



Te Ipukarea 2024

Kia ora e te whānau.

Te Ipukarea 2024 took place on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd March. This annual sporting tournament brings together the iwi of Te Taihū (Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Tama ki Te Taihū, Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Ngāti Rārua, Rangitāne o Wairau and Te Ātiawa) for a friendly yet competitive weekend of sport.

Hosted by Te Ātiawa o te Waka-a-Māui, the tournament started at Waikawa Marae on Friday with a powhiri which opened up the beginning of the games. First up was mussel shucking and a euchre tournament, both proving to be a big hit with kaumātua. The other three sports that took place on Friday were e-games and basketball, which were held at Marlborough Boys College, and golf at Pollard Park.

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Saturday started with a karakia at Endeavour Park before whānau began the second and final day of the competition with waka ama, touch rugby, netball, basketball (finals), e-games and tug-of-war.

Our teams demonstrated our kotahitanga, whanaungatanga, manākitanga and mana throughout the entire weekend. Competing at a very high level across multiple sporting codes, we placed first in the mixed waka ama race and the tamariki tug-of-war. Ka rawe!

Te Ātiawa concluded the tournament with a prize giving and hakari. The mauri was passed from Te Ātiawa to Ngāti Tama to host the next Te Ipukarea.

Congratulations to Ngāti Kuia and Ngāti Koata who were the overall winners of the tournament.

A big mihi to all of the whānau who attended, especially those whānau who played and helped coach teams over the weekend. Your contributions and manākitanga helped to make the weekend a great success.



Meet our basketball superstars

Te Aranui Seng-Whitikia and Paranihia Seng-Whitikia recently received support from Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō via our Sports and Recreation Grant to participate in Poitūkohu Māori Aotearoa in Rotorua.

Te Aranui and Paranihia are the tamariki of Brooke Seng, mokopouna of Dionne Seng, and great-grandchildren of Frances Seng (McDonald).

This tournament brings iwi basketball teams together from across Aotearoa for an annual tournament of 5x5 and 3x3. The tournament accommodates all age groups from under seven to over 50.

Te Aranui's team placed fourth in the under 7s division while Paranihia's team went undefeated, taking out the under 11 A grade competition. Ka rawe!

Congratulations, you should both be very proud of what you have accomplished.



Kai Ngātahi Ōtautahi

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō held a Kai Ngātahi in Ōtautahi last month. We had a fantastic turnout from whānau and it was great to see members connecting with one another over dinner.

Kai Ngātahi is one way that we support whānau to come together. It also provides whānau with the chance to meet Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō board members. We hold these events across the country every year in Auckland, Whanganui, Wellington, Christchurch, Westport and Te Taihū.

Keep an eye on our social media channels for updates on future Kai Ngātahi.

Welcome Echo – new Taiao Advisor

Kia ora e te whānau.

Ko Taranaki te maunga
Ko Ngā Rauru Kītahī, Ko Ngāti Maru ngā iwi
Ko Aotea te waka
Ko Herewini te whānau
Ko Echo tōku ingoa.

I have recently started a new role within Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō as a Taiao Advisor. My passion for te taiao and my appreciation of our flora and fauna is what drives me in this role. I am excited to be part of the team and look forward to working for Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō.

Ngā mihi nui.



Kiwi relocation update

Following the translocation of eight roroa (great spotted kiwi) to the Nelson Lakes National Park in May last year, the Department of Conservation (DoC) has continued to track the general location and activity of the roroa.

Unfortunately, we recently received news that a female named Rata had passed away. The DoC team went in to investigate but despite best efforts they were unable to determine the cause of death.

There had been hope of detecting breeding, but it has been challenging to track the birds especially when individuals move into narrow gullies. DoC will continue to track and monitor the surviving roroa, with a focus on the care of these taonga species.

Upcoming events

Te Kaiaotanga o Te Reo, Māori Language Revitalisation Symposium

When: Thursday 30 – Friday 31 May. Where: ASB Theatre, Wairau

Mana Rangatahi

When: Monday 15 – Friday 19 July. Where: Waikawa, Picton

