

Māori school celebrates 25 years

Ruth Wong

In October 2020, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu held its 25-year anniversary.

This was the first total immersion Māori school of its kind in Hawke's Bay.

They opened in 1995 with 12 students who had come from their kōhanga reo, which was established four years prior. The purpose-built kura was initiated to secure a continuum in the learning of te reo Māori for primary school-aged children.

In 2016 the school received "Wharekura" status and it is now recognised as catering for ages 5 to secondary school.

The journey tells a great story. It was during the opening karakia of the kōhanga reo on June 10, 1991 that esteemed priest Canon Wi Te Tau Huata, prayed for the establishment of a kura kaupapa for the young children to transition to as they would grow from preschool age into their next level.

During that karakia, the canon planted the seed in the minds and hearts of the kōhanga whānau that their tamariki mokopuna were the seed bed for the revitalisation of Kahungunu reo me ona tikanga. Like all good harvests, it needed time to nurture and grow.

In 1995 the first kura kaupapa Māori in Hastings was established. This was part of a womb to the tomb vision, initiated by Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu in 1983 by chief executive Tama Huata, who also went on to establish Taikura in 2005 for all kaumātua 55 years plus.

Educationalist and early childhood specialist Heke Huata said, "We realised early on that if we wanted the best Māori immersion education for our tamariki then we would need to grow our own kaiako (teachers).

"There was an influx of whānau members who studied at Teachers Training College to gain qualifications with the expectation that they would return to nurture and teach at the new kura kaupapa.

"Meanwhile a number of hui were held to consult with the community about the establishment of a kura kaupapa Māori. Initially, principals of



At the cutting of the 25-year celebration birthday cake were Kura graduates Steeli Hati, Whetu Marama Paenga, Harono Hokianga and Hera Kahukura.

mainstream schools were not supportive, in fear that their own school rolls would be affected. However, the need for kura kaupapa was inevitable because kōhanga reo graduates were destined to continue their Māori education within an environment designed specifically for Māori, by Māori.

"Eventually the principals withdrew their objections and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu was given the official confirmation from the ministry to operate independently.

"The kura has seen many changes over the years, and it has also been wonderful to witness some very rewarding opportunities that would never have occurred in a mainstream setting," said Heke Huata.

"Through the years we have seen 6-week-old babies come through the kōhanga reo, who then graduate into kura kaupapa, and progress into the wharekura stage, leave school, go onto further studies and/or get married, and have children of their own making their 'Rangatira' mark on the world.

"The vision of Canon Wi Te Tau Huata has become reality now with the enrolment of their tamariki mokopuna into our Kōhanga to start the cycle of learning all over again."

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated chairman Ngahiwi Tomoana is pleased with the progress of the kōhanga reo, kura kaupapa and

wharekura. "From native speakers of the past, to an awful state to save our language to success through our kōhanga reo, kura kaupapa, wharekura, kura reo and other pathways for revitalising our reo," he said.

"We are very happy with the achievements of the students," says principal Fleur Wainohu.

"We are proud to offer learning within a Māori medium environment which is mana-enhancing for kōhanga reo graduates and their whānau.

"We currently have 145 students enrolled."

Te Wharekura o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu Year 7-13 students are doing wonderful things. This year a record number of Trades Academy students celebrated success at EIT Hawke's Bay. Among the award winners were students from Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu.

"Our seniors took out second place for the National Young enterprise award," said Fleur.

In addition, Whenua Roimata Munro (Year 12) received the overall outstanding diligence award for business enterprise level 2. Keri Ann Hokianga (Year 13) received the overall outstanding diligence award for business enterprise level 3, and Te Awe Harmer (Year 12) was acknowledged for all round excellence in sports level 2.



Proud students (from left) James (Hemi) Vercoe, Te Awe Raukura Harmer, Makaere Wainohu, Whenua Roimata Te Wake-Munro, Keri-Ann Hokianga.

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Māori Battalion info sought

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The 28th (Māori) Battalion was part of the 2nd New Zealand Division, the fighting arm of the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force (2NZEF) during World War II (1939-45).

