



NEWSLETTER - TERM 1, 2025



Tēna koutou e te hunga e pānui ana tenei kōrero. Nei ra te mihi atu kia koutou me te tumanako kei te ora rawa atu koutou i a tatou e haere tata ana ki te waa o te hotoke. Greetings to all our readers of this newsletter. We hope that you are all well as we move into the winter season.

Our current programmes i.e. the Tu Maia for girls and the Tu Kaha for boys are thriving and growing. You will read more about this from JonJon and AQUI.

We are very excited to introduce to you our new women's programme -Tū Pakari. We hope to begin this programme mid May.

## Te Reo Classes

Tena koutou katoa. The first beginners class for 2025 is already completed. A 1.5 class is scheduled to begin on Wednesday 23rd April 6-8pm. This class is being offered to those new and not so new participants of the beginners class that Mana Hāpori offers and is a bridging course between Level One and Level Two.

A second beginners class is a daytime class and is scheduled to begin on Wednesday the 18th June 10.00am -12.00.

## Lunches In Schools

Lunches in schools started in week three of this term. Over the 8 remaining weeks of the term we delivered 800 lunches to tamariki attending Middle School, Cambridge East School and Leamington School. It is always our hope that providing a lunch every day will support parents to send their children to school on a regular basis and ensure that their learning is not interrupted. We are grateful for the support we receive from individuals and businesses of Cambridge who help this initiative to continue

# Ngā Mihi Nui ki a GBB Waikato/Ngā Wahine Pai

A huge thank you to GBB Waikato for their awesome contribution to our Lunches in Schools programme. GBB have graciously supplied baking for our initiative, together with our two volunteer bakers who have been with us since the beginning. The Mana Hāpori lunches in schools initiative has been blessed by the generosity of women who care for and about their community and in particular the tamariki of Cambridge.

GBB's kaupapa is simple: to spread kindness through kai. Whether it's a beloved family recipe or a sweet treat with a handwritten note, their baking reminds people that they are seen, valued, and not alone.

Each week, we prepare 100 lunches for local tamariki—and the baking from Ngā Wahine Pai adds a special touch that many of our kids look forward to the most.

## Tuu Maia

Kia ora koutou, Tuu Maia has kicked off for another year. We have had some new koohine start with us this term which has enabled new friendships to form. Our kaupapa this term is Tāngata Rongonui - Well known people. The first tangata we focused on was Te Arikinui Kuiini Ngawai Hono i te Poo. Ngaa koohine really enjoyed the time we spent learning about our Kuiini Maaori.

Our Tuu Maia and Tuu Kaha whaanau came together for a kaitahi. This was a good opportunity to meet the new whaanau who have joined us this year.

The tamariki were lucky enough to be able to partake in an awesome hot air balloon experience this term. Four balloons were brought over to Cambridge, two of which were tethered to multiple vehicles giving tamariki a chance to have the experience of rising in the air in a balloon. The other two balloons were set up on the ground. Ngaa mihi Glenda, Rolf and Balloons Over Waikato for giving the tamariki this special opportunity.

## Tuu Kaha

Kia Ora whānau!

One of our Tu Maia/Tu Kaha commitments has been to share our planning and work from the same page with both groups. Just as Aqui has said we too focused on Ngaa Tāngata Rongonui and really enjoyed the ballooning experience

We've also welcomed a few new boys across both groups, which has been awesome to see! It's been great watching the boys build connections, grow in confidence, and work together through games, discussions, and challenges.

If you know any boys who would be keen to join, feel free to reach out to us at [jonjon@manahapori.co.nz](mailto:jonjon@manahapori.co.nz).

A big shout out to Whaea Lesley our vege gardener extraordinaire. Through her efforts the children have observed the planting and then the harvesting of tomatoes, courgettes, silver beet, carrots, parsley and kumara this term. Our tamariki then get to take home whatever has been grown to their whānau. Ngaa mihi Whaea Lesley





*Above: 2025's first Te Reo students  
with Matua Harry Wilson*

*Left: A generous baker from GBB  
Waikato*

*Below: Some baking from GBB  
Waikato*







*This page: Photos from our kaitahi at Terry Came Playground & gardening with Whaea Lesley*







*This page: Photos from our morning with the hot air balloons*



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otira ki runga i a tatou katoa.**

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