

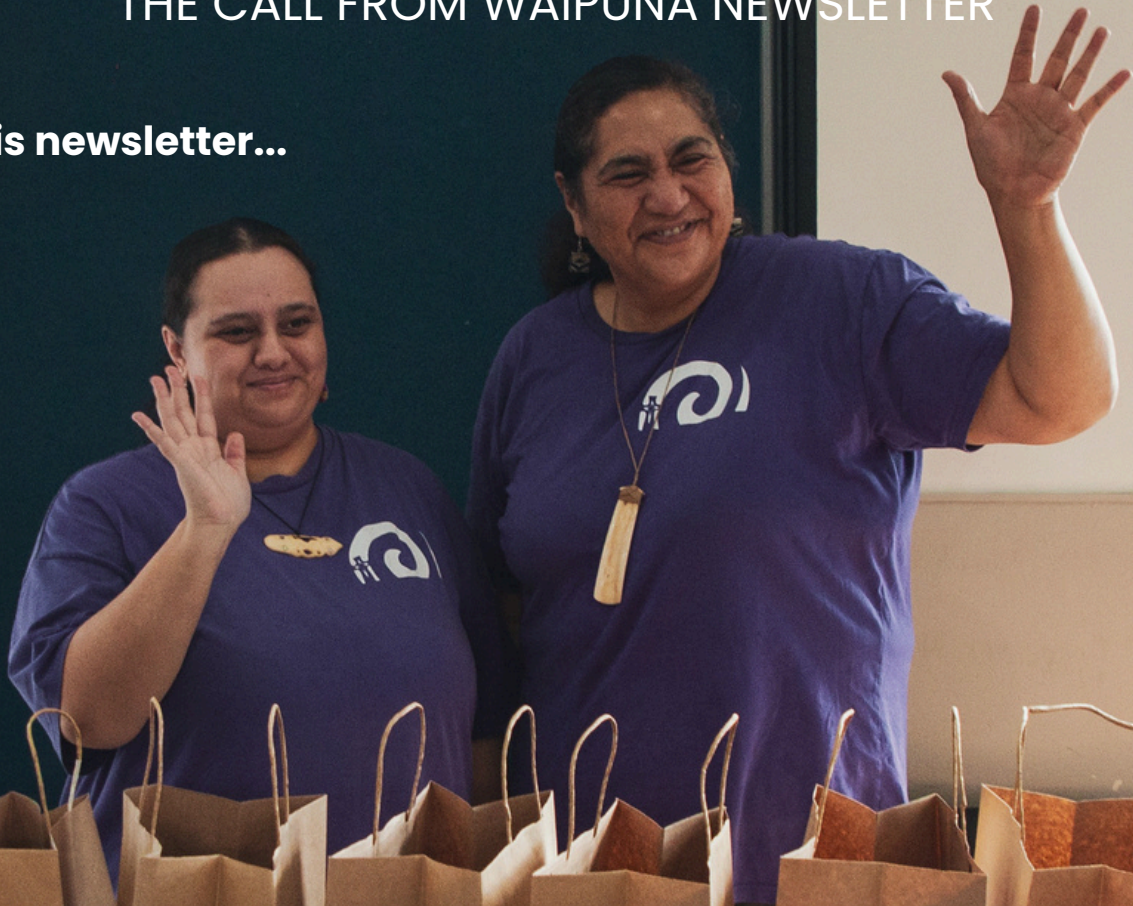
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HE KĀRANGA O WAIPUNA

THE CALL FROM WAIPUNA NEWSLETTER

In this newsletter...



Waiata Tīori

Find out what's happening in one of our newest and fastest growing community classes! And what's bringing everyone together.

ANZAC Day Commemorations

How Sophie and some of her Waiata Tīori students supported our troops this ANZAC Day.

Environment Work Rānui Kai Hub

Picnic in the Park

Sharing information with our Rānui whānau on how they can stay safe, warm, and dry this winter.

Eczema Hauora Workshop Ko Tau Rourou Workshop

Stay in touch with us!



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KIA ORA, WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MANUKURA

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome to the very first edition of our Te Waipuna Puawai newsletter.

We are excited to create another space where we can stay connected with our whānau, communities, partners, and the many organisations we walk alongside throughout Tāmaki and West Auckland.

Over the past few years, our mahi has continued to grow across Panmure, Glen Innes, Pt England, and Rānui. Alongside this growth has been a deepening understanding of the importance of connection, and taking the time to listen, hold space, and respond to the invitation from our communities.

