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E ngā mana e ngā uri ō rātou mā e mihi atu ki a tātou katoa i tui tuia kia kotahi i roto i te hapū o Ruapuha me Uekaha ki Waitomo. Haere hoki atu koutou ko te hungā kua riro, kei ōna ringāringā hei tiaki i a koutou, Tahipapa (Napi) Walker, rāua ko Betty Mathews. Moe mai ra kōrua i roto i ngā ringāringā a to tātou Matua nui i te Rangī. Pai Mārire.

THIS ISSUE OF TOMOKIA

Since the positive outcome of the Review of Trust in the Māori Land Court last year, the RUHT has been in a restructuring phase, reviewing its operations and activities, developing new initiatives and, working towards achieving the objectives set out in the Strategic Plan 2016-2018.

The RUHT now has an office in Te Kuiti and whānau are welcome to come and meet the team. The address is Level 1, 46 Taupiri St, Te Kuiti. (The office is in the Murray Kidd Falconer accountants building). You can still contact CJ on 0800 525 626 however, his email has changed to admin@ruht.co.nz.

Staff are only too happy to help hapū trust members with CV's and job applications to the Caves (or anywhere else). For anyone needing to type up a document we have spare laptops that can be used in the office and, free access to wifi. Photocopying can be done for hapū trust members for a small charge.

In this issue, the dates for tertiary grants are advertised and there are updates regarding programmes the RUHT will be running this year for tamariki and rangatahi. There is an uplifting article from the Tahata whānau about the success they are experiencing from using Maths Buddy and, an inspiring korero from Maimoa Toataua-Wallace who achieved the highest score in Aotearoa for NCEA Level 3 Maori. Ka mau te wehi!

Hopefully, you will be able to take five minutes out of your busy day and catch up with what is happening with the RUHT. Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa.

2017 TERTIARY & WORK RELATED GRANT ROUND

The RUHT is in its fourth year of distributing education grants and year on year we are seeing a steady increase in the uptake of the grants across all levels of tertiary study. This year the tertiary and work related grant round **opens on Monday, 13 March 2017 and closes on Friday, 21 April 2017**. Applications can be downloaded from the RUHT website www.ruht.co.nz. Remember whānau, incomplete or late applications will not be accepted so make sure you read the application carefully and send all the information requested on the form. All the best to our whānau who are undertaking tertiary and work related study this year.

The Maniapoto Māori Trust Board Scholarship and Education Grant Round is now open. The following scholarships are available:

The Sister Grace Scholarship is worth \$5,000 per annum for one successful applicant only. **Applications close on Friday 5th May 2017.** To apply you must be enrolled as a first-year Undergraduate at a NZQA registered tertiary institution; studying within the field of Education Studies i.e. Early Childhood Education, Teaching etc

The Graymont (NZ) Limited Scholarship is worth \$1,000 each per annum for five successful applicants. **Applications close on Friday 5th May 2017.** To apply you must be enrolled as a first-year Undergraduate at a NZQA registered tertiary institution studying within the field of Environmental studies.

MMTB offer a range of other education, cultural and well-being grants. For more information visit their website www.maniapoto.iwi.nz.

Te Putea Whakatupu www.tpwt.maori.org grants are now open. If you are undertaking undergraduate study in business, fisheries or aquaculture, agriculture or agribusiness and are in your second or third year you may be eligible for a \$10,000 scholarship.

Other scholarships can be found on the **Māori Education Trust** www.maorieducation.org.nz and **Generosity NZ** www.generosity.org.nz websites. Both websites list a huge amount of scholarships for both secondary and tertiary level. Generosity NZ can be accessed for free from most secondary schools and public libraries. Great websites to bookmark whānau.

RUHT MATHSBUDDY



The RUHT is offering free subscriptions to MathsBuddy. Students enjoy the graphics and verbal explanations that are given to help solve equations. The RUHT (unashamedly) promotes this programme because it is a great tool for helping children grasp maths concepts therefore building their confidence and maths ability.

Maren Tahata's children Trae, Thayne, Caylin-Rose and Tyrell are in their second year of using the MathsBuddy.

Here's what Maren has to say about MathsBuddy.



"MathsBuddy has been a great tool for our family and we have really noticed a difference. After we were offered MathsBuddy through the RUHT we started using it because one of my children was failing and below the national standard. After making the time and consistently using MathsBuddy, going through all the lessons and questions there has been a huge difference in their maths results. My son that was below is now above in National Standards. All the curriculum areas from Year 1 to Year 13 are there, it's an amazing maths programme. We are truly grateful to the RUHT for giving us a tool that has helped our children

excel academically in maths".

Trae (Year 10) – "MathsBuddy has given me a head start at maths. This year I am in Year 10 and I am going to do NCEA Level 1 Maths".

Thayne (Year 7) – "MathsBuddy helps me do maths better".

Caylin-Rose (Year 5) – "I like MathsBuddy because of all the things that I have learnt from it".

Tyrell (Year 2) – "I like MathsBuddy, doing the speed test is fun."

Tūmeke whānau and we wish you all the best with your studies. If you would like information about MathsBuddy contact the CJ on 0800 525 626.

With the help of Lloyd Keung, the RUHT has extended its MathsBuddy Programme to include afterschool maths tutorials, maths holiday programmes and, work-shops for rangatahi and, for parents who are interested in learning how to help their children with maths. Currently, the after-school tutorial groups are running in Otorohanga and Te Kuiti and one is soon to start in Waitomo. The RUHT hopes to start maths pods in other schools as well. Lloyd is very impressed with the students who come to the afterschool tutorials and the students enjoy the classes.

If there is enough interest a holiday maths programme can be run in Hamilton. The holiday programmes are free and open to all age groups.

