

# TE HUI AMORANGI O TE UPOKO O TE IKA TAONGA TITIRI MAORI

Te Panui o nga rangatahi o Taranaki ki Te Tonga

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## God's Mahi in Taranaki ki Te Tonga



Dear God, We prayed to you 6 years ago for something interesting and indeed the pathway that we were sent on turned out being the most interesting rollercoaster ride ever. So now every Tuesday night we meet at St Mary's Church in Hawera under the caring eyes of our Canon Hera.

Under the stern guidance of our leader Tumoana Nuku we now have heard your word here in Taranaki ki te Tonga. Thanks to the guidance that you have gifted through your faithful followers that now the ages of our roopu range from 2 weeks old to 70's... and nana... The teachings every Tuesday night at 5pm have been interesting.

On the 28th August we held a powhiri at Aotearoa Marae on Hastings road, nestled at the feet of our Maunga Tapu 'Taranaki'. We can honestly say that it was an honour to hongiri (kanohi ki te kanohi) the Archdeacon of Kahui Rangatahi Hirini Kaa, his colleague Anaru Tamihere and our Canon of Taranaki ki te Tonga. We are now thankful that we are going to be tucked safely under the wings of not only Te Māra Rangatahi Ministry School but also the Bishop Muru Walters.

Now I can honestly tell you dear Lord that I am confident enough to say that our roopu is ready. With gratification to the mahi of our tipuna and tūpuna, that those of today and tomorrow will always acknowledge the many footsteps that walked the whenua before us. So no matter how big that pebble may be in our shoe, the pain will be no burden. With every seed that is planted amongst our midst you can always rest assured knowing that it will blossom for all to see. Knowing that the fruits that hang on our branches like the extensions of our whakapapa will continuously grow.

*Images from top: Bible study; Kapa Haka hard*



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# What a hikoi so far!

Now there has been so much that we have experienced while being here in South Taranaki and that was learning 'Ko wai au? The events that we have experienced to date have been fulfilling.

Wow in January 2006 our leader had a bright idea to have a summer camp here in South Taranaki at Rangatapu Marae in Ohawe. The surf was up, river was steady, the dam drop was more than challenging to all anxiety attacks and Maunga Taranaki was in full glory for all to see. Visits from afar: Wairarapa, Whanganui-a- Tara, Raukawa, Rangitikei, Horowhenua, Taranaki and Waitaha. Summer camp was a success and all those involved enjoyed every minute of the camp. To where we are not only noted for our Maunga but we are also remembered for our adventures across the board.

So by August 2006 we were able to hold another reunion with all the groups especially our group at Wharepuni Marae on Fraser road in Hawera, South Taranaki. Our group at the time consisted of many Tamariki from both Kura Kaupapa of South Taranaki, Ngati Ruanui and Ngaruahinerangi. This also allowed those of Hawera High school to add extra flair to the group.

This then instigated Tumoana in pursuing another summer camp. So in January 2007 another summer camp at Rangatapu marae was on. What a camp talk about a laugh, from learning to stay afloat to taking a plunge of the cliff. An experience in a half to go eeling was a rush. But to actually see one, my personal advice to those who are afraid of eels is ...run! Wow, combine the excitement and adrenaline together with sighting the comet, words could not express what happened in that one moment in time.

We have moved forward now onto creating our roopu that exist today 'Taonga Tuturu Maori'. Now all I can say is kids 5pm we start and smile smile smile.... And all I can honestly say is Thank you Lord!

Ko te manu e kai ana te miro, nona te ngahere.  
Ko te manu e kai ana te Matauranga, nona te ao.

Na Petera me Maya Nuku

## MANU KOKORO

*Taonga Tuturu Maori* is the regular news from the rangatahi of Taranaki ki Te Tonga rohe to keep everyone up to date with what's going on with us and the Church in our area. If you have any questions, comments or content contact below:



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Waka Kimihia

*Date:* 14-16 September  
*Venue:* St Michaels, Palmerston North  
Leadership wananga for Te Upoko o Te Ika  
*Contact:* Vincent

### Te Runanganui

*Date:* 1-4 November  
*Venue:* Otautahi  
The biennial synod of Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa

## RESOURCES

### Te Ahurewa

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