A frontline infantry unit made up entirely of volunteers, the battalion usually contained 700-750 men. Many Māori were quick to answer the call to arms when war broke out in September 1939. In October, in response to calls from Sir Āpirana Ngata and the other Māori MPs for an all-Māori unit, the Government agreed to the formation of the 28th Māori Battalion.

After training in Palmerston North, the main body of the battalion sailed for war in May 1940. D Company was one of four tribal companies (A, B, C, D) that made up the renowned New Zealand 28th Māori Battalion. Each drew their men from different tribal regions.

Through the years, a number of researchers have gathered and continue to gather information of the fallen soldiers of the battalion. The Ngāti Kahungunu 28th Māori Battalion D Company Trust has narrowed this research down and has been gathering specific information of the soldiers of Ngāti Kahungunu descent. Toro Waka, chairman of the Research Committee, said the information will eventually be



published in a book, but while this information is still being researched, the committee wanted to exhibit what it had and will do that by putting data into a Touch Table so it's accessible now.

A Touch Table is like a giant 65-inch iPad table top. Unlike an iPad, though, the touch table can be used simultaneously by up to five people at a time. Information is sourced by touching the table to bring up more information about individual soldiers that will be entered

into the Touch Table and stored in a living file that can be added to over time.

Waaka said the challenge continues to be about gathering the information from descendants and families of these great men.

"We want to acknowledge these men who fought for our country so the individual stories of this significant time in history lives on into the future," he said.

The Touch Table data input technician is author, researcher and historian

Sherayl McNabb. She's no stranger to the technology.

Two years ago she was part of the team called "Salute Wairoa" that researched and exhibited stories, maps, diaries, letters, photos and films of World War I veterans connected to Wairoa, using a Touch Table.

McNabb is quite excited about the project.

"For the Ngāti Kahungunu 28th Māori Battalion D Company Trust – Touch Table (TT) Project, every man who served in D Company will

have his own file, with his portrait, where possible, a military file will include his service history and brief details of where he was born and his parents, if known. "Images of campaign medals and decorations along with associated citations will be included.

"Those who lost their lives will all have a photo of where they are buried along with a photo of the headstone or if only on a memorial, a photo of the memorial and a plaque and will be included in a Roll of Honour," said McNabb.

Although a great deal of information has already been gathered, it is never enough. The call is to descendants of Kahungunu soldiers who served in the 28th Māori Battalion D Company, to come forward and share any information you may have of your loved ones so they can be a part of this research opportunity.

"We need your help! All and any memorabilia is good.

"We have the software available to digitise faded photographs to be brought back to life. Torn or creased photos and letters can be repaired and enhanced.

"Covid-19 paused our progress, however, the Ngāti Kahungunu 28th Māori Battalion D Company Trust is aiming to get the Touch Table ready for launching in April 2021," said McNabb.

If you have any information email sherayl.nzans@xtra.co.nz.

Andrew Hume, Sue Wilson, Rita Morrison, Liz Greenslade, Dennis Munroe, Gayle Menzies and Sherayl McNabb.

Photo / Salute Wairoa Team (taken in 2018)



TAIKURA

Taikura promotes the retention of traditional Māori knowledge and practices by encouraging active participation of senior kapa haka who perform haka in a non competitive environment.

The Taikura programme seeks to encourage (pakeke) adult Māori 55 years and over to get active through Māori Performing Arts. To perform tribal, hapū, whānau haka, waiata, mōteatea, and poi that were performed pre 1970's.



Taikura practises each Tuesday night 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu
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For more information please call 0800 827 373 – 0800Tapere

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ASPARAGUS BROAD BEAN & PISTACHIO SALAD

Ingredients

- 750g Fresh Asparagus
- 1 cup fresh or frozen broad beans
- About 2 tablespoons pistachio nuts
- Snap the ends from the asparagus and discard

Method

Cook asparagus tips in boiling salted water until tender but still firm
Drain, refresh under cold water, drain again and dry with a paper towel

Pour boiling water over the beans. Leave 30 seconds to soften the skins then "pop" the bright green beans out of the leathery outer jackets.