Afterschool Maths Tutorial	Day	Venue	Tutor
Secondary level	Thursday afternoon during school term 2pm-4pm	Otorohanga College School Library	Lloyd Keung
Primary level	Tuesday afternoon 3pm-4.15pm	Pukenui Primary School Te Kuiti	Aroha Carnachan Miria Davis
Primary level	Monday afternoon 3pm-4.15pm	Waitomo Caves School	Miria Davis
School Holiday Maths Programme	Dates	Venue	Tutor
Term 1 School Holidays All ages welcome	Tuesday to Thursday 18-20 April 9.30am – 2.30pm	RUHT Office Level 1 46 Taupiri St Te Kuiti	Lloyd Keung
Term 3 School Holidays NCEA English and Maths Exam Preparation All levels	Tuesday to Thursday 10-12 October 9.30am-2.30pm	RUHT Office Level 1 46 Taupiri St Te Kuiti	Lloyd Keung
	Date	Venue	Facilitator
Parents Maths Workshop	Saturday 1 st April 9am-12pm	RUHT Office Level 1 46 Taupiri St Te Kuiti	Lloyd Keung Miria Davis
Rangatahi Forum	Date	Venue	Facilitator

The RUHT are keen to get the thoughts and views of our rangatahi about what is important to them and would like to invite them to join the Rangatahi Forum. Register your interest for any of the above programmes with CJ.

TRAIN ME



Train Me is designed to help hapū trust rangatahi (16-18 years old) become work ready for recruitment over the summer holiday period at the Caves. The programme consists of a five-day workshop where students learn about tourism, undertake barista training and, do on the job training at the Caves. In total, students must complete six sessions of work experience at the Caves.



Tui Davis enrolled on Train Me last year. Here are her thoughts on the programme.

"Train me was a great help for me both career and education wise because it helped me find a job during our Christmas school holidays. I was able to apply the knowledge I learned from the program and use it through-out the period I worked at the Caves".

If you live out of the district but are interested in enrolling on the course, then get in contact with Miria on 0800 525 626. There is quite a lot of flexibility with this programme and this year there will be accommodation available at Tokikapu Marae for those wishing to attend the work-shop.



Maimoa Toataua-Wallace: My Journey



“Ko taku rourou iti-ā-haere, e maringi kai whenua, e maringi kai moana, e maringi kai mātauranga. Nau mai ki ahau o Maniapoto e!”

Ko Maimoa Te Warahi Te Whiutahi Rehua Toataua-Wallace tōku ingoa. I am one of 10 siblings between my whānau. Being born in Taranaki, I have always found Te Rohe o Tainui-Whānui my tūrangawaewae. We left Taranaki for Kirikiriroa in 2003 and 13 years later I am still here in Waikato-Tainui. From a young child who grew out of Kohanga at Te Rangimarie, to leaving Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Whakawātea, and graduating Ngā Taiātea Wharekura in 2016.

It took years but it was during that final Year of 2016 in High-School that I finally realized what my career long passion would be, which was tōku Ao-Māori, whether it would be the language, the history or our tikanga and that passion has stayed to this very day. It all started in 2015 during my NCEA exams, never being much of a high achiever until receiving my first Excellence in an external paper for Te Reo Rangatira Lv2. It was then I realized my potential.

My first academic achievement started with the very first book I wrote which was called ‘Te Aka-Taiaha-ā-Kura.’ In a summary, it narrates the story of a pessimistic boy lost in a world which he deems is grim, but through the guidance of his Tainui ancestors he finds his haven. My results for that book were so phenomenal and unique that my teachers encouraged me to enter it in a National Creative Writing Competition known as He Huatau Auaha. My book placed third and I was honoured to represent my iwi, school and whānau that day.

Later on through the year, handpicked from my teachers to enrol in a course held by Waikato-Tainui and WINTEC known as He Reo Aratau. A programme lead by students across the region of Tainui who are descendants of Tainui Waka. Many obligations are needed but one is simply for students to love Te Reo Māori and Māori cultural intricacies. This course held wānangas based in te Rohe o Waikato, where we visited many marae including Te Tokanga-nui-ā-noho, Tūrangawaewae, Wāhi Pā, Pōhara marae also attending the Iwi Chairs Forum in Hopuhopu. Throughout this course my views on the use of Te Reo Māori and Tikanga has no limit and should be expressed in a way that is clear.

Wanting to take what I knew about Te Reo to another level and improve it, I decided to attend Te Kura Reo ki Ōtaki and gained a whole different perspective on Te Reo Māori and what it means to be Māori.

As we approached the last few months of 2016, graduation came and it was the first time I had received a prestigious award. This award was for Te Reo Māori and was granted by Te Kohanga Reo o Ngā Kuaka for my commitment to the Reo and exemplifying excellence.

Following this, I was fortunate enough to earn the Scholarship from Waikato Tainui known as “Ko te Mana Matauranga Taiohi Award” for showing leadership skills and displaying integrity in my meaningful pathway, also becoming one of the first graduates of He Reo Aratau receiving another prestigious Trophy Award.

On February, the 8th 2017 I received a letter saying “That on the basis of your results in the New Zealand Scholarship examinations in 2016, you have been awarded a Top Subject Scholar Award - Te Reo Rangatira.” So on the 3rd of May, off to Wellington I go to celebrate my success in Parliament House with the Prime Minister.

My mischief now is enrolled at Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato studying a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Te Reo Māori/Tikanga Māori and am also taking Anthropology on board.

My only word of encouragement for now is that it’s never too late to be the best you can be.

Hei whakakapi ake tōku whare kōrero “Kia mau tatou ki tērā, ki te kāwau mārō, Maniapoto whānui.”

Until next our next issue, noho ora mai

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