

MANA TIAKI

Nga Taitamariki Kapahaka Panui – February 22nd, 2007

Kia Ora whanau,

Welcome back to 2007 and a growing and exciting time for Mana Tiaki and for Nga Taitamariki kapahaka roopu. We especially welcome onto our waka new tamariki into the kapahaka groups and their families on board with Mana Tiaki.

Mana Tiaki is a support roopu for whanau here in Tawa – we are an urban Maori group with iwi affiliations from all over Aotearoa. Nga Taitamariki kapahaka was started to give our tamariki an opportunity to learn and participate in the culture and to have wider group of brothers and sisters here in our community. We invite new parents, grandparents and other whanau along to our whanau hui where we look at ways to grow our kapahaka roopu, raise the profile of Maori in our schools and in our communities and make opportunities for us to be together and support one another. For further information on our kaupapa please visit our website at :

<http://www.manatiaki.maori.nz>

Mana Tiaki is an incorporated society and as such we need to keep a database of our members – you will receive home today a registration form – please fill it out and return to kapahaka next week. These are also downloadable from the website.

Upcoming Hui

*Thursday, 1st March – 7.30pm
B9 - Tawa College*

College whanau hui. This is an important hui to discuss the accomodation of Te Reo learning for our tamariki at the college due to the recent resignation of the Te Reo teacher up there. Murray will outline the current plan to address this.

*Wednesday, 28th February – 7.30pm – St Christophers Church Annex, Tawa
MANA TIAKI WHANAU HUI*

All welcome to join us for our first hui for 2007. Please forward any agenda items to Pani at pani@manatiaki.maori.nz We look forward to a strong turnout for this hui and welcome all new whanau on board to attend. Please bring a plate for supper. Kia ora ra.

Noho Marae

I would like to run a noho marae on Saturday, 17th March overnight to Sunday 18th March. This is a noho for the new tamariki in Nga Taitamariki to get to know whanau and for their parents to do the same. We will also be working on some kapahaka brackets but it will be more a social weekend with lots of team building stuff.

The tentative timetable is :

Saturday, 17th March

12 pm : Powhiri for new whanau

"Old whanau" to be at Ako Pai at 11am to set up for the powhiri. Please bring a plate of finger kai for lunch. Newbies meet at the gate at Ako Pai Marae, Wellington Teachers College at 12pm.

12.30pm : Whanau lunch

1.30pm : Whaea to meet all kids in wharenuī while parents clean up from lunch. Outline the timetable, boundaries etc.

2pm – 5pm : Swim at Karori Pools

5.30pm – 6.30pm : Dinner and clean up.

6.30 – 7.30pm : Practice items for the whanau concert !! Everyone has to participate in at least one item. These can be organised before the noho with any gear you need for your item brought along with you.

8.00pm : WHANAU CONCERT in the wharenuī. Senior kids to organise and M.C

10.00pm : Supper / Karakia

10.30pm : Juniors – bed.
Seniors – DVD in the classroom.

Sunday, 18th March

7am : Fitness / Maori Aerobics – Seniors to take.

7.30am : Clean up wharenuī and pack bags into the classroom.

8.15am : Breakfast

9.00 – 11am : WORKSHOPS – Haka, Mau Rakau, Poi, Poi making

11.00 – 1pm : Team Building Games on the courts

1pm – 1.30pm : Lunch

1.30pm – 2.15pm : Poroporoaki – Hui in the wharenuī. An opportunity for anyone to speak to the group about the noho, kapahaka – whatever. Introduce yourself with your mihimihi first.

2.30pm : Pick up from Ako Pai

Really looking forward to meeting up with everyone again. We welcome parents to come for dinner on Saturday night and to watch the concert extravaganza ! Those who have tamariki 8 years old and under are required to stay overnight with them please. Children are to bring :

Sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, togs, 2 towels, concert gear and a plate for shared lunch after the powhiri. (No plate needed from the newbies !!)

The cost of this noho is \$15 per individual child or \$25 per family. Please pay this to Jan at either of the next two kapahaka practices on March 1st or March 8th or at the Mana Tiaki hui next Wednesday night. Thank you.

Also Michele Spring is in charge of our noho komiti – if you are able to assist with catering and helping out at the noho please contact Michele at michele@manatiaki.maori.nz or ring her on 232 0482. We welcome all offers of help. Thank you.

Please complete the form at the end of this panui and send to kapahaka with money. Kia Ora ra.

Clearfile Folders

All Nga Taitamariki members will need a 20 or 40 paged clearfile to keep their waiata sheets in. These will start being distributed as of next week to give the kids a week to get their folders first. Thank you for your support with this.

Koha for Hall Hireage

Mana Tiaki pays to hire the hall at St Christopher's Church for practices. The only cost for belonging to Nga Taitamariki Kapahaka roopu is the \$20 koha per whānau, per half year that we ask for to help meet this cost. Please send your koha along to Jan at kapahaka practices. All cheques made out to Mana Tiaki. We really appreciate your support with this.

OK whānau – that's all the notices for now. I look forward to an exciting and productive time with our tamariki and with you all this year as we grow our roopu to be a pivotal and supportive network both for your whānau and for the wider community. I look forward to seeing you all at the hui next Wednesday night and joining our adult community kapahaka roopu !!

Nga mihinui kia koutou katoa ..

Arohanui,

Whaea Karen (027 458 4119)