Through this newsletter, we hope to share what sits at the heart of Te Waipuna Puawai. Our wāhine, rangatahi, whenua, and the partnerships that help strengthen our communities together.

We remain grateful to the schools, community groups, organisations, volunteers, and funders who continue to support this mahi. Relationships remain at the centre of everything we do, and we know lasting impact comes when communities walk together.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.



[**Click here to read more about our Manukura**](#)

TERM 1, 2026 AT A GLANCE



350+
WHĀNAU
SUPPORTED



120
KAI PARCELS
DISTRIBUTED



4
COMMUNITY
WORKSHOPS
DELIVERED



3
COLLABOATIVE
MEETINGS
HELD



28
PARTICIPANTS
IN WELLBEING
PROGRAMMES



45
VOLUNTEER
HOURS
CONTRIBUTED



PROGRAMME SPOTLIGHT WAIATA TĪORIORI

Our Waiata Tīoriori programme with Sophie continues to be one of our most loved learning spaces, bringing wāhine together from across Tāmaki Makaurau to learn, connect, and grow through waiata.

This term, Soph is taking everyone on a journey through the waiata of Aotearoa, beginning in Te Tai Tokerau and making their way down the North Island. Learning songs connected to different iwi and stories along the way.

Through waiata, wāhine are strengthening their reo, deepening their understanding of whakapapa and identity, and building meaningful connections with each other and with our tūpuna.



[Click here to read more about Sophie and her mahi](#)



COMMUNITY OUTREACH ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Across ANZAC weekend, Sophie and members of our Waiata Tīoriori class supported poppy fundraising efforts in Mt Wellington and St Johns, before performing at the Mt Wellington RSA on ANZAC Day.

It was a meaningful time of reflection, remembrance, and whakawhanaungatanga, with our wāhine proudly representing Te Waipuna Puawai.

Thank you Leon and the Mt Wellington RSA for welcoming us to be part of this year's commemorations as we remembered those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



CARING FOR OUR WHENUA ENVIRONMENT WORK



In partnership with [Project Twin Streams](#), our environmental kaupapa in West Auckland continues to strengthen connections between whānau, whenua, and community.

Through native planting initiatives and our māra kai at Te Rangi Hiroa – Birdwood Reserve, whānau are reconnecting with te taiao while learning about kaitiakitanga through hands-on mahi. These spaces provide opportunities to share knowledge, build relationships, and work together in caring for Papatūānuku.

At its heart, this kaupapa recognises that caring for the whenua also means caring for people, creating stronger, more connected communities for future generations.

 [Click here to read more about Richard and his mahi](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL MAHI AT A GLANCE



100+
NATIVE TREES
PLANTED



2
COMMUNITY
GARDENS



25+
PEOPLE INVOLVED IN
ENVIRONMENTAL
INITIATIVES



WORKSHOP SPOTLIGHT KO TAU ROUROU

Whaea Karen returned to Rānui with her Ko Tau Rourou workshop. Students explored traditional Māori weaving while creating their own pieces to take home. More than just learning, the kōrero, whakawhanaungatanga, and laughter lit up Rānui Community Library.

Our workshops continue to reflect the importance of creating spaces where culture and identity can be strengthened together through hands-on learning and connection.

Ngā mihi nui to [Rānui Community Library](#) and [Whiti Mai Rānui](#) for supporting this kaupapa and helping create welcoming spaces for our community to gather and learn together.



CARING FOR PEOPLE & PLACE

RĀNUI KAI HUB



Our Rānui Kai Hub continues to be an important support space for local whānau.

Every fortnight, we distribute over 100 kai parcels, helping families access kai. We are grateful to [Fair Food](#) and [KiwiHarvest](#), whose ongoing partnership helps make this possible.

At times, produce from our Te Rangī Hiroa māra kai also finds its way into our parcels, connecting our environmental kaupapa with the needs of our community. More than a food service, Kai Hub remains a welcoming space where relationships are strengthened and whānau feel supported.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS



[Click here to read more about our Kai Hub](#)



WHĀNAU AWARENESS PICNIC IN THE PARK

Picnic in the Park brought together whānau from across Rānui for a relaxed day of connection and community support.

Thanks to the generosity of [Rānui Baptist Community Care](#) for welcoming us in. Whānau had access to information and resources to help stay warm this winter, alongside a free sausage sizzle, morning tea, winter clothing, and activities for tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui to all our volunteers, partners, and organisations who helped make the day possible, including [Whiti Mai Rānui](#), [Te Kawerau ā Maki](#), [Healthy Waters – Auckland Council](#), [Seed 2 Harvest](#), and [Project Twin Streams](#).



