

MANA TIAKI PANUI

Thursday, November 30th 2006

Kia Ora whanau,

Some updates for you :

MANA TIAKI HUI – TONIGHT

Final hui for this year – to wrap up business for the year, recap recent events and goal set for 2007. Nau Mai, Haere Mai !! All welcome to attend. Please bring something for supper.

26 Turriff Cresc

Tawa

Home of Hinetai and John

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7pm – Tonight, Thursday 30th November.

FUN RUN – NGA TAITAMARIKI PERFORMANCE IN PLIMMERTON

Nga Taitamariki have been invited to perform at the Rotary Club Fun Run and opening of the Plimmerton Walkway on **Sunday, December 3rd**. The venue is the Plimmerton Domain (by the new Palmers shop) It is the beginning of the new walk way to Pukerua Bay.

There will be much activity. To start it is the fun run/walk which starts at 9.am. There will be jumpy castles, push play trailer from P.C.C rec centre, hopefully Dash the Dolphin, coffee and food stalls, Trade stalls like Ford, Holden, Boys Toys to name a few. Nga Taitamariki are performing at 11am on Sunday – please meet to change into costume at 10am by the Jumpy Castle. No mokos for this performance and children will need to change out of uniform and return them to Hinetai before you leave. Please could parents **meet us at 10am** and pick up your child's costume and find somewhere to dress them – we don't have an actual dressing area so I will leave it up to you to find somewhere for them to change- Thank you. Our performance is approximately half an hour and then kids are free to leave once they hand in their costume.

Nga Taitamariki will perform with whomever is available – please flick a text to Hinetai so she knows who is coming and which uniforms to bring down – 0274296425. Thank you. This is our last performance for the year – it is late notice and I apologise for that – I only received confirmation of this invitation yesterday, Wednesday. The koha is always useful for our putea so I am keen to accept.

NGA TAITAMARIKI CHRISTMAS PARTY

Next weekend at Te Rauparaha Park – to coincide with Christmas in the Park, Saturday, December 9th.

Whanau – please meet at 5pm at the park.

What to bring ?

Drink for adults

Blankets to sit on

Warm jackets for kids

Container with slice, cake or party food.

Also please make sure your \$5 Hana Koko present/s are dropped to Jan at Sharman Consulting – 173 Main Road or to kapahaka next week – Thursday, December 7th – last chance to do it !! One for each child you are bringing to the party please.

Hato Pirihiti Community Concert

St Brigid's School Kapahaka were guest performers for us at our recent festival. The whānau from Mana Tiaki has been invited to join them for their community concert on Friday.

*Friday 8th December
6pm
Johnsonville Softball Clubrooms
Phillip Street.
Johnsonville*

Please try to make it along if you can to support this whānau who supported us.

Kia ora ra.

Kapahaka Photos

These were taken last week. The roopu photos all needed to be named and that has proven to be a mammoth task to get correct names and spelling for everyone. These have been submitted to the photographer for printing and those who ordered should receive their photos next week at kapahaka. This also includes the whanau packs that were ordered. It is possible to order extra roopu photos and once they are out we will take extra orders

Email Database

It is really handy to have our whanau on an email database and also a text database. If we do not have you on either then please email your email address and your text number to karen@manatiaki.maori.nz . Also just a reminder that anyone can have a manatiaki email address and we will redirect to your normal email address or set up for you to receive it via webmail. Let me know if you want to do this.

Tawa School Cultural Evening

A huge thank you to all those who made their tamariki available to perform last Thursday evening at the Tawa School Cultural Evening. It was wonderful to see so many of our whanau there supporting our tamariki who attend Tawa School. A special thank you to Michele and her team for the 'Kai Kart' fundraiser – it was a delicious menu – awesome that we have so many good cooks in our whanau !!

Mana Tiaki Website

Please keep a regular eye on the website for all our recent panui and notices. It is the main portal of communication for whanau.

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

Community Consultation Processes in Schools

All state schools in NZ have a legislative requirement to consult with their Maori community – the parents of Maori children in their schools. This consultation should also include iwi representatives. This means that schools should consult with the Maori community over issues pertaining to Maori Student Achievement – there should be some feedback to parents on how Maori achieve in the school, what the performance targets are in specific curriculum areas, what is in place in the school to help raise the achievement of Maori. There should be an opportunity for Maori parents to air what they would like for their children and what strategies they believe could be implemented to raise the achievement of their children, as Maori.

Mana Tiaki is very well placed to support our whanau in these consultation hui with your schools and need whanau to make sure we know when these hui are taking place so we can tautoko you there. I am concerned that this year there appears to have only been 2-3 schools in the Tawa region who have been consulting with their Maori community. How effectively the consultation process has been done has not yet been addressed by Mana Tiaki. I would ask that whanau approach the principals in your school and find out why there has been no consultation with Maori, some schools for many years !!!, despite it being an annual legislative requirement. I see Mana Tiaki as well placed to demand more of our schools in terms of raising the achievement of Maori students and this can only be done when we keep the pressure on for schools to hui with us. Dennis and I have met with all the Boards of Trustees in Tawa except for Hampton Hill and Tawa School who both have Mana Tiaki representatives sitting on them. They are all aware that Mana Tiaki is available to help schools with this process – we have not been contacted by any of them so we assume that it is all under control and these consultation hui are taking place but they are not. Please whanau approach your schools in the next week to find out why boards of trustees are not calling these hui with whanau. Tawa College, Tawa School and Hampton Hill School have all met or are meeting this year – the rest have not.

KOHA FOR HALL HIREAGE

We have the hall hireage for Term 4 due in to St Christopher's Church. Please could all whanau who have not yet paid their \$20 per half year / \$ 40 per year fees do so to Jan as soon as possible so we have enough to cover the cost of the hall hireage for this term. Thank you.

TAWA COLLEGE AND TAWA INTERMEDIATE UNIFORMS

Mana Tiaki would like to set up a supply of college and intermediate uniforms for whanau to purchase cheaply – all funds raised from this will go towards Mana Tiaki. We have some uniforms that have been donated by the Karauna family. If you have a uniform that is no longer needed and it we will gratefully accept it to build up our own little uniform shop. We envisage that we will be able to tautoko our whanau in need of uniforms well through this venture. If you think you have storage space at home and maybe able to oversee and administer the sale and collection of these uniforms please let me know. I like to come up with good ideas and then pass on the implementation of them to whanau !! Kia Ora ra.

Alright – that is all the news for now. Look forward to seeing many of you tonight for our last hui for the year and to seeing you again on Sunday when Nga Taitamariki will perform.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Nga Taitamariki and Mana Tiaki.

Arohanui,

Whaea Karen