

Kia ora tatou, nga matua, nga kaitiaki me nga hoa o te kura,

These past three weeks have certainly flown, with varied happenings and events occurring across the kura, our community, Gisborne city, and nationally.



Camping Congratulations to Room 8!

Koka **Waina Ilolahia** and her tamariki with their whanau started week 3 off with a camp-down in the Domain, (He Noho Hopuni ki te Tomeina). The main goals of the camp were aimed at team-building and being able to carry out basic requirements of camping including problem-solving to put up their own tents to cooking their own kai. There was lots of learning and they all will have lots of memories to hold onto. Koka Waina gives special thanks to Papa Robert and to the parents who were there in many different ways to make the camp such a success. Ka mau te wehi koutou ma!

Haka Nation Mahi!

Each Manutuke teacher took up the learning option of the “Haka Nation” Workshops provided by the kaiako of the Gisborne Museum, Koka **Gayle Te Kani** and Koka **Heni Pewhairangi** during most of week three. The programme was deliberately planned to honour past Te Tairawhiti song-composers and in preparations for the super Matatini Kapa Haka Nationals that we held in the following week. We thank the parents who came to aid of our kaiako, as car drivers or as support monitors.

Room 1 aim for High HEIGHTS!

Matua **Parekura Tureia** and his year 7 & 8 class held a Marae Noho on the 10 - 11 March with the major purpose of working together to establish and make strong connections as a learning group for 2011. This included their whanau supporting them in their hangi fundraiser project, which was an outstanding winner! Special credit to hangi leaders Papa **Robert Makara** and Matua **Hone Te Kani** with the many parents who supported the children's learning programme. Ka wani ke koutou ma! Watch this space for further Room 1 fundraising projects.

The Matatini National Kapa Haka Competitions.

It was an honour and a privilege to have witnessed such a HIGH CLASS International Cultural Extravaganza where our tamariki witnessed the opening with a breath-taking and 1000-strong powhiri.

Our kura salutes all of the roopu and especially our local roopu, with great pride and joy to see parents, kaiako, kaimahi o te kura and whanau members in many roopu: Tu Te Manawa Maurea, Waihirere Maori Club, Whangara Mai Tawhiti, Te Whanau a Apanui, Te Roopu, Te Whanau a Kai, te Aitanga a Hauiti ki Uawa, Te Hokowhitu aTu made up a total of 42 teams, hosted by Te Tairawhiti.

It was an occasion also to remember the papas and nannies who have contributed so much and have been such a rich and sometimes very decorative part of the tapestry that has enhanced our kura and our school's community. In particular we speak of those we have farewelled this very year: To **Papa Darcy Ria** a man who gave so much to the school often at the drop of his gentlemanly hat; to give advice, to just be present, to ring to congratulate, to act in support in times of trouble or conflict but also to be here to celebrate and to uplift the importance of matters to our tamariki, our kaimahi or of our kura! Haere haere, haere atu ra e te Papa! Your legacy lives on.

Team work – Ki te Mahi Ngatahi!

Through WAKA AMA!

28.2.11 and 3.3.11 Koka **Melissa Mackey-Huriwai** and her room 5 tamariki then Koka **Amy Wright** and her room 2 children each spent 2 solid hours of quality learning time with Papa Greg Whakataka Brightwell and Matua Quin at Anzac Park.

The instructors were impressed with the children's excellent abilities to follow instructions and to learn the techniques and the waka ama and safety information so easily and quickly.

The G.a.T.E opens for our Learners!

Our kaiako and our SENCO, Koka **Sharon Keenan-Hiko** are working fantastically to ensure that besides working to meet the special needs of individuals and roopu in our school, we are also opening up options to meet the GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) aspirations, capabilities, passions and interests of / for our students.

22.2.11: Canadian Performers (Innuite) Dakhka Khwaan Dancers took groups of year 7 & 8 students from rooms 1 and 10 for Art, Dance and Story telling Workshops. They were then able to share back and perform for the whole kura at the end of their morning sessions. Top credit to Koka Sharon for organising this option!

Australian Mathematic Tests. Australian Reading Tests. Australian Writing Competition.

If you wish your child to take part in any of these English Tests, please contact Koka Sharon or your classroom teacher, both of whom will advise you. Phone: 8628858

April:

Problem Solving Challenges – Otago University: A selection of Y7 & Y8 students have been chosen to step up to the mark and take on a challenge.

Music To My Ears: We have secured the expertise of Lawrence Rangi as a Music Tutor. He will start this term with guitar lessons for all Year 7 & Y8 students. More details to follow beginning of next week.

(ICAS)International Competition and Assessments 2011: (For those children who received ICAS notices only) Could those forms please be returned with money to Koka Karryn or Matua Pare ASAP.

The Marau / Curriculum Development!

Due to unforeseen events the Hui planned for 14.2.2011 whereby Matua **Teina Moetara** was to be our speaker was curtailed. Fortunately Matua Teina did pop into town just before Matatini, so we called at very short notice a hui, which included attendance by the Rongowhakaata Trust members, Matua **Tu Wylie**, Koka **Erena Nepe** and Matua **Albert Stewart**.

From several hui, (quite a few in fact that have spanned over from 2010 to 2011) with our kaiako and Board members led by Matua **Teina Moetara**, the kaiako have built a framework that we are working on in practice. Because we are aiming to make it totally unique, it is truly a work-piece in motion. The first and major step that we have made as a school body is that we have the same study kaupapa or Concept across the school, "Powhiri – Ko wae au? Ko wae koe". You may be noticing that in this panui – and from the programmes that you are being involved in with your tamaiti and their kaiako – there is also the commitment by kaiako to make learning meaningful and purposeful. We are aiming to put the learning in Context – i.e. in genuine and realistic ways that the child can own because they can connect with it.

Up and Coming Events

Tuesday: 8.3.11: **MUFTI DAY** to support our Christchurch Whanau. Please give generously.

Tuesday: 8.3.11: **TWRM Hui** at 6p.m in the ICT room. Bring a plate for a shared kai.

Wednesday 9.3.11: Manutuke School Senior Swimming Sports (Rms 1,2,5,6,10) Each child will have received a panui. Each child is expected to attend the Sports.

Wednesday 9.3.11: 5.30p.m. Board of Trustees Hui.

Friday 11.3.11: Manutuke School Junior Swimming Sports at Manutuke School Pool.

We will confirm a
TWA Whanau Hui.