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Minister accepts student submission



The Minister of Maori Affairs, the Hon Parekura Horomia, congratulated more than 30 Maori Boarding School students when he accepted a policy submission from them on December 4, 2002.

More than 40 people, including the students, principals, board members and whanau, were welcomed into the Minister's office to witness the students' oral presentation of their submission.

Senior students from each of the six Maori boarding schools

developed the submission as part of a Paerangi project, designed to show the importance of the policy process to central government.

Their direct and concise submission urged the Minister to work closely with his colleague the Minister of Education and to direct officials to provide more support to the six colleges.

The Minister graciously accepted the submission. He was impressed by the quality of the recommendations and the calibre of the students' delivery.

Mr Horomia apologised on behalf of his colleague, Hon Trevor Mallard, who could not attend. The Minister of Education was at another meeting.

Mr Horomia committed to ensuring his officials replied to Paerangi Limited immediately. He signaled that work on finding a positive way forward could begin soon with ministry officials and Paerangi.

Paerangi Limited looks forward to hearing back from the Minister.

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Tangi Ana Te Pere o Taku Kura

He Mihi

E nga maunga tiketike, nga awa tetere, nga pari karangaranga, koutou ko nga totara whakahi o te motu, tenei matou o Paerangi e mihi kau atu ana ki a koutou. Tena koutou katoa.

Te Pere

Welcome to the first edition of Te Pere o Paerangi – our very own quarterly newsletter.

Te Pere, the school bell, will 'ring' four times a year, bringing you news and views from the six Maori boarding schools, as well the company, Paerangi Limited.

So what is Paerangi?

Paerangi Limited is a company that has been established by the Maori boarding schools to support their development and growth.

Since 1997, the schools have worked with the Paerangi Runanga – key members of the Maori boarding school

com-munity.

The Runanga has worked with the Ministry of Education on projects to support Maori boarding school education. Now the company is representing and advocating for the six remaining schools.

Paerangi will carry on the task handed to it by the Runanga – to develop a Crown business case that will ensure the ongoing support and growth of Maori boarding schools.

Is Paerangi necessary?

The table below indicates that the 1990s presented some real challenges for Maori boarding schools. Some rolls reached all time lows.

It's hard to give 'blanket' reasons for the drop in rolls – all six schools are different. However, a few things are clear.

Firstly, most Maori parents want the best education possible for their kids.

Secondly, statistics still show that too many Maori kids get a bad deal from New Zealand secondary schools.

Thirdly, there aren't too many schools in New Zealand doing great things for large numbers of Maori students.

So a key strategy is to get everybody in our school communities playing their part and striving for excellence – from hostel staff to school staff, students to parents, board members to alumni.

Our schools have a history of excellence and know what it takes to produce great leaders.

The role of Paerangi is to support each and every school so that they get back to being the centres of excellence they once were, and, as I see it, are destined to be again.

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Atawhai Tibble LLB

- Ngati Porou, Tuwharetoa, Raukawa.

- Hato Paora College Old Boy.

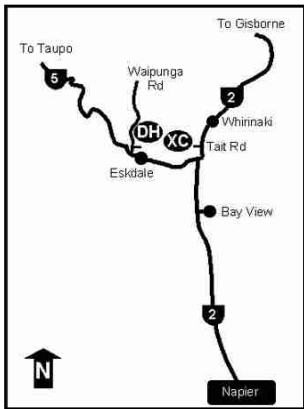
- Father attended Te Aute, five brothers attended Hato Paora, four sisters attended St Joseph's.

Extended whanau have attended, or currently attend, all of the Māori boarding schools.

- Background in policy advice in Maori education. Has been a senior policy advisor, worked in two Ministers' offices, and most recently, was the Maori Language Manager, Ministry of Education.