To assemble the salad lay cooked asparagus spears on a flat serving platter, sprinkle with beans then scatter over the pistachio nuts. Spoon over the light lemon flavoured dressing before serving immediately.

For the Lemon Vinaigrette:
3 tablespoons light olive oil, juice of 2 lemons, whisk ingredients together until combined. Season to taste with sea salt and lots of freshly ground black pepper.



Forum focuses on economic aid

Ngahiwi Tomoana

We are in Taranaki, New Plymouth, for the Iwi Asset Holdings

Symposium as part of the National Iwi Chairs Forum hui hosted by the eighth Taranaki Iwi under the maru of Te Maunga Taranaki.

The kaupapa of the day is how Iwi are managing economically during Covid and how we can share experiences, opportunities and even our failures with each other to give confidence and inspiration to each other.

There was more than \$3 billion worth of assets and capital in attendance today, looking at how we can collectively use our economic collaborations for economic scale.

A vast array of topics was traversed including injury and death to Māori in the workplace as we undertake the most dangerous and hazardous jobs. It was reported that \$2.6b is lost due to workplace injuries, mainly to Māori.

We also heard from Vangelis Vitalis, Deputy Secretary for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade who urged Iwi and Māori to concentrate on export potential as this had the capacity to uplift a company's performance by up to 32 per cent by going direct to the export market.

The big hitters of Parininihi



ki Waitotara Inc explained their multibillion-dollar business model and were willing to share their intellectual property with other Iwi and Māori organisations. A SME - medium-sized enterprise, Māori presenter, showed how from a small fledgling organisation dealing in smoothies with the infusion of Māori ingredients such as kumara, puha and kawakawa are now on a supermarket shelf near you and they procure their products mainly from Māori sources.

A further presentation showed how Taranaki Iwi are combining to takeover iconic tourism operations such as the New Plymouth Airport, the Ngāti Ruanui Stratford Mountain House and they collectively own a major interest in the Novotel hotel where our hui is being hosted. Their housing initiatives including finance savings, financing and providing land for housing for their whānau is impressive in its detail and also a model to be shared. Furthermore, presentations were made by Mahaki and

Kahungunu on whānau housing.

The whole Taranaki economic revival is against a backdrop of land confiscation. Their tipuna being locked in caves down in Otago and against pillage and plunder by colonial forces, yet their presentations were full of optimism and positivity.

At the end of the hui it was agreed that Iwi would collectivise to pursue housing regionally and nationally on some of the options presented and that Kahungunu would host the first hui on December

The Iwi Asset Holdings Symposium as part of the National Iwi Chairs Forum hui was hosted by the eighth Taranaki Iwi.

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9. Furthermore, it was agreed to support the agenda of the Government and its new Cabinet, particularly with the highly weighted Māori and Pacific membership and we will be leading and supporting government initiatives in areas of housing, government contract procurement, social procurement as promoted by Minister Mahuta previously, who now has the added mana of Foreign Affairs & Trade which was the main theme of today's hui.

It was also agreed that the Cabinet makeup was an inspired choice and that the Iwi Chairs Forum are keen to advance initiatives beneficial for whānau, hapū, iwi and government outcomes. Minister Kelvin Davis, Minister Nanaia Mahuta and Minister Meka Whaitiri have all been regular attendees at the National Iwi Chairs Forum.

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AGM 2020 Agenda
Draft Minutes 2019 AGM
Chairs Report 2019
Maumahara Report
Annual Report 2019-2020

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Looking back, moving forward

Corrections Ara Poutama Māori Services Manager Barney Tihema looks back on the opening of Te Tirohanga at Hawke's Bay Regional Prison - the first Māori focus unit in the country - and how it contributed to Māori Pathways and how it still helps us move forward.

"It was groundbreaking. It was awesome. The wairua was absolutely wonderful," says Māori Services manager Barney Tihema.

He's talking about the day in 1997 that Te Tirohanga opened at Hawke's Bay Regional Prison - the first Māori focus unit in the country.

