

Te Whanau Korowai - Education Report

Kati Huirapa Ki Puketeraki General Meeting - 23rd August 2009

Te Kete O Aoraki

The agreed focus for the future will be on which have shown commitment to whanau. The new contract is known at **Te Kete Tuarua**. Our focus is now on getting the agreed plans implemented in the two schools we are working with. These schools being Karitane and Te Kura Kaupapa O Otepoti. Otakou runaka are also focussing on two schools – Portobello and Tainui. Each of these schools will become a Kura Aho (beacon school). The intention is that a cluster of schools will develop around them. The intention is that at this level there will be sharing of good practice which ultimately enhances the education experience of our Kai Tahu taura.

Te Reo Rakatahi I Otago - Learning Experiences Outside The Classroom(LEOTC) programme.

Bookings for term 3 have been heavy. This is usually a term where we can have a bit of a breather and concentrate on making resources and equipment. Our programme now seems to have it's own promotion within the education sector. The website is also very useful and some schools are also using it as a resource in their studies. We must make sure it is up to date and contains the information we wish to share. We fell short of senior secondary numbers in our last milestone report – the reasons being a mix up of booking dates for a major school and the swine flu in the secondary schools at the end of last term. Some bookings were postponed to this term to prevent the spread. Secondary student numbers are harder to obtain than primary due to the reluctance of schools to take their students out of school to the marae. Work needs to be done to change teacher belief about the importance of our knowledge in their planning. Primary numbers however are still nearing a 200% delivery against our contract expectations.

It is really helpful having support from kaumatua and I would like to especially thank Hinerangi for her support during the recent week with the Otago Girl's visit.

Te Korowai O Mihiwaka /Orokonui Ecosanctuary – We will work together to develop supportive LEOTC programmes for schools. This could be beneficial to both and will also link our two programmes. It is important we give out the same information and are not in competition.

Ngai Tahu Education – There has been a recent restructuring of which I am not totally informed about. I believe that the education team is soon to be shuffled under another manager. Nola Tipa and Waikura have retained their roles with Annie Bermingham probably to loose hers. It would be disappointing if the good relationship developed with MoE is compromised during this change of leadership. Matapura is probably more informed on this. There is to be another meeting at Moeraki Marae on 26th September where we may find out more.

Runaka Scholarships – There was a number of impressive applications from students attending tertiary institutions from throughout Aotearoa. After carefully reading all and short-listing we have selected our recipients who will be informed shortly.

Na Diana Mules