Paerangi School Rolls since 1993

School	July 1993	July 1994	July 1995	July 1996	July 1997	July 1998	July 1999	July 2000	March 2001	March 2002
Hukarere	31	34	23	24	33	34	50	66	77	81
Te Aute	241	225	210	165	142	138	121	174	241	234
Turakina	119	114	90	101	79	89	77	83	115	154
St Joseph's	199	179	168	148	163	162	168	195	203	222
Hato Paora	220	228	247	230	167	133	91	105	153	184
Hato Petera	126	173	210	169	120	71	91	105	110	133
Total	936	953	948	837	704	627	598	728	899	1,008



Hukarere set to move to Eskdale in April

Hukarere staff and students are looking forward to moving to the school's new premises in Eskdale.

Te Aute College Trust Board member and Paerangi Ex-officio director, Alyson Bullock, says Hukarere College will move from Napier Hill to the idyllic and picturesque new site

northwest of Napier in mid-April.

Previously a residential centre, the site is being refurbished and will become a temporary school site while plans for a new school in Napier are developed and finalised.

The Hukarere role is at capacity, with at least

50percent of the 100 students coming from the Hawke's Bay area.

The Trust Board has set the official date for blessing the premises for April 13, 2003.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou e te whanau o Hukarere.

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Te Aute College

150th Jubilee,

Labour Weekend
2004

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Ihumanea an awesome experience for Te Aute students

Three Te Aute College students are taking part in the televised Maori language quiz series Ihumanea. Luke Claasen and James Perry, both of Ngati Porou, and Paora Tekā, Ngai Tuhoe, are proud to be representing their school.

Screening every Sunday on TV3, Ihumanea is a Maori language game show targeted at teenagers.

Late last year the Te Aute College team joined teams from eight other Kura from around New Zealand to film the episodes in Wellington. They spent eight days at Koraunui Marae in Stokes Valley, while the series was filmed at Avalon Studios.

Perry thought the best thing about the whole experience was catching up with mates and the whakawhanaungatanga. He says the experience was pretty

nerve wracking – all the other schools acted as the audience when they weren't competing!

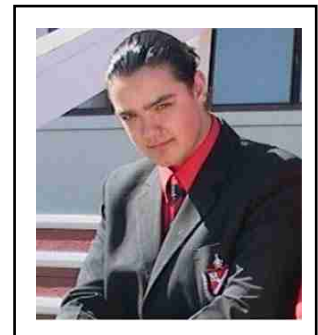
According to Perry the Political and Current Events questions were the most difficult.

"We're usually doing 'prep' when the news is on, so we don't always know what's going on in the world," Perry says.

The easiest questions for the team were the ones about Maori myths and legends. Perry says that "those are the kinds of stories that all Maori kids grow up with, so we found them easy to answer".

While the boys' primary motivation was fun, there was the added incentive of prizes for the team.

The winning school got \$3100 worth of book vouchers for the school library and the runners-



up got \$1600 worth.

The individual students got \$200 for winning – the runners up got \$100. All participants were given a T-shirt, backpack and basketball.

All in all, the experience was a lot of fun and the team hopes they can do it again some time.

The three Te Aute lads made it to the final. Of course, we can't tell you the result – you'll have to watch the telly for that!

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Policy submission challenges all concerned

The Paerangi Student Policy Submission presented to the Minister of Maori Affairs on 4 December, 2002 focused on four key areas:

- Positive image for Kura Maori;
- Quality teachers;
- Maori boarding school scholarships;
- Health and safety.

The students made recommendations under each area including: the need for funding for a marketing plan; better quality teaching and curriculum; an improved Maori scholarship system; and an assessment of the health and safety of school and hostel buildings.

The recommendations are as follows:

Recommendations

It is recommended that you:

direct Te Puni Kokiri officials to work with Paerangi Ltd to identify and access funds for an advertising strategy for Kura Maori; and,

direct Te Puni Kokiri officials to work with officials from the Ministry of Education and discuss the issues of providing Kura Maori with quality teachers; and

agree to support an amendment to the Mapihi Pounamu Scholarship criteria to include Maori students who have a willingness to further themselves through a Kura Maori environment; and

agree to meet with the Minister of Education to discuss implementing

the proposed amendment to the Mapihi Pounamu Scholarship criteria; and

direct officials from Te Puni Kokiri and the Ministry of Education to explore funding options to create a scholarship for high achieving Maori students wishing to attend Kura Maori; and

agree to initiate a full OSH report of the standards of hostel facilities at each Kura Maori.

