

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 18th SEPTEMBER 2020

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O le ala i le pule ma le manuia, o le tautua.
The path to leadership and success, is service.

MONDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER 2020

Morena te whanau kareti o wetere

This week is te wiki o te reo Maori and the theme is Kia kaha!

Kia ora to the Year 9 students who led chapel worship this morning.

Kia ora Matua Vince and Mrs Jones for their contribution to a very successful week of celebrating te reo this week..

The kapa haka sang a waiata dedicated to the late Whaea Paewhenua Nathan which was very moving.

Te reo Maori has been the official language of Aotearoa NZ since 1987.

Te wiki is about raising awareness of the language and encouraging everyone to embrace te reo and use it on a daily basis.

“One liberating fact that I realised was that the word reo doesn't mean language alone. It means voice. You might be a teacher, a caregiver, a chippie, an athlete, an artist or a warrior. Your voice is an expression of who you are.” - Tainui Stephens



Have a blessed day.

TUESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER 2020

Nau mai. Haere mai te wiki o te reo Maori.

Morena te whanau o te kareti wetere.

Kia ora to the Year 10s who led chapel worship. Kia kaha!

Congratulations to all those who very courageously tried pronouncing the longest Maori place name which has 85 letters and one of the longest place names in the world.



Near Porangahau in Hawke's Bay is an unassuming hill known as "Taumata whakatangihangakoauau o tamatea turi pukakapiki maunga horo nuku pokai whenua kitanatahu", which translates as "the place where Tamatea, the man with the big knees, who slid, climbed and swallowed mountains, known as 'landeater', and played his flute to his loved one." Locals simply call it Taumata Hill.

Tamatea was a famous chief and warrior. One day, while travelling through the back of Porangahau, he encountered another tribe and had to fight them to get past. During the fight his brother was killed. Tamatea was so grieved over the loss of his brother that he stayed at the battle site for some days. Each morning he would sit on the hill and play a lament on what is called the koauau or Maori flute.

You can find the hill by driving south from Waipukurau for about 55 kilometres, turn right onto Wimbledon Road. A sign displaying the name is situated about five kilometres along this road. It's a great photo opportunity. The actual place is on private land, so permission is required before you can walk to it.

Kia kaha te reo maori.

WEDNESDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER 2020

Kia ora tatou katoa.

Kia ora te whanau o kareti wetere.

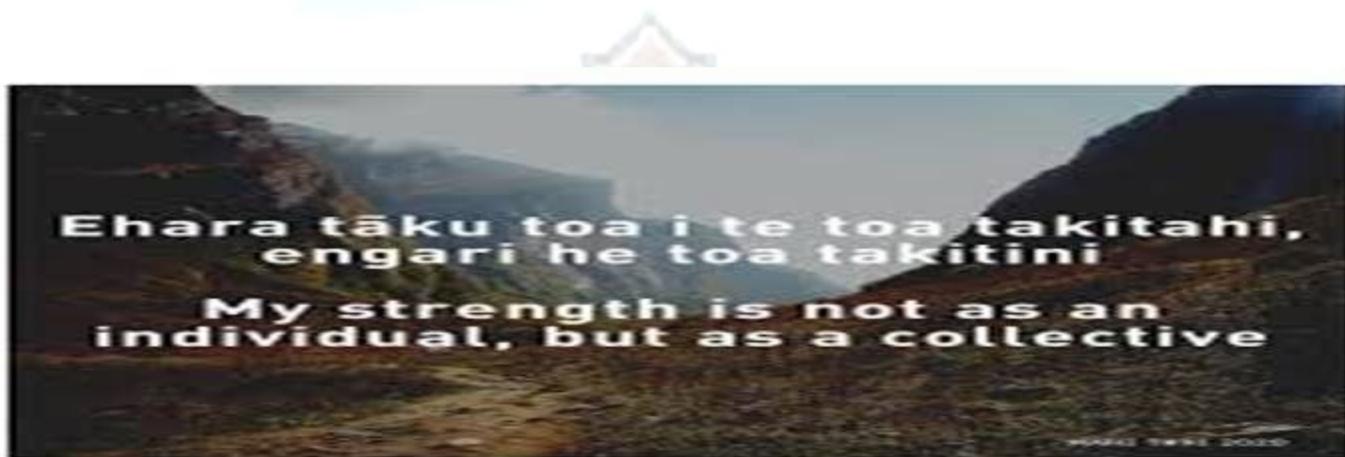
Ko tenei wiki o te wiki o te reo maori ... Kia kaha te reo maori!

Tu meke to Year 13 students Kauvaka Kaivelata and Vili Kuli who have made the U18 Chief's Camp and to Junior Toaisi and Nusipepa Mafi who are on call.

Tu meke to Year 12 Letitia Vaka who has made the inaugural Women's Chief's Squad. Kia kaha!

Kia ora to Tere and Kere the Matua Twins who spoke this morning at chapel of their journey attending full immersion maori schools up until their secondary schooling at James Cook High School.

Raised in Otago and given their schooling in te reo, both are strong exponents of kapa haka which has taken them overseas to compete. The Twins are also renowned sports people in league and tag having represented their clubs at the local level in Manurewa and reaching the highest level of their sport representing nationally. In both kapa haka and sports the sense of belonging that comes provides them both strength and courage to do what they do. At only 21 years of age Tere and Kere have a life time of achievement ahead.



Kia kaha te reo maori!

THURSDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER 2020

There was no Chapel message today.

FRIDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER 2020

Kia ora te whanau o kareti wetere

Greetings to all of our Wesley College Family.

Ki mutunga te wiki o te reo maori ko tenei wa.

Today is the end to Maori Language week.

Kia ora! Thank you! to Matua Vince, Mrs Jones and all our Maori students for a wonderful celebration te wiki o te reo maori. Tau ke ... Cool!

Te wiki ended with inspirational speaker Richard Hardcore addressing the School about mental health and wellbeing.

Richard mentioned the pitfalls for our young people with social media overload and the effects on one's mental wellness.

Karakia Whakatumunga
E te Atua homai kia matou
Tou maramatanga
Tou arahitanga
Tou Rangimarie
Tou kaha me tou aroha
Tou manaakitanga mo tenei ra. Amiine.

Kia kaha te reo maori!

Kia pai tou ra ... Have a good day.