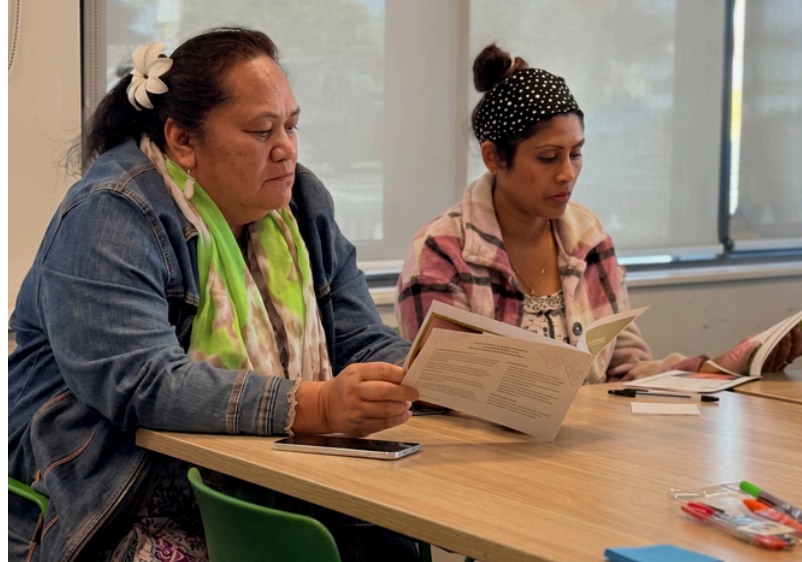
WALKING WITH OUR FAMILIES KAIWHIRIWHIRI WHĀNAU



Our Kaiwhiriwhiri Whānau team continues to support whānau across Rānui and Glendene by walking alongside them as they work towards their own goals and aspirations.

Georgina and Roi has worked closely with a range of organisations and services across West Auckland, including the amazing team at Te Puna Manawa. Through this partnership, whānau have been connected to valuable services including Kahu Taurima, Healthy Homes initiatives, and support for pēpi and tamariki.

At the heart of this mahi is a simple belief: every whānau holds their own vision for a positive future, and through strong relationships and collective support, we can help uplift those aspirations together.



[Click here to read more about our Kaiwhiriwhiri Whānau](#)



WORKSHOP SPOTLIGHT ECZEMA HAUORA WORKSHOP

Our Kaiwhiriwhiri Whānau team partnered with Te Puna Manawa to host an Eczema Hauora Workshop for whānau navigating childhood eczema.

Creating a welcoming space for parents to share their experiences, learn practical tips for managing eczema at home, and connect with support services available. Whānau also had the opportunity to enrol with Kahu Taurima and access in-home nurse support for their tamariki.

Kaupapa like this continue to highlight why accessible support can help uplift wellbeing in ways that are practical and safe



TE ARA TŪRANGAWAEWAE THE PATH HOME



8-Week Kaupapa Māori Identity and Creative Research Programme



Starting
WEDNESDAY
29th
JULY

Register Here
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An 8-week kaupapa Māori identity and creative research programme exploring who we are, where we come from, and where we belong.

Through kōrero, whakapapa, storytelling, and creative expression, taura strengthen identity, confidence, belonging, and cultural connection while creating a personalised Pepeha Kōrero Tuku Iho Pukapuka and Tūrangawaewae T-shirt reflecting their journey.

29 July - 16 September 10am - 12pm

Rānui Community Library
431 Swanson Road, Rānui



Matariki ki Te Rangi Hiroa

Join us at Te Rangi Hiroa Reserve, Rānui for a morning of connection, reflection, and fun! Enjoy a community breakfast, explore our māra kai and pā harakeke, and let tamariki take part in a special Matariki Star Hunt.

A free community event celebrating the Māori New Year and strengthening connections to whānau, whenua, and community.

Thursday 9 July 2026

Te Rangi Hiroa Reserve, Rānui

Community Breakfast | 9:00am – 11:00am

Tamariki Matariki Star Hunt | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS



Matariki ki Te Rangi Hiroa

Thursday 9 July

Te Rangi Hiroa Reserve

Community Breakfast: 9am – 11am

Tamariki Matariki Star Hunt: 1pm – 3pm

Join us at our Rānui Māra Kai to celebrate Matariki! Some good music, kai, and an informative afternoon to learn more about the Māori new year.



Te Ara Tūrangawaewae

Wednesday 29 July – 16 September

10am – 12pm | 431 Swanson Rd, Rānui

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Make sure you [register!](#)

