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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Anaru Tenari, Michelle Cameron and Justin Matangi who recently graduated with Diplomas in Care Co-ordination and Management.



**Mana Whakahaere Honoured**

The honour was conferred upon Mrs Tenari recognising her outstanding contribution to people with Disabilities.

Our Mana Whakahaere has a long and distinguished career in the disability sector, achieving many "firsts" such as the first Maori woman to become a Principal Nurse of a large training hospital.

Mrs Tenari's passion for ensuring mokopuna were provided with an environment that meet their needs as Maori was the impetus that saw the creation of Te Roopu Taurima O Manukau as an independent provider.

Today Te Roopu Taurima O Manukau is New Zealand's largest provider of disability services currently providing services for 112 mokopuna.

Whanau, Mokopuna and Kai Mahi gathered at E Tipu E Rea to celebrate Our Mana Whakahaere's investiture.

Ma te Kahukura ka rere te manu  
Ka rere koe  
Kua tae atu koe ki te taumata  
Whakatau mai ra e  
Tau ana taku aroha  
Whai ake i nga whetu  
Rere to tika, rere pai  
Rere runga rawa ra e

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

The New Years Honours brought a special surprise for our Mana Whakahaere and Te Roopu Taurima O Manukau. Mrs Tenari was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

**Nga Haere A Nga Mokopuna**



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Two mokopuna celebrated important milestones earlier this year.

Paihau Winitana celebrated his 50th with Whanau and friends at Tira Hou Marae in January.

Paihau's whanau travelled from Nuhaka to spend the day with him .

Whaea Bubba celebrated her 70th birthday in February, Whanau and friends enjoyed a beautiful hakari at Manurewa marae.

Kai mahi who support Bubba and Paihau would like to thank all those who attended both birthdays.

**KAPA HAKA**

Nga Mahi O Te Ra continues to keep mokopuna and Kai mahi busy, recently Kapa Haka classes have started. Mokopuna and Kai Mahi meet every Wednesday and Thursday to learn new Waiata and Haka.

**MOKOPUNA AT WORK**

Many mokopuna keep themselves busy working in the community, mowing lawns, cleaning offices, folding and distributing leaflets are a few jobs undertaken. Mokopuna are always looking for more mahi, if you have odd jobs around the house or gardening that needs to be done don't hesitate to telephone Dorothy on (09) 276 6282.



**The Winterless North**

On Wednesday 12th March, whare Taurima, 5 mokopuna and 4 Kai mahi went on a trip to Kaitaia for 4 nights. We arrived at our accommodation Sierra Court Motor Lodge, where the owners Phil and Sharon Bell greeted us, they showed us to our units, where we unloaded the vehicle and packed our luggage away.

We looked about the Motor Lodge seeing what facilities they had for guests. After finding our

bearings we all had dinner and settled down for the night.

The following morning after showering, dressing and having breakfast, we all loaded into the van and headed north. Two and a half hours later we arrived at Cape Reinga, the sight was awesome for our mokopuna and Kai mahi. We then headed out to Te Hapua (a very small village) where we visited one of our Kai mahi's son buried at Te Hapua Marae urupa. After a long day we then headed back to our accommodation where we all had mirimiri from Kai mahi whanau and a soak in the spa.

On Friday 14th March we went out touring, seeing the sights, this time to Pawarenga to visit mokopuna Tony Topia buried in the family urupa. We then

went to Motuti and on to, Pangaru for lunch. After lunch we went to Motukaraka. Our busy schedule continued as we went to Kohukohu to catch the ferry across to Rawene for afternoon tea.

We then caught the ferry back over to Kohukohu heading back to Kaitaia via Mangamuka, some of our mokopuna had mirimiri before dinner, we ended our evening off in the spa pool.

On Saturday we all went to the flea market looking at some bargains, which there wasn't much of, so we strolled up mainstreet to our accommodation (10 minutes away) preparing our BBQ for dinner.

