



Kaiti Korero

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Puna Reo for Kaiti

Look out for changes on the corner of Belfast Crescent and Cambridge Terrace over the next few months as a new immersion Māori language early childhood education centre is being built there.

A group of whanau have been working on the project for about three years and with support from local neighbours, the project is being overseen by Ka Pai Kaiti.

Tarsh Koia has driven the project since it began and says the licensed centre aims to provide the best of immersion Māori education with a strong focus on child and whanau development.

“We are employing qualified and registered teachers who are competent with Te Reo me ona Tikanga o Te Tairāwhiti” says Ms Koia. “Whanau want to ensure their tamariki get the best quality education. We have some lovely nannies keen to be involved and the centre will be governed by the whānau with tamariki enrolled.”

For more information contact Tarsh on 8686889 or call into her place for a korero at 21 Cambridge Terrace.

Waitangi Day at Poho

From 10am to 2pm on Friday 6 February the annual KaPai Kaiti Waitangi Day whanau event is being held for the first time at Te Poho o Rawiri Marae.

Since starting in 2001, this event has been held at Waikirikiri Reserve or Te Kura Reo Rua o Waikirikiri - this year the marae offered their facilities and organisers thought it might be nice to try it over the other side of Kaiti!

The event includes free entertainment, ethnic food stalls from India, the Middle East and South Africa (and hangi from Kaiti!). Always popular is the Treaty Trivia Quiz and the Street-on-Street Sports competition including mini-touch for the kids.

So, bring the whanau young and old to enjoy time together with your neighbours commemorating the signing of the Treaty and the relationship between Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti.

USEFUL STUFF TO KNOW

FREE INTERNET ACCESS

Gisborne Public Library on Peel Street has free internet access (30 minutes per day per person) for anyone who wants it.

NOISY NEIGHBOURS OR ROAMING DOGS?

Did you know you can call Gisborne District Council anytime of the day or night on 8672049 and ask them to come and tell a neighbour to turn down the stereo or collect a dog roaming around the streets? Well now you know you can!



Popular After-School Activities at Kaiti School

Two new after-school programmes at Kaiti School have proven to be a big hit with the kids. Run by volunteers willing to give up a few hours each week, the activities encourage children to develop healthy relationships and habits.

ORZUM+ (pronounced Awesome Plus)

These are some of the comments made by some of our tamariki who attend the Orzum+ Programme for children aged 8-10 years old. It is run under the umbrella of the Arise Shine Community Church under the watchful eye of Pastor Fiona Rodden or Programme Co-ordinator Sue Braybrook. The programme is held at Kaiti School on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30-4.30pm in the School Hall.

"Orzum+ is fun!! - We get prizes and we do treasure hunts and basketball"

"We do heaps of stuff after school at Orzum+ - We learn how to share and make things, and how to get along with people."

"I love people's attitudes when they go there" (Renee)

"Koka Fiona & Susan are lovely ladies"

"You get to play nicely" (Keanu)

"I like people sharing" (Awhina)

"They give up their time just to come and do a programme with us" (Opal)

"I like listening to Koka Fiona and Susan because they have cool activities to do" (Maero)

We thank Koka Fiona and Susan very much for bringing us Orzum+. They are massive!!!

Kia Ora Kaiti Community. Our names are Opal, Hinemoa, Stein, Renee, Le Trey, Te Rei, Awhina, Keanu, Rawiri, Alex, Pearl, Maero, , Maia, HInepotiki, Liam are some of the Tamariki from the Kaiti school who decided one day to join Orzum+.

We have one more week before we complete our CREATIVE Art with Phil Tapp. We have never made rhythm sticks before and we found it pretty interesting and challenging as Phil began to show us right from the beginning using old bike tubes, tape, and sticks. He showed us all these activities you can do and we just think they are great. We have competitions to help us achieve goals, it's not always about being first it may be a prize for being willing to help out.

Every week a BKK (Best Kool Kid) and SOS (Simply Outstanding Student) is chosen. Yes, it sounds like the name of a burger but know it's to help us work together as a team.

Here is a photo of some of us working the rhythm sticks.



TE KURA AWHIO

Mr Rick Paenga (a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour) and Mr James Fowell have offered their expertise after school for "Te Kura Awhio". You might have seen the Te Wharau Boys Club on TV last year.

We are lucky that the leaders of the "Boys Club" are now employed by Kaiti School. Te Kura Awhio is "a school aspiring children to greater heights through Martial Arts training, (to white belt level) and a variety of other enrichment activities." This is held after school Mondays and Fridays from 3.45-4.45pm and during the school lunch hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

This is another free programme based on whanaungatanga, aroha and manaakitanga. If you are interested in your child or children joining, please give your details to Carol in our school office.

Comments from some of the tamariki who attend this activity are:

"You learn how to protect yourself and learn discipline."