4 December 2002

(You can download a full copy of the report from the paerangi website:

<http://www.paerangi.co.nz>)

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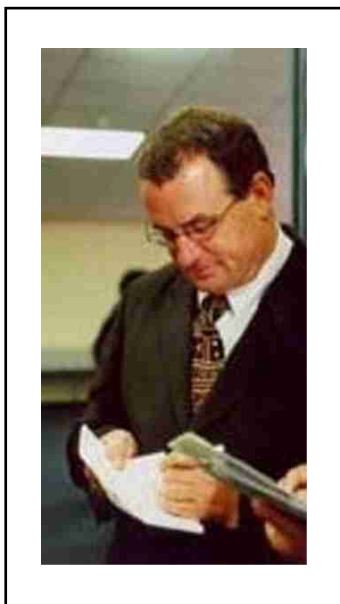


Here is a list of the Paerangi Students who participated in the policy forum:

C. Dargaville; I. Painting; K. Stevens; E. Richards; G. Manuel; H. Sullivan; A. Reedy; S. Peri; C. Waitai Rapana; F. Gotty-Katene; S. Hawkins; T. Rakete; H. Skipper; A. Robin; K. Te Paa; H. Goodwin; R. Apuwai; P. Nukunuku; J. Mokaraka; J. Perry; M. Pene; A. Cullen; T. Thomson; J. Perry; L. Clarkson; R. Johns; P. Hallet; B. Tipuna; M. Moses; D. Ponga; A. Gardiner; R. Maraku; A. Metua-mate; A. Pehi.

Rau rangatira ma! Tena Koutou!





"At the heart of these changes are standards in schools and student safety."

- Trevor Mallard

Paerangi seeks someone to look at Hostel Regulations

Paerangi Limited is looking for a representative to sit on the Ministry of Education's Hostel Advisory Group.

In November 2001 a new Act (The Education Standards Act) was passed, making sweeping changes to the

management and operation of school hostels.

"At the heart of these changes are standards in schools and student safety," Minister for Education, the Hon Trevor Mallard, said in a recent media statement. The Act allows the Minister to make regulations and

set standards for school hostels.

Last year the Ministry of Education established a Hostel Advisory Group. The group's aim is to evaluate the necessity for regulation and if required, assist in the task of creating standards. It is likely that the standards established will include processes for dealing with bullying and managing student behavior, medical and crises situations, student support and hostel decision-making.

Paerangi Ltd chief executive Atawhai Tibble is looking for someone to be the Maori Boarding

Schools' representative.

"It is critical that our Kura have a voice, not only given some of issues in our hostels, but also our experiences in overcoming these issues."

The representative will play an important role in presenting the perspective of the Māori Boarding Schools to the Sector Group.

All reasonable costs will be covered.

If you are interested in representing Paerangi Limited, please contact the Paerangi office on

(04) 470 6065.

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Paora Rocks

Saturday, March 22
Arena Manawatu
Pascal St Stadium,
Palmerston North

9am – 3pm: Free
Gala Day for Hato
Paora

3pm – 7pm:
Hip Hop Concert
Nesian Mystik,
Deceptikonz,
Ill Semantics,
K-Lee & Maia.

Tickets: O/18 \$25,
10-17yrs \$15
Book at Ticketek
Or call Selwyn Ponga-
Davis
(027) 295 0124

Hato 'Paora Rocks!'

By holding a Hip-Hop Concert and Family Day in Palmerston North, Hato Paora College is redefining the term Gala Day.

"We decided we needed to do something different and innovative to support the college," Selwyn Ponga-Davis, key organiser for the event, says.

Each year, the Hato Paora College Whanau Whanui is responsible for organising the gala day.

While the key aim of the gala day is fundraising, it is also a time for whanau and friends to

get together, meet socially, and support the college.

"Mahanga Williams, one of our parents and an old boy, planted the seed for the idea – a rock concert and gala day combined.

"Our committee helped grow the seed to what we have now – Paora Rocks."

