

Newsletter

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Hiranga Resilience

"He toka tū moana, he ākinga nā ngā tai"
"Like a rock standing in the sea, buffeted by the tides"



Te Oranga. Well Being

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2026

Rāhina 14th - Rātapi 20th Mahuru

The theme for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2026 is **Ake, Ake, Ake - A Forever Language** with a national focus on **Te Reo Towns**.

What is Te Wiki o te Reo Māori?

It is Māori Language Week in New Zealand.

The event celebrates the indigenous language and encourages people to use it.

The kaupapa focuses on bringing te reo home and the role of whānau (family) in nurturing connection and identity.

History

The first Māori Language Week was held in 1975.

It followed a historic 1972 petition presented to Parliament with over 30,000 signatures.

Te reo Māori became an official language of New Zealand in 1987.

Ko taku reo taku photo, ko taku reo taku mani mauria
- My language is my awakening, my language is of great affection and pride.

HOCKEY

3:30pm MS Topehaehae vs DSS Warriors
5:00pm MS Piako vs Tahuna Force

BEST ATTENDANCE CLASS OF THE WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROOM
9 ON THEIR 99% ATTENDANCE
LAST WEEK. THEY WILL BE
REWARDED WITH A
DELICIOUS CAKE!

Piako Cultural Festival

The Piako Cultural Festival is this **Wednesday 16th September**. Morrinsville College is hosting the festival at the **Morrinsville Event Centre**.

Morrinsville School will be attending with our Junior and Senior Kapa Haka Groups both performing. Please see the schedule attached. We will be busing our tamariki to and from the event in time for their performances. We will be sending a small group of teachers and students to represent our school at the pōwhiri. We ask that whānau contribute towards the pōwhiri with a koha (gold coin donation). Please send this to school with your child tomorrow or Wednesday morning.

Koha (donation)

When we attend a pōwhiri, such as our visit to the Piako Cultural Festival, our school gives a koha as a sign of respect, appreciation and goodwill. Koha is a way of acknowledging the mana and hospitality of Mana Whenua and hosts who welcome us onto their whenua and into their space. It also recognises the time, effort and resources that have gone into bringing our communities together.

For our students, giving koha is an opportunity to learn and practise tikanga Māori and to understand the importance of manaakitanga, kotahitanga, whānaungatanga and reciprocity. Our koha is not simply a donation - it is a meaningful way of saying thank you for welcoming us and allowing us to share in this special occasion. We are proud to once again attend the Piako Cultural Festival and to support and celebrate the rich cultural connections within our wider community.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 8 Sept**
 - Snow Camp departs
- Friday 11 Sept**
 - Snow Camp returns
- Wednesday 16 Sept**
 - Piako Festival
- Thursday 17 Sept**
 - Soccer Hockey Funday (Postponement date: Fri 18th Sept)
- Tuesday 22 Sept**
 - BOT Meeting 5:45pm
- Wednesday 23 Sept**
 - Book Character Day
- Friday 25 Sept**
 - Last Day of Term 3

PIAKO CULTURAL FESTIVAL

He rā whakanui i te reo, te ahurea me te kotahitanga

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 • PŌWHIRI 9.00 AM



MORRINSVILLE COMMUNITY EVENTS CENTRE

RĀRANGI WHAKAATURANGA • PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

8.30 am	Assemble outside	11.30 am	Tauwhare School
9.00 am	Pōwhiri - hosted by Morrinsville College	11.45 am	Morrinsville School Teina
9.30 am	Welcome and housekeeping	12.10 pm	Wā Tina / Poly Crew
9.45 am	Te Whare Teina o TRA	12.40 pm	St Joseph's
10.00 am	Rushton Road Kindy	1.00 pm	David St
10.15 am	Te Rangitāmiro Kōhanga Reo	1.20 pm	Morrinsville School Tuakana
10.30 am	Busy Bees Kindy	1.40 pm	MIS
10.45 am	Best Start Morrinsville	2.00 pm	Te Whare Haka o TP
11.00 am	Morrinsville ECE	2.30 pm	Handing over of Māori & Karakia Whakakapi
11.15 am	Tatuanui School		

Nau mai haere mai - come and enjoy a day of cultural celebration.



BUS COST: \$2

If you have not already paid your child's \$2 for the bus please send the money to school ASAP.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE & BAKE SALE

There will be a sausage sizzle and bake sale available on the day.

Year 6 students will be raising money for their trip to Waimarino.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

BUS INFORMATION

All Year 4, 5 and 6 children will be bused down to the Recreation Grounds at **9:30 a.m.**



WE NEED TEAM MANAGERS!

Thank you to the parents who have already offered to manage a team on the day.

We would like to have 10 teams playing but we need more managers.