"We go to Awhio Mondays and Fridays and we train with Matua James, Matua Rick, Matua Leo and Matua Barry and learn about Tae Kwon Do. This programme is for Kaiti kids to help us to get active."

"We are going for our white belts!"

"Awhio helps you to learn how to protect yourself and prevent fighting if someone attacks you."

This year we are proud to tell our community that Kaiti School is a cool School! We did not have any stand-downs at all last year! Our kids are fantastic.



SHERRIFF BLOCK SURVEY

In 1972 were you (or someone you know) living in the streets between Huxley Rd, Tyndall Rd, Lyell Rd and Dalton Street? If so it is likely that you participated in a survey undertaken by Laurie McCallum, a Massey University masters student in planning.

Laurie is now a senior planner for the Canterbury Regional Council but was in Gisborne over summer and talked to Hans van Kregten, Environment and Planning Manager at Gisborne District Council who put him in touch with Manu Caddie from KaPai Kaiti.

It turns out that Laurie's Masters Thesis submitted in 1975 has been sitting at the Gisborne Public Library all this time. It is in the Reference Section of the library and available for people interested in reading a snapshot of what local residents thought about their new neighbourhood in 1972.

The thesis talks about how poor planning meant that trees could not be grown because (a) the top soil from the subdivision had all been scraped off and put on the area that is now Waikirikiri Reserve; and (b) sewer and water pipes were placed under the grass verge so tree roots would have wrecked the essential service pipes.

It also reveals that the 'reserve contributions' (funds that housing developers pay to Council to establish parks and recreation areas for residents) were used to purchase and develop the Heath Johnston Park on Wainui Road which is much further away than the recommended distance for residents to have to get to if they want to use the park.

At the time of the research, a high school was still planned to be built by 1980 on what is now the Waikirikiri Reserve.

The research also shows that there were established principles for state housing that required them to be of high quality construction, as good or better than the houses of 'ordinary citizens'. State housing was also supposed to 'be considered individually' and 'every attempt was to be made to avoid the label of Government mass-produced house'.

271 houses were included in the survey. Eighty percent of the people interviewed were married and one third of them were in their first six years of marriage.

10% of household heads were unemployed and 55% identified themselves as Maori. 82% said they liked their neighbourhood but 86% said the recreation areas were inadequate.

The document is useful for a number of reasons:

1. It provides a detailed record of the kinds of families living in that neighbourhood nearly 40 years ago;
2. It reveals how town planning in Gisborne was conducted in the 1960s as large numbers of whanau moved from the East Coast and inland rural areas into Kaiti and Gisborne city;
3. The thesis shows how important it is for residents to be properly involved with planning decisions for their neighbourhoods;
4. The data from the survey will provide an invaluable comparison if local residents were to conduct a similar survey with members of the same households again.

Contact Manu Caddie on 8686889 if you want to talk about the 1972 survey or the idea of doing another one.

NEW KAITI T-SHIRTS

If you thought the 2008 Waitangi Day T-Shirts were OK then check out a couple of the new range designed by Kaiti artist Mel Tahata...

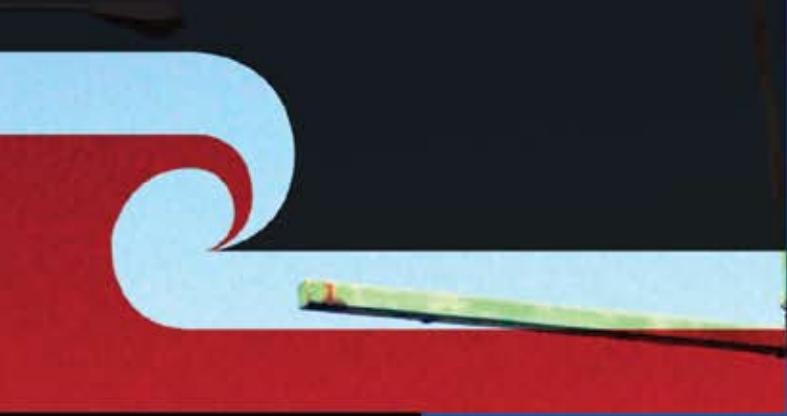


If you bring one (or more) t-shirts to Te Poho o Rawiri Marae on Waitangi Day you can get the design of your choice printed for a gold coin donation.

More of Mel's work, including the 'Kaiti Madonna' is at: www.maleficent.mediatix.co.nz

Ka Pai Kaiti

WAITANGI DAY 09



I ♥ Kaiti **10am-2pm**
FRI 6 FEBRUARY
TE POHO O RAWIRI MARAE

- FREE ENTRY + ENTERTAINMENT**
- ETHNIC FOOD STALLS + HANGI**
- TREATY TRIVIA QUIZ + INFO STALLS**
- STREET-ON-STREET SPORTS**
- + MUCH MORE...**

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