

## **ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL**

Kiaora Karen,

I would like to sincerely thank you and Mana Tiaki for the opportunity to be apart of and celebrate Tikanga Maori with the festival at Tawa College. It was brilliant and we are still buzzing from the reception we warmly received from the whanau out in Tawa! Ka mau te wehi! Our tamariki and parents were excited to be included in such a wonderful event promoting Te Ao Maori. He mihi nunui ki a koe, ki a koutou katoa!

It's re-assuring to see the growing awareness, appreciation and understanding of Tikanga Maori in the wider community and is comforting to see our youth being instilled with the mana and wehi that drives kapa haka to being as successful as it is.

It is great that you have initiated contact and established a connection with us, and we as a whanau at St. Brigid's will endeavour to strengthen this. We will keep you informed of any events we have scheduled in our busy calendar this term. It's exciting that we can network and build relationships with other groups and organisations within Wellington and again are very grateful for your invitation.

Please extend our thanks and congratulations to all the groups who participated in the festival and also to the co-ordinators and helpers who made it so successful. It was truly awesome. We look forward to future encounters with you.

Ma te Atua e manaaki ki a koutou katoa

Arohanui

Te Roopu Kapa Haka o Hato Pirihiti

( Pipiana Hipango )

## **Billie Tait-Jones – Wellington City Council**

Tena korua,

The show was absolutely!!.. inspirational..!! Awesome!! ... and "TUMEKE" to the max, I am absolutely proud of you's and was just waiting for a couple of days to make contact with you's to come out and korero a kanohi to personally congratulate you both on mahi well done.. Olly, Jarrod Coburn and I would like to make a time suitable to yous to come out for an hour. Can you please email me a couple of times and dates to meet with you.

I spoke to my Manager, Senior Advisor and the grants team on how fantastic the show was.

I now look forward to the times and dates to meet with yous.

Kind regards

Noho ora mai  
Billie

*Following – Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October hui – from Billie to Katharine McCaan – Grants Organiser*

Kia ora Katharine,

I just want to thank you and Debbie for all your help and support in making Mana Tiaki's (Moemoea) dreams come to fruition. I thoroughly enjoyed their concert which was absolutely

awe inspiring.. I went to their hui last thursday evening and that too was quite inspirational as they had their maori community giving feedback and all still on a high. Cr Robert Armstrong was there, so was Mayor Jenny Brash other Porirua staff and senior Management and the iwi mana whenua of Ngati Toa.

Please support them in what ever way that we can and keep me informed.

Kind regards  
Billie

**Linden School**

Kia ora Karen! Just a quick note (on wet lunch duty so will have to keep it short!) to say thanks so much for the wonderful experience you gave myself and the children by including us in the festival. We all loved it so much - what a great show.

Kind regards,  
Jenny Fussell  
Linden School

**Mark Oliver – Tawa Community Constable**

Karen,

I wanted to thank you again for the invitation to the Cultural Festival. I thoroughly enjoyed it and it was really good to see so many young people proud of the work they had put into their performances. You obviously worked very hard to put the festival together.

A very positive experience and I trust that tonight goes just as well.

Mark Oliver

Mark Oliver  
NZ Police  
Tawa Community Constable/Specialst Search Group Member  
Community Services Group Porirua

**Pam Clarke – Tawa Intermediate**

Karen, I was incredibly impressed with the performance of all the schools at last nights performance.

For Tawa Intermadiate School, Mikayla Henry will receive our trophy. Thanks again for all your hard work in instigating this festival for the Tawa children.

Hope things go well tonight. Good luck again

Pam

**Metua Parr – St Francis Xavier**

Karen - that was a fantastic night of celebration for our children. Well done it has inspired us and our children to continue and do better for next year.

You are a rare gem

love  
Metua