Set for Saturday March 22, 2003, the venue for the gala day is the Pascal St Stadium, Palmerston North, now known as Arena Manawatu.

The gala day, which is

free, will be held from 9am to 3pm.

From 3pm, a concert will be held in a separate stadium, featuring new and exciting Maori and Polynesian artists, including Nesian Mystik, Deceptikonz, Ill Semantics, Maia, and K-Lee.

Tickets can be purchased from Ticketek.

"We all can't wait, Ponga-Davis says. "And even the organising committee has to pay to get in!"

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Turakina Rides the knowledge wave

Students at Turakina Māori Girls College are enthusiastic about the new computer suite opened at the college recently.

Named 'Te Poho ki te Ao', the facility was blessed and opened by Moana Rinni, an old girl of Turakina. Rinni is also a Moderator of Te Aka Puaho, from the Presbyterian Church that loaned Turakina half of the \$280,000 needed to build the suite.

The suite itself consists of three purpose-built rooms equipped with computer hardware that allows video conferencing, video production, media studies and Internet access, in addition to the normal features enjoyed by computer

users.

One of the rooms is solely dedicated to video conferencing. Principal Dawn Pehi says the facility is a real asset to the college. "Video conferencing means that the school can offer a much broader range of subjects to the girls at the college," she says.

"Instead of needing to employ a teacher who is a jack of all trades (and hard to come by), we can access teachers from other schools, a Wharekura or the Correspondence School, to provide the face-to-face interaction."

Turakina ICT teacher, Angela Tapa-Pehi teaches a class at Hato Petera – Level 3 Computer Studies – via

Video Conference. The teacher is in Marton and the students are in Auckland.

The TMGC ICT programme is the result of a four-year partnership project with Paerangi. Funding from Paerangi and KAWM has allowed the school to accumulate the hardware necessary for its new suite.

This initiative is the culmination of a commitment by Paerangi and participating schools to find ways to improve the skills, abilities and attitudes of Māori students in an increasingly technologically focused world.

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What is KAWM?

KAWM stands for Kaupapa Ara Whakawhiti Mātauranga.

It refers to the video conferencing network that is funded by the Ministry of Education. The Māori Boarding Schools have been equipped with the latest in hi-tech video conferencing technology. This then enables them to work together, in real time, over the Internet and to share resources such as teachers and educationally focused programmes.

Our schools can also link with other schools and organisations that have this technology.

Angela Tapa Pehi, based with Turakina Māori Girls College, is the Paerangi KAWM Coordinator.

Her job is to coordinate and facilitate joint programmes of learning using the network.

Contact Angela at: angela@tmgc.school.nz

Maori TV - Hato Petera style



Hato Petera is taking on the world of Maori television production, thanks to its involvement in the exciting new Maori language series – Te Maioha.

Along with Te Aute, Turakina, Rakaumangamanga and Ruamataa, Hato Petera students are not

only learning about audio and video production, they are helping make a television series that is targeted at Māori youth.

What began as an informal working relationship between Morehu Mc Donald, formerly of TVNZ Maori programmes, and Hato Petera, has blossomed into a 13-episode series that will air on the new Māori channel.

"We decided to work with Morehu to exploit the opportunities ahead for our Maori students with the establishment

of the TV channel. We ended up with Te Maioha," Hato Petera principal, Brother David Mc Donald, says.

Te Maioha aims to provide Maori youths' perspectives on a number of different topics, including news, sports and music.

Angela Tapa-Pehi, from Turakina, is the project's national coordinator. The project teaches the basics and finer details of television production. It started in February 2003.

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St Joseph's Dux off to medical school!



Audrey Robin, 2002 dux at St Josephs, is following her dream to become a doctor. This year, she is attending Auckland University for the first of nine years of study.

Audrey says that she decided to study medicine because she has wanted to be a doctor since she was a young girl.

Her mother, who died recently, has also motivated her decision to go to medical school.

To become a doctor Audrey has to complete a Bachelor of Human

Biology (3yrs), followed by a Doctorate in Medicine (6yrs).

Luckily Audrey has received significant support from various scholarships.

She won the University Chancellors, which pays her fees for the first degree. She also has four other scholarships this year to help her.

At the time of writing this article, classes hadn't begun, however, Audrey has moved into the hostel (where she says the kai is as good as the St Joe's kai!) and

been on a MAPIS camp.

MAPIS stands for Maori and Pacific Island Scheme. It's an organisation set up to support Maori and PI students studying nursing, medicine, and pharmacy.

Audrey said it was a great way to get to know people and set up her support networks in advance.

We give our support too. Kia kaha Audrey!

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Where to now?

Last year's head girl from Turakina Maori Girls College, Ameria Pehi, will commence studies for a law degree at Otago University this year. Mahuika Harmer, will begin a degree in Social Sciences with a psychology major at Massey University.

Hukarere Head Girl, Isabella Iraia, plans to attend university, while Tui Joe Thompson, a former Te Aute Head Boy, has joined the Navy as a cadet officer. Turihia Ngarongo, last year's Te Aute Head Girl, has returned to school.

Areti Metua-mate, a former Hato Paora Head Boy, begins a political science degree at Victoria University this year.

Jeremy Hema, last year's Head Boy from Hato Petera, is studying Health Sciences at AUT.

Last year's joint Head Prefects, Sarah Hawkins and Kiriana Kawhia have returned as Head Prefects this year at St. Josephs

Meanwhile, St Joseph's Dux last year, Audrey Robin, is studying first year medicine in Auckland. The other dux, Hikurangi Skipper, is studying forensic science at Victoria University.

We wish them and all the old boys and old girls the very best in their endeavours this year.

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School Rolls as at 27/02/03

Turakina	152
Petera	139
St Joseph's	214
Hukarere	100
Te Aute	189
Hato Paora	175

Total **969**

Hato Petera College 75th Jubilee 2003

Queen's Birthday
Weekend

jubilee@hatopetera.school.nz

Paerangi Schools Event Calendar

	Turakina	Hukarere	Te Aute	Hato Paora	Hato Petera	Hato Hohepa
Gala Day	5th April			Rock Festival and Gala Day Festival 22nd March	March 15th	8th March
Athletics Day	28th Feb	6th March	1st March	22nd Feb	21st Feb	11th March
Swimming Sports	15th Feb	20th Feb	21st Feb	March	17th Feb	19th - 20th Feb
Other				School Ball End of term II Auckland	Secondary Schools Festival 20th-21st March	
Regional Manu Korero		20th June	7th April	Hosts of the Manawatu regionals in September		
Regional Kapa haka		4th April		Palmerston North in May, 2003		
Significant Milestones		April 2003 Kura relocates to Eskdale.				

Stop the Press!

At the time of printing, the Hon John Tamihere had delivered an informative speech in Auckland at the Government sponsored 'Knowledge Wave' Conference.

Of interest are the facts and figures that Mr. Tamihere quoted regarding the support Government agencies pay themselves, but fail to pass on to community providers for the same services.

The Maori Affairs Associate Minister stated that the Children Youth and Family Service pays itself \$110,000 per bed, per night, per annum for every person in 'residential care'. However, CYFS only pay \$15,000 to \$20,000 per bed, per night, per annum to a community provider for the same service.

Paerangi Limited assumes that this includes care for teenagers who are removed from "at risk" environments.

This is of interest to Paerangi Limited because, under the Mapihi Pounamu scheme, the Ministry of Education has been paying our schools up to a

maximum of \$6000 only, to educate and care for 'at risk' Maori teenagers.

To be sure, catering for the needs of 'at risk' Maori youth is a role that is entirely consistent with the Maori and Christian ethos of our schools. However, if Mr. Tamihere's facts are correct, it supports the view that Government agencies are using the Maori boarding schools as a cheap option for addressing the needs of 'at risk' Maori teenagers. Moreover, the harsh reality is that if our schools undertake this role, they need adequate resources to address the acute and specific needs of these pupils. Ma te huruhuru te manu ka rere!

Paerangi Limited is taking this issue up with the Ministers of Education and Maori Affairs.

Atawhai Tibble,

CE, Paerangi Limited

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Korero mai!

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