"We had developed a good relationship with the mana whenua and so we had booked their marae for the night for all our visitors coming from out of town for the opening could stay.

"At 4 o'clock in the morning we were all up for the opening. What a wonderful feeling to get up early in the morning, the pūtātara sounded, the wero, the full on haka powhiri. The responses and the challenges that came back from the manuhiri were awesome.

"Finally we had the opportunity to open a kaupapa Māori environment."

Barney has worked for Ara Poutama Aotearoa for 31 years. When Te Tirohanga opened,

he was Regional Advisor Māori Service Development, and later became the unit manager

He recalls the development of Te Tirohanga - some big thinkers from te ao Māori were involved including some who had been involved in te reo Māori education movement.

"In many ways, Te Tirohanga was modelled on kohanga reo and kura kaupapa - we wanted to have a space where we could create a kaupapa Māori environment and offer things like kapa haka, whakairo, raranga, tikanga and te reo Māori. We have had exceptional and dedicated providers who have delivered these services over a number of years

"I've many wow moments during my involvement with Te Tirohanga over the years, including the opportunity to take tāne from the prison and hand them back to their whānau at the marae.

"I've been blessed to take part in a number of noho (live-ins) where we spend time with men from such different backgrounds and watch how they recognise and acknowledge that there is a better pathway out there for them and their whānau."

There are now five Māori focus units around the country and they have adopted Te Tirohanga name as their network. Barney looks back at



the opening as an important part of the Hōkai Rangi whakapapa.

"Hōkai Rangi incorporates te ao Māori worldview for better outcomes for Māori, and that is exactly what happened in Hawke's Bay nearly 25 years ago. The innovation shown there over many years is one of the reasons the region was selected as one of the two key

trial areas for Māori Pathways."

Hawke's Bay Regional Prison director Leonie Aben says changes in line with Hōkai Rangi has meant staff on the site have been revisiting past initiatives including when Te Tirohanga was established.

"In Māori, we look back to the future. Our word for the past 'mua' is the same as our word for the front. Hōkai Rangi

and Māori Pathways gives us the opportunity to revisit the narrative from all those years ago and think about how we carry those aspirations forward."

Māori Pathways Hawke's Bay manager Tatiana Greening says the Māori Pathways team has been drawing on the prison's many years' experience as it works on ways to improve the journey through the corrections system for young Māori.

"Staff here apply Hōkai Rangi in their mahi in so many ways. This has a lot to do with how our PD Leonie leads guided by the values. Staff are committed to supporting men in our care and all of that will contribute to successful pathways.

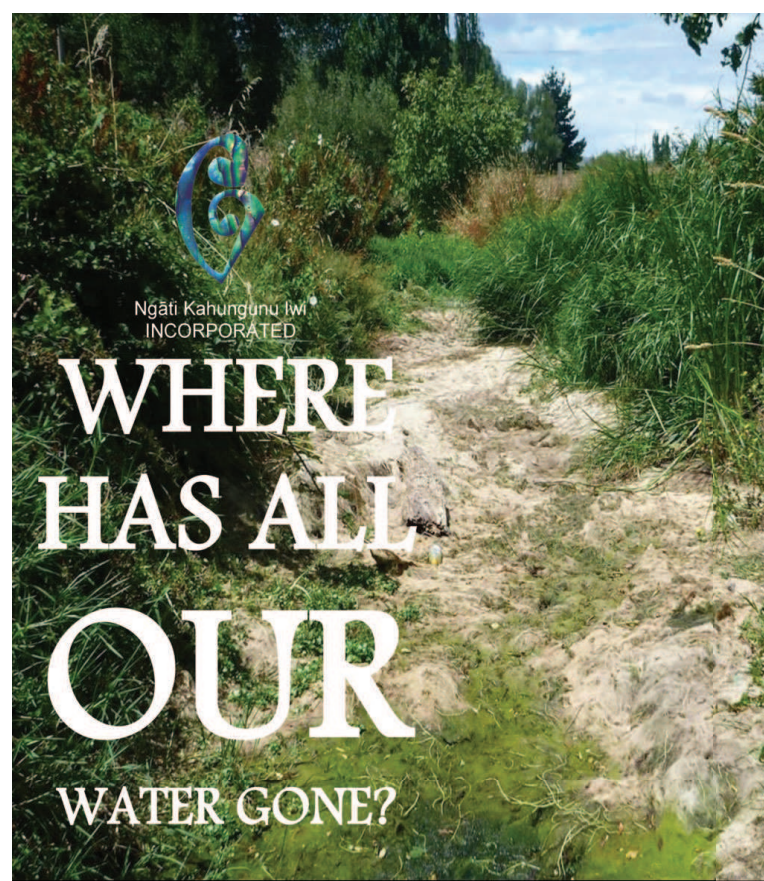
"Te Tirohanga developed the first version of our whānau plans and set the foundation for tāne and whānau centred approaches many years ago. They have been helping men identify goals for them and their whānau.