If you are able to help on the day please contact the school office.



POSTPONEMENT

In the event of a postponement a notice will be posted on Class Dojo.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FUN DAY OF SPORT!



TEAMWORK
RESPECT
ACTIVE KIDS
STRONGER TOGETHER

3x3 BASKETBALL DRAW

ROUND 5 (16/09)



Start Time	YEAR 5/6 DRAW		YEAR 3/4 DRAW	
	Court 1A	Court 1B	Court 2A	Court 2B
4:00 PM	Tatuanui Phoenix v Kiwitahi Titans	DSS Yellow v Tahuna Thunder	DSS Clippers v DSS Wizards	Kiwitahi Jaguars v Walton Dunkers
4:10 PM	Tatuanui Phoenix v Tahuna Thunder	Kiwitahi Titans v DSS Yellow	DSS Clippers v Walton Dunkers	DSS Wizards v Kiwitahi Jaguars
4:20 PM	Tatuanui Phoenix v DSS Yellow	Kiwitahi Titans v Tahuna Thunder	DSS Clippers v Kiwitahi Jaguars	DSS Wizards v Walton Dunkers
4:30 PM	DSS Red v Walton Hoopsters	MS Heat v DSS Black	DSS Wolves v DSS Mavs	Tauhei Sharks v SJ Hoppers
4:40 PM	DSS Red v DSS Black	Walton Hoopsters v MS Heat	DSS Wolves v SJ Hoppers	DSS Mavs v Tauhei Sharks
4:50 PM	DSS Red v MS Heat	Walton Hoopsters v DSS Black	DSS Wolves v Tauhei Sharks	DSS Mavs v SJ Hoppers
5:00 PM	DSS Pink v DSS Brown	MS Knicks v Walton Shooters	DSS Raptors v DSS Pacers	BYE v Kiwitahi Vipers
5:10 PM	DSS Pink v Walton Shooters	DSS Brown v MS Knicks	DSS Raptors v Kiwitahi Vipers	DSS Pacers v BYE
5:20 PM	DSS Pink v MS Knicks	DSS Brown v Walton Shooters	DSS Raptors v BYE	DSS Pacers v Kiwitahi Vipers
5:30 PM	DSS Blue v Tauhei Hornets	DSS White v MS Pistons	DSS Magic v DSS Rockets	SJ Roos v MS Spurs
5:40 PM	DSS Blue v MS Pistons	Tauhei Hornets v DSS White	DSS Magic v MS Spurs	DSS Rockets v SJ Roos
5:50 PM	DSS Blue v DSS White	Tauhei Hornets v MS Pistons	DSS Magic v SJ Roos	DSS Rockets v MS Spurs
6:00 PM	DSS Grey v DSS Orange	Kiwitahi Raiders v SJ Hot Shots	Tauhei Tuatara v SJ Jumpers	MS Magic v MS Suns
6:10 PM	DSS Grey v SJ Hot Shots	DSS Orange v Kiwitahi Raiders	Tauhei Tuatara v MS Suns	SJ Jumpers v MS Magic
6:20 PM	DSS Grey v Kiwitahi Raiders	DSS Orange v SJ Hot Shots	Tauhei Tuatara v MS Magic	SJ Jumpers v MS Suns
6:30 PM	Tauhei Rams v SJ Bouncers	MS Celtics v MS Nets		
6:40 PM	Tauhei Rams v MS Nets	SJ Bouncers v MS Celtics		
6:50 PM	Tauhei Rams v MS Celtics	SJ Bouncers v MS Nets		
7:00 PM	Tatuanui Wildcats v SJ Flyers	DSS Green v SJ Ballers	Kiwitahi Kings v DSS Purple	
7:10 PM	Tatuanui Wildcats v DSS Green	SJ Flyers v Kiwitahi Kings	SJ Ballers v DSS Purple	
7:20 PM	Tatuanui Wildcats v SJ Ballers	SJ Flyers v DSS Purple	DSS Green v Kiwitahi Kings	
YEAR 7/8 DRAW				
7:30 PM	MS Bulls v MIS On Point	MIS Can't Miss v Aunties Angels	MS Mavericks v MDP Stags	MIS Swishaliday v Basket Belles
7:40 PM	MS Bulls v Aunties Angels	MIS On Point v MIS Can't Miss	MS Mavericks v Basket Belles	MDP Stags v MIS Swishaliday
7:50 PM	MS Bulls v MIS Can't Miss	MIS On Point v Aunties Angels	MS Mavericks v MIS Swishaliday	MDP Stags v Basket Belles

ROOM 5 - SNOW CAMP



Our Room 5 tamariki had a wonderful time. Many thanks to our staff and parent helpers who attended. Without your help camps cannot go ahead.