and for senior secondary students sitting examinations in Term 4.

To be eligible to enrol, applicants must be:

- Aged between 8 and 18 years
- Attending school
- Registered with Whakapapa Ngai Tahu

For further information and to receive an application form, contact **Kiri Fraser** 0800 5 248 248 or email kiri.fraser@ngaitahu.iwi.nz



TE KETE O AORAKI and BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

OPEN MARCH 1 2007 – CLOSE MARCH 15 2007

One of the expectations written into Te Kete o Aoraki [a booklet for schools on behalf of Ngai Tahu] is to increase Ngai Tahu whanau membership on Boards of Trustees.

I wholeheartedly endorse the concept of involvement by parents in the school[s] that their tamariki attend and this is another opportunity.

My personal BoT involvement has been as a parent, a staff representative and a principal and I know that the role played by the BoT is critical to the success any school achieves.

If you are considering putting your name forward, I suggest that you talk to the principal, the Board chairperson or somebody who is/was a Board member [I can help with this.]

If you have any doubts, queries or concerns, ring or email me please.

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Ngai Tahu Grants and Scholarships

Ka Putea (Ngai Tahu) Scholarships and Grants – Pending

The current process is under review. Ka Putea will not be available in 2007 until these changes are complete. Ngai Tahu tertiary students can be assured that financial assistance for tertiary education will be available for the 2007 academic year.

Application details and processes will be posted immediately after these decisions are made. Full details about these changes will be publicised in Te Panui Runaka, Ngai Tahu website www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz and Te Tapuae website www.tetapuae.co.nz

Yamada O'Regan Scholarship – Open

(Closes Friday 16th March 2007)

This scholarship may be awarded to 'at risk' Ngai Tahu students studying at a secondary school level who are:

- Achieving academic excellence, particularly in Science, Mathematics, Technology, Te Reo Maori and Geography
- Showing leadership qualities
- Participating with whanau, hapu or Iwi related activities, events and affairs.

Ngai Tahu Environmental Science Award

Experience living and working in Antarctica

The purpose of this award is to support and build the capability of Ngai Tahu members who are studying and/or working in the environmental science field.

For more information please contact Awhina McGlinchey on 03 377 7305 or

Awhina.mcglinchey@tetapuae.co.nz

ESR – Environmental Science and Research Scholarships – Open

(Closes - Friday 16th March 2007)

Up to two ESR Tu Mai Rakatahi Scholarships will be offered per year to Maori students studying Science, Mathematics, Geography, Technology, Te Reo Maori and Social Sciences subjects in Years 11, 12 and 13.

Up to three ESR Tu Mai Taurira Scholarships will be offered per year to first or second year Maori students studying undergraduate Science, Mathematics, Geography, Technology, Te Reo Maori and Social Sciences courses at approved tertiary institutions.

Transpower Scholarships – Open

(Closes Friday 16th March 2007)

Up to ten scholarships will be offered per year to Maori students studying Science, Mathematics or Technology subjects in Years 11, 12 and 13.

Up to ten scholarships will be offered per year to first or second year Maori students studying undergraduate engineering, Science, Mathematics or Technology courses at approved tertiary institutions.

Contact – Hineau Baird, Scholarships Officer on 03 371 2616 or hineau.baird@tetapuae.co.nz



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Otago Polytechnic Scholarships

Just to remind members that we have two scholarships available this year. For application forms and information, please contact the Runaka office.

DoC – Ngai Tahu submission on Therapeutic Bill.

If you would like a copy of the submission, please contact the runaka office.



Hui Te Rangiora Church

This is held on the fourth Sunday of the month. Starting at 10am

Everyone Welcome



Climate Change – consultation with Maori

The government is holding hui to discuss documents and draft strategies on climate change. Hui are being held in Nelson, Christchurch and Invercargill in early March.

Copies of the documents can be accessed on www.climatechange.govt.nz

If you would like further information please contact the Runaka office.

Regional Workshop – Contaminated Land

We have received an invitation to a workshop being held on Tuesday 27 February 2007, from 1pm to 4.30pm. This workshop is being held at the Otago Regional Council.

It is being run by Ministry for the Environment and Otago Regional Council.

If you are interested in attending please contact the Runaka office as soon as possible. We are required to RSVP by 19th February.

Upcoming Events

Runaka General Meeting – Sunday 4 March 2007.
This meeting starts at 11am. All welcome to attend.

Riwai uplifting and Native plant wanaka – 17th and 18th March 2007. This will be a great weekend for all to enjoy. Times and further information will follow.

Runaka General Meeting – Sunday 6 May 2007.
This meeting starts at 11am. All welcome to attend.