



## WHĀNAU GROUP NOTICE

21 March 2019

Dear parents, caregivers and whānau

We are wanting to start a Whānau Group, made up of parents, staff and community members who provide consultation and education for Maungakaramea Primary School to uphold, enhance and support Te Ao Māori. Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday 3 April** at 3:30 pm in Room 5 (Kiwi).

The Whānau group will...

- Support the bicultural focus of the school to uphold the Ministry of Education's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the *Ka Hikitia* Strategy.
- Ensure effective and fun learning tools that assist in meeting specific learning needs for Māori students, and enriching cultural experiences for all students, in order to raise student achievement as outlined by the Ministry of Education.
- Provide consultation to the school to ensure that our tamariki have genuine culturally appropriate experiences, so that they are fostered to learn and grow with a strong cultural identity.

At Maungakaramea School, tamariki currently participate in these cultural experiences through

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- Kapa haka
- Learning Te Reo Māori in every classroom
- Matariki (Māori New Year) Celebrations
- Powhiri (Welcome ceremonies)
- Manaakitanga (Host responsibility)
- Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori language week)
- Kotahitanga (Learning with others / buddy programme)

The Whānau group is open to all families within our school community. If you would like to learn more about our kaupapa (purpose) and our role, please feel free to join us. We will meet each term for Whānau Hui (meetings), but there are many other opportunities to be involved.

Mr Shanks is the teacher in charge of Te Ao Māori and Kapa haka in the school. Please RSVP to Hanz or Sophia if you are able to attend our first Whānau Group Hui.

