

RONGOMAIWAHINE IWI PĀNUI

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FITNESS SHED

Monday to Friday
6:30AM - 7:30AM

TIAKI KAI

Thursday 4th June | Kaiuku Marae
Thursday 11th June | Te Rakato Marae
Thursday 18th June | Ruawharo Marae
Thursday 25th June | Kaiuku Marae
10:00AM - 1:00PM

MĀORI LAND SUPPORT

Every Monday
Te Rahui o Karaiti
10:00AM - 12:00PM

TE REO MĀORI

Every Thursday
Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te
Parehuia o Rongomaiwahine
5:00PM - 6:30PM

PAKEKE ADVISORY HUI

Last Friday of every month
10:00AM

MARAE BOOKING CONTACTS



Kaiuku Marae

✉ bookings@kaiuku.nz



Ruawharo Marae

✉ marae.ruawharo@gmail.com



Tuahuru Marae

✉ audra@enabled.org.nz



Haere mai! Te Rahui o Karaiti
58 YMCA Road, Māhia
(Entrance along Māhia straight)



For any pātai or pānui, please email:
Koreromai@rongomaiwahine.iwi.nz

TŪHONONGA MARAE

Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Parehuia o Rongomaiwahine recently hosted a special practice pōwhiri at Ruawharo Marae as a meaningful conclusion to the Tūhononga Marae kaupapa supported by our kaimahi alongside our marae. Throughout the programme, tauira learned about the history, tikanga, and kawa of our local marae, and it was inspiring to witness the confidence, mana, and pride they carried throughout the pōwhiri. From the karanga and whaikōrero to the waiata and manaakitanga shown to manuhiri, our rangatahi demonstrated a growing strength and connection to te ao Māori and the traditions of Rongomaiwahine.



TIAKI KAI

Every Thursday, our Tiāki Kai sessions bring whānau together to cook, preserve kai, share stories, and enjoy plenty of laughs along the way. From shared lunches to take-home goodies, the kaupapa continues to strengthen connection, learning, and manaakitanga within our community.



A special thank you to our amazing nannies who recently prepared a beautiful lunch for our kaimahi, your aroha and generosity never go unnoticed.



TIAKI KAI CONTINUED

Our kura tamariki recently enjoyed a hands-on pizza making session where they learned about fresh greens and simple ingredients that can be used on homemade pizzas. Tamariki got involved in kneading dough, preparing toppings, and creating their own kai from scratch, making the session both fun and educational while encouraging healthy, practical food skills.



FISHING SKILLS

The tamariki also spent time with Uncle Tai learning how to create simple fishing rods using bamboo sticks. The session provided an engaging hands-on learning experience where tamariki practised casting techniques while developing practical outdoor and survival skills. The activity encouraged confidence, teamwork, and a deeper connection to te taiao through experiential learning.



WINTER WARMTH

Over 50 loads of firewood have now been delivered to whānau across Māhia as part of our Winter Preparedness Programme. We are still accepting referrals for kaumātua, vulnerable, and low-income whānau who may require support this winter.



WILDING PINE

Along Ormond Drive, you may notice brown wilding pines along the coastline. These show where our kaimahi are removing invasive trees to restore and protect our whenua.

While this kaupapa is long-term, every tree cleared is a step forward for our taiao.



TE WANANGA TIAKI KĀKANO

Our kura tamariki explored Te Huringa o te Para Kai, learning about preserving pōkena seeds and the lifecycle of kākano. From pollination and the important role of bees, to removing, testing, drying, and preparing seeds for planting, tamariki got hands-on experience protecting and growing future kai for generations to come.



KAITIAKI TAI AO, KAITIAKI MOANA

Kei te whakapau kaha ā mātou tamariki o te kura! I haere rātou ki te tātahi ki te kohi para, hei whakaatu i tō rātou manaakitanga ki te taiao. E tino whakahīhī ana mātou ki ā rātou mahi nui ki te tiaki i tō tātou moana me ngā takutai mō ngā whakatupuranga kei te heke mai.



The tamariki have been working incredibly hard! They headed to the beach to collect rubbish, showing their commitment to protecting our taiao. They are truly embodying what it means to be kaitiaki (guardians) of the land and sea.

Seeing young people take ownership of looking after our moana and takutai is powerful. It shows that the future of our taiao is in very capable, caring hands.



PĀNUI

WHĀNAU SUPPORT FOR MĀORI LAND

We are offering dedicated time for whānau who would like support understanding their Māori land. Whether you have questions about ownership, succession, trusts, or simply want clarity on the status of your whenua, we are here to help. These sessions provide a safe and supportive space to kōrero and explore next steps together.

CATCHMENT COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Our catchment leads play an important role in helping strengthen preparedness, communication, and support across our communities. Through kotahitanga, we continue to build a network where whānau look after whānau, share resources, and work together to keep our people safe and connected during times of need. If you would like to become more involved in your local catchment, support resilience planning, or simply stay connected with what is happening in your area, we encourage you to reach out to your catchment lead.

Māhia Beach: Toni Hansen

Whangawehi: Marion Terry

Kaiwaitau: Shanee Hura/Karla Hogan

Māhanga: Nicky Bell

Ōpoutama: Amanda Williams

Ōraka: Maraea Anaru



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