"That set up a foundation that Māori Pathways is now able to build on. We have further developed a prototype for those plans and we have more certainty that we have resourcing to help turn them into reality.

"The other area that Te Tirohanga has done exceptionally well is reach into the community with their pivotal roles of Pou-Aratakai and Kai Whakamana.

"We are learning a lot from that as we work to develop a navigator workforce to support tāne once they are back in the community."

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Rachel is now on the road in her truck

As a child Rachel Ripohau loved to accompany her father, a truck driver, on rides around the country. Rachel (Ngāti Kahungunu) says that her passion for trucks and heavy machinery stems from these childhood days. Some years went by before Rachel decided to follow her greatest interest. "I had been doing many different jobs and chased a lot of things but I always wanted to drive," says the 39-year old mum-of-two.

Rachel enrolled in a NZ certificate in commercial road transport from which she graduated in March last year. While the programme is fees-free now, it wasn't free back then but Rachel received the Māori and Pasifika Trades Training Scholarship which paid for the course.

At the start, that was pretty intimidating. I started slow, I certainly didn't want to flip my boss's truck.

Only a few days after passing her last exam she started her first job at Mark Pittar Transport. Mark, who employs 12 drivers, has been in the industry for more than 30 years and knows the industry inside out. Rachel is the second EIT graduate that he has taken on. "The EIT programme is brilliant," says Mark. "We simply don't have enough truck drivers in the country.



EIT graduate Rachel Ripohau and her new truck Dark Angel.

There is so much work out there, and the drivers also take home a reasonable pay packet."

For the first three months, Rachel just drove her loaded truck and trailer from the mill to the port and back, getting up to speed with operating the heavy vehicle, learning how to identify hazards, trucking safely in road construction zones and changing gears constantly.

Rachel now drives a truck that carries 18m long logs and weighs 46 tonnes."

At the start, that was pretty intimidating. I started slow, I certainly didn't want to flip my boss's truck," admits Rachel. In October Mark bought Rachel a new \$500,000 truck. Rachel named "her" Dark Angel.

Meanwhile Rachel has extended her radius, drives to the forests and loads the truck which takes 30 minutes. "It's

mentally demanding. Everything has to happen by the book. You have to be on the top of your game all the time. Driving in the dark and transitioning from night to day shifts is really hard. And there are a lot of challenges, steep sites, slippery slopes and sharing the road with reckless drivers. I'm still learning every day."

Rachel is completing a log transport certificate. She

appreciates the fact that she is able to progress in her job to – hopefully – one day owning her own truck.

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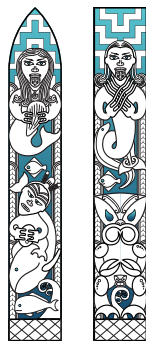
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The Fellowship aims at reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ and the transformational power that message brings. It is involved with different programs in the community to help bring this to pass. The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is also a strong advocate for the Jewish People's right to exist as an independent and sovereign state on their historical ancient land in Israel.

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On February 3, 1931, a major earthquake damaged buildings at the M.A.C. forcing the school to close. However, its legacy continues in the families and communities influenced by those who worked, served, and learned there.