We all had mirimiri before dinner and packed our bags ready to head home .

On Sunday we left for home heading south to Kaikohe, westward to Taheke, Whirinaki, Opononi, Omapere where we had lunch. We then headed on to Waimamauku and then to the Waipoua forest to see Tane Mahuta, then to Dargaville for afternoon tea.

A special thanks to Kai mahi Roslyn Hiraka for supporting whare Taurima on their trip. Thank you to Lucky's whanau for the use of Kaitaia Hospital's showers and a BIG thanks to Arohanui for lending their vehicle.

Na Nga Mokopuna me nga Kai mahi O te whare Taurima.

## THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

You've all spoken to them over the phone but may not have had the privilege of meeting them. Well, here they are, the faces who make up our Administration team with a brief background about themselves.



**Puti Robinson** is of Ngapuhi (Ngati Hine) descent. She is fluent in Te Reo and Tikanga Maori. Puti transferred to Te Roopu Taurima O Manukau in 1999, bringing with her experience in Secretarial skills. Puti's position as Accounts Officer, mainly deals with our Debtors and Creditors. Her role entails Accounts Payable (ensuring our accounts are paid on time), Accounts Receivable (invoicing our Debtors, receiving & banking of revenue), reconciling of Trust and Whare bank accounts, Petty Cash, and assisting our external accountants to prepare Monthly Financial Reports.



**Nga Metuangaro** is our resident Payroll "lady". Nga is of Cook Island descent and she has been with Te Roopu Taurima O Manukau for 3 years commencing in our accounts payable section, then decided to take on a much more challenging role – Payroll. Your first point of contact for any payroll issues is your Kai Whakahaere, failing that Nga is available to speak to daily between 8:00am & 4:30pm. Nga's role is also to assist the HR Manager in his functions in human resource.



**Tala Po'e** is of Samoan descent. Tala has been with us for almost two years. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge in the area of computer operation in particular our Comacc Payroll and HR systems. Tala provides administrative support for both our Residential and HCNS teams in particular word processing, maintenance of our mokopuna files. As well as this she assists in the area of Payroll processing as and when required. She is also our resident Computer technician.



**Mereana Hona** is of Ngati Awa/Tuhoe descent. Mereana is Personal Assistant to the Mana Whakahaere and our Korowai Aroha. As well as her PA duties, Mereana also provides an integral role in the administration of our monthly Board meetings, ensuring Board members are made aware, well in advance, of the impending meetings, and reports to the members are distributed in a timely manner. Like the rest of the team Mereana also provides receptionist and telephonist services.



**Mihiteringa Kingi (Mihi)** is of Tuhoe descent. Mihi's role as the Receptionist/Telephonist puts her in the frontline of our organization. Mihi is the first point of contact for any persons making contact with our office, whether by telephone or simply walking in to reception. Mihi also provides other administrative duties such as typing for all Kai Mahi.



**Tremain Tauhinu** is of Ngapuhi/Tainui descent. Tremain's role as the Property Assets Officer involves the maintenance of our residential properties as well as our fleet of vehicles here in the Auckland and Hamilton area. Tremain also provides other administrative duties in the areas of purchasing goods for all whare and the office. His wealth of experience enables him to assist Puti with accounts payable.



**Ariana Walker** is of Tainui descent. Ariana is our administration support staff based in the Hamilton office. As the only administration staff there her role is very demanding and requires her to be versatile in all areas of administration. Ariana has recently returned from maternity leave. Welcome back Ariana.

## Wedding Bells



Wedding bells rang on January 18th, our lovely putiputi mo Te Kainga Awhina o Tokoroa was escorted by two tino ataahua Kai Arahī to her mum's wedding in Papatoetoe. Our mokopuna was the belle of the wedding, all the whanau was pleased to see her. This was the first time Sherree had been with all her whanau for a while especially her brothers, she was so excited. Sherree knew who they were as they were calling her Sherree, their baby sister, when

actually Sherree is the mataamua o te whanau. Sherree looked lovely for the occasion and she was receiving compliments left right and centre from everyone mo tana ahuatanga.

