

MANA TIAKI PANUI – November 2nd, 2006

Kia Ora whanau,

Just a few updates for you.

Mana Tiaki Maori Cultural Festival

Many thanks to all of you for supporting this festival – it was a huge success and we achieved all the goals we set for it. For those of you who were not at our hui last Thursday we made a profit of \$1455.40. The Festival Committee is going to move that \$1000.00 of this putea be put towards the purchase of piupiu for next year. The balance will be used as a starting base for next years festival and for any educational resources that schools may require over the next year. Please if anyone has photos or video footage of the festival evenings could you please make contact – we have schools wanting photos for end of year magazines and we are keen to see if we can make a DVD with the video footage that is available. Thank you for your help with this.

Hall Koha

Just a reminder that whanau are asked to make a koha of \$40.00 for this year (2 x \$20.00 per six months) to meet the costs of hall hireage for Nga Taitamariki practices. Could those of you who have not yet contributed please see Jan – we have a payment for hall hireage for this term due at the end of the term. Thank you.

GARAGE SALE

Mana Tiaki is holding a Garage Sale next **Saturday, November 11th** at Hinetai and John's home at 26 Turrif Crescent, Tawa. Please clear out all your pre-loved unwanteds this weekend and drop them up to Hinetai and John's over the next week or so. We would like all items in by next Thursday, November 9th if possible so we can price goods on Friday. Please if anyone from whanau has a trailer or van or truck and wouldn't mind picking up big items to drop up to Turrif could they let us know. Alternatively, if you have big items that you need picked up could you please let Hinetai know – 2322485. All proceeds from this Garage Sale will go towards the Mana Tiaki kids Christmas Party. We will not be able to plan this party until we know what sort of budget we have to work with. So please, please, please clean out and tautoko our last fundraising project for 2006. Feel free to pop in and help price on Friday too !

Marae Komiti

We are going to look at the feasibility of having a marae in Tawa for whanau, schools and the community to access. It makes sense for Mana Tiaki to drive this project and to kick start we would like to form a Marae Komiti to carry out the research and look at funding avenues etc. If you are keen to join this komiti to work on this moemoea please contact Karen on 2325675, 027 458 4119 or karen@manatiaki.maori.nz We are especially keen to hear from you if you have skills and expertise in planning and developing projects of this type or just have an interest to see a marae for whanau come to fruition. Jump on the waka !!

Mihi by Te Roopu Kapahaka o Ngati Poneke

Ngati Poneke kapahaka tutors, Bill and Donas Nathan were at our festival on the Wednesday night and absolutely loved the performances. They have invited Mana Tiaki and Nga Taitamariki kids to Pipitea Marae on **Monday, November 13th** to their practice. The powhiri will take place at Pipitea Marae at 6.30pm – followed by supper and kapahaka by both groups and with the two groups combined. The hosts will be the young Poneke roopu. I would like to accept this invitation because I think it broadens our network and is great experience for our tamariki – the powhiri and the night is for them. Of course we can only do it with the support of whanau to transport and to support – I know it's a busy time. I do envisage that we will be out by 8.30pm – I am conscious of the fact that our kids all have kura the next day. In fact I may even see if we can get in earlier – say 6pm. Please can you let me know by phone or email if your tamariki will be available to go – please also let me know if they need transport. I will need to notify Donas by Saturday so she can plan it and let her roopu know at practice next Monday so please let me know by then. Thank you.

Nga Taitamariki

We have had lots of expressions of interests from newbies wishing to join Nga Taitamariki following the festival – that's great. I am really aware that there are many Maori families in the Tawa community who not only are not part of Mana Tiaki but also had never heard of us till the festival ... I am really wanting to bring them into the whanau. I am going to get some business cards done so that you all have the Mana Tiaki and Nga Taitamariki info handy on you if you get into korero with prospective whanau during your day.

The last practice for Nga Taitamariki is Thursday, December 7th. Our first session for 2007 will be Thursday, February 8th.

The Christmas Party for all Mana Tiaki kids will be in December – we have a couple of ideas for this but as it all requires a putea we will wait to see how much we raise in our garage sale. Sonia and Dennis Karauna have offered their beach side home in Waitarere – with all the gears for the kids to fish, get pipis ,ride the beach buggie etc. This sounds like an awesome idea but we need to see if we can raise the funds to hire a bus out there for whanau first. Sonia and Dennis are very keen to have us and we are even keener to go !! Watch this space!

Mana Tiaki Hui

Thank you for the amazing turn out at last Thursday evening's hui – we had some tremendous feedback and our manuhiri, Billie Tait-Jones from the Wellington City Council was absolutely overwhelmed with your mihi to her and your feedback on the festival and on Mana Tiaki. It was a very emotional hui – not a lot of mahi done but great gains made. Kia Ora ra.

Mana Tiaki Trophies

As you know Mana Tiaki presented trophies to all the Tawa schools during the festival – these are for the schools to own and present at their own prizegivings to students who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to Tikanga Maori. Schools have approached me asking if we can present these at the prizegivings – I have asked the schools to approach any whanau they have in their own school communities from Mana Tiaki to do it for them. You are all Mana Tiaki and I hereby declare you qualified to present our trophies on our behalf !! Mauri Ora !!

OK whanau – that's it for this panui. Just in closing – one of the aims we set for the festival when we planned it was :

To provide an opportunity for Mana Tiaki whanau to work cohesively together and realise and develop not only their individual strengths and skills but also the collective potential of the roopu.

I am overwhelmed when I consider how much our whanau has grown to realise their own Maori potential .. ka mau te wehi ! You have demonstrated your ability to awhi and work together for the whole community to see but moreso for your own tamariki to see. How proud they were of your efforts and how proud I am. The sky is the limit for this whanau ..

Arohanui,

Whaea Karen

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