

Pūrongo

Whānau Ora, Hapū Ora,
Ka Ora ai te Iwi

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Hohepa Hei
Operations Manager

Tēnā tātou e te iwi,

Ko Hohepa Hei tēnei, he uri nō Whakatōhea, and I'm proud to share this month's pānui with you as the Operations Manager for Te Pou Oranga o Whakatōhea.

Each month, our pānui is an opportunity to reflect on our shared progress and keep you connected to the kaupapa we're carrying out across education, social, and health services. If you've missed any of our previous pānui or community updates, you can catch up any time via our Facebook page, website, or by checking your inbox. And we're working towards bringing these pānui directly to your letterbox soon — so we can stay even more connected to whānau near and far.

This April, we continued to move forward with purpose — guided by our values, our whakapapa, and our vision of *Whānau Ora, Hapū Ora, Ka Ora ai te Iwi*.

Education, Social & Health and Health Centre Services

As a kaupapa Māori organisation, our mahi is grounded in our ūara of **kotahitanga, kaitiakitanga, rangatiratanga and matawhānui**. We believe that every whānau deserves the opportunity of excellence and care. Across our Education, Social & Health, and Health Centre Services, our dedicated kaimahi walk alongside whānau, offering mana-enhancing support and tailored programmes that wrap around the whole whānau.

- Integrated Support, One Purpose
- Education Services
- Social & Health Services
- Health Centre Services



Whānau Voices

Celebrating the Journey – He Angitu nō te Whānau

A massive mihi to the nine incredible individuals who have successfully gained their Learner Driver's Licenses – he mahi whakahirahira tēnei!

Getting your licence is about more than driving – it's a step towards mana motuhake, confidence, and creating new opportunities for yourself and your whānau. From accessing mahi to gaining freedom of movement, this milestone lays the foundation for greater independence and well-being.

To our awesome kaiako – ngā mihi nunui! Your patience, encouragement, and dedication helped light the path for our rangatahi. You are part of this success and a reflection of the kaupapa we strive for every day.

A heartfelt thanks also goes to Tōrere Marae. Having a familiar, calm space to sit their test made all the difference for our rangatahi. That's the kind of manaaki that stays with you.



From Aspiration to Employment – Taylor's Story

Sharla Ranapia, proud māmā of Taylor Singh, shared this beautiful moment with us:

"Taylor signed up for the Y2 programme seeking employment support. Within 24 hours, she had applied, interviewed, and secured a job at Open Ocean Mussel Factory. We're so proud!"

This incredible result is a testament to what's possible when rangatahi are supported to take confident steps forward. With the right awhi and a proactive mindset, our whānau can move quickly toward their goals – and beyond.



Looking Ahead

As we look toward the horizon, our focus remains on **Matawhānui** – *guiding our mahi with vision, integrity, and purpose. We know our strength lies in our whānau, and when we nurture the well-being of each individual, we nurture the well-being of us all.*

For updates, services or to connect with our team, come and visit us, reach out by phone, or follow us on Facebook.

We're here for you! Ngā Manaakitanga



Te Pou Oranga o
Te Whakatōhea



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