The bride party was beautiful. Sherree had lovely photos taken with her whanau, then upstairs afterwards for the reception. The spread was tumeke, Sherree's eyes were sparkling she was so excited she wasn't interested in her meal but eyeing up the balloons filled with helium so her brother got a couple down for her. Speeches were had and a special thank you from the whanau was said to us for bringing

Sherree up to the wedding, as this made their mother's day having all her children around her. Sherree's mother looked beautiful she had a wee tear in her eye and loved the wedding gift from Sharee.



Party time Sherree was up on the dancing floor having a good old time with video cameras on her and cameras flashing up a storm. Sadly the night had to come to an end, it was getting late and time to head home. All Sherree's whanau came down to see us off giving her hugs and kisses and bringing down all the balloons from the reception room for her to take home, all you could see were the balloons in the back seat of the van and Sherree's big smile amongst them. It was a lovely trip enjoyed by the tino ataahua Kai Arahī!!! Making us proud to be part of the occasion, especially meeting Sherree's grandmother and many more members of Sherree's whanau.

We arrived home after midnight Sherree was still excited we eventually got Sherree to come inside but getting her to bed!!! We will leave it at that.

## Te Ruru

Kia Ora

He Aha te mea nui?  
He Tangata,  
He Tangata,  
He Tangata.



2003 is here with a vengeance.

Te Ruru is really pleased that Kai mahi and mokopuna continue to take good care of themselves.

Most of the whanau would have heard that the government has introduced new laws that are designed to make the work place safer. One of the main amendments to the law covering Health and Safety in Employment is the fact that stress is now an identifi-

able hazard. Part of creating a healthy and safe workplace is managing stress in the workplace. Stress can be described as a feeling of not being able to cope with the demands of work. Excessive working hours, deadlines that are too tight or constantly working short staffed can cause stress to occur in the workplace.

Te Roopu Taurima O Manukau must be informed by Kai mahi who feel that they are stressed. We all need to work together to ensure our working environment is safe for us all, recognizing what causes stress, how we can cope with it and most importantly not to be embarrassed about telling someone you feel stressed.

**HEY REMEMBER TE RURU IS WATCHING YOU.**

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

Te Roopu Taurima O Manukau has made several new appointments.

William Anaru (Te Whanau A Apanui) has been appointed to the position Kai Whakahaere. William has worked at Te Roopu Taurima O Manukau for several years as a Kai Awhina at where Atawhai and then as a Shift Leader. William be working in the High and Complex Needs Service.

Hone Grace (Ngati Porou) has been appointed to the position of Shift Leader. Although Hone has not been working at Te Roopu Taurima O Manukau for long, he has an extensive background in the Disability Sector.

Meretehi Hemopo has been appointed to the position of Kai Arahī working at Te Ohonga. Meres whakapapa is Tuwharetoa.

## WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT

### Hot

The Kai Mahi Christmas Social – a few sore heads the next day  
Justin, Anaru and Michelle Cameron gaining their Diplomas  
Waka Ama  
HEY! We actually won 2 games of touch  
Whale Rider  
Round The Bays Fun Run  
Otara Flea Market  
The Auckland College of Education Courses

### Not

Our summer - man did it rain heaps  
All those traffic jams  
The War – What the world needs now is love sweet love – Yeah!!  
British Colonialism in the 18th Century - American Colonialism in the 21st Century  
Auckland traffic  
Study – but man does it pay off

**Come on, send in your What's Hot and What's Not list**



## GOOD IDEA

*To all those Kai mahi undertaking the Certificate and Diploma courses at Auckland Colledge of Education all your hard mahi will be rewarded*

# Te Roopu Taurima O Manukau





