



We need you for Te Ipukarea 2025!

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau are invited to join our team for Te Ipukarea on Friday 4 and Saturday 5 April at Saxton Field, Stoke, Nelson.

Te Ipukarea is an annual sporting tournament that brings together all eight Te Taihū iwi for a weekend of friendly yet spirited competition. The event caters to all ages, from tamariki to kaumātua, with a variety of sports on offer.

The tournament will be hosted by Ngāti Tama. It begins on Friday 4 April with a pōwhiri at Whakatū Marae and concludes on Saturday evening with a hākari and the handover of the mauri.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with whānau and represent our iwi. If you would like to play for Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō or receive information about the event, please email Ariana at events@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz.

Limited travel assistance from Wellington and accommodation options are available. Reach out to express your interest.

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Keeping you informed of news, announcements and opportunities, from around our rohe and the motu.

DECEMBER 2024

FROM THE CHAIR

Meri Kirihimete

On behalf of the trustees, I would like to wish all of our whānau a Meri Kirihimete and a happy New Year!

I would also like to thank the committee members for their hard work and dedication, as well as all the whānau who took time out of their schedules to support the Trust throughout the year. All of your efforts are key to keeping the trust on track.

Mauri ora!

Hinemoa Conner
Chairperson



Whānau BBQ at Apa-Hāpai-Taketake

At the end of the January, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō will host Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, who are re-tracing the footsteps of our shared tīpuna, Apa Hāpai-Taketake

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau are warmly invited to join in at Rotoiti on Tuesday 28 January. A shared BBQ will provide an opportunity to connect with Ngā Wairiki whānau through kōrero, kai, and whakawhanaungatanga.

The event will be a highlight of the Ngā Wairiki tour, which explores significant sites tied to Apa's journeys across the whenua. This gathering at Rotoiti offers a chance to strengthen connections to whakapapa and whenua while celebrating the rich legacy of Apa's travels.

Whether you're reconnecting with whānau or learning more about our shared histories, this event is a chance to honour the past while building stronger ties for the future.

We will send out more details via email and on our **Facebook** page closer to the day. Nau mai, haere mai – we hope to see you there!

The Treaty Principles Bill

The Treaty Principles Bill currently before Parliament will have serious consequences for Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the rights of whānau Māori.

We encourage Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau to make a submission. There is no minimum age for submissions – the more, the better.

**The deadline for submissions is
Tuesday 7 January 2025 at 11.59pm.**

Tips for completing your submission:

- The body of your submission will be made public, do not put your name, address, or personal details in it.
- You can submit in Te Reo or English – however, we are uncertain if all submissions will be translated for the Justice Select Committee (or translated well!!)
- No swearing please. The committee have said they won't accept any submissions that contain 'offensive language.'
- You can make an oral submission. This means you will have the opportunity to talk directly to the select committee about your written submission online or in person.
- Try to use your own words so that each submission is a bit different.

Toitū te tiriti.

Kai Ngātahi and Kaumātua Afternoon Tea

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Trust convened a Kai Ngātahi in Pōneke and a Kaumātua Afternoon Tea in Blenheim during November.



The intent of these events is to promote whanungatanga and well being among our iwi members. Check out these photos from the events. Make sure to keep an eye on our social media channels for all upcoming events around the country.



Te pae o angitū – whānau achievements

Sports and recreation grant

Nikita Gapper received a sports and recreation grant from Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō Trusts to participate in the 2024 National Māori Hockey Tournament in October as part of the Te Waipounamu Team.

Nikita and her team achieved third place overall. Reflecting on the tournament, she commented “the sense of whanaungatanga and manaakitanga throughout the event was a reminder of the importance of community and the values we share as Māori.” She plans to compete again next year in Tāmaki Makaurau, representing Te Waipounamu once more. Ka rawe, Nikita!

The grant covered flights, registration fees, and uniform costs. “The financial assistance was essential in helping me attend the tournament, and I am truly grateful for the support,” says Nikita.

If you’re interested in applying for a sports and recreation grant, please reach out to our office or visit our [website](#) to apply.



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Grants and scholarships open now

A Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō grant or scholarship can provide financial support to help cover educational expenses, reduce student debt, and open up opportunities for academic and professional growth.

Applications are now open for our 2025 grants and scholarships, supporting registered members undertaking tertiary studies:

- **Education Grant** – for all tertiary-level study.
- **Trades Training Grant** – supporting trades and apprenticeships.
- **Kath Hemi Kaimanawa Scholarship** – for te reo Māori studies.
- **Mangatāwhai Pakihi Scholarship** – for commerce degrees.
- **Rotomairewhenua Taiao Scholarship** – for environmental studies.
- **June Robinson Kuru Pounamu Memorial Scholarship** – for careers in health and well-being.

Applications close at 5pm on Sunday 12 January 2025. Early applications are encouraged, even without course confirmation. Visit our **website** or scan the QR code below for details and to apply.



Save the date

Apa Hāpai-Takitaki Whānau BBQ

When: Tuesday 28 January

Where: Rotoiti lakefront

Who: Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau

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Kai Ngātahi Christchurch

When: Saturday 22 March

Where: The Elms, Christchurch

Who: Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau

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Te Ipukarea

When: Friday 4 and Saturday 5 April

Where: Saxton Field and Stadium, Whakatū, Nelson

Who: Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō whānau

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Any questions?

Email events@ngatiapakiterato.iwi.nz



The Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō office will close on Monday 23 December and reopen on Monday 6 January.

