



Cairo Karaitiana (left) and Angus McPhail of Douglas Park School.

Cairo Karaitiana wins Minecraft competition

Cairo Karaitiana took first place in the November 2023 Interface Minecraft competition “Build a Big Blue Future.” Minecraft is a video game that allows players to build whatever environment they can imagine.

Cairo is of Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō descent, great grandson of Cairo and Heeni Huntley, grandson of Ronnie and Justine Huntley, and son of Sarah Huntley and Nick Karaitiana.

Participants were tasked with designing a new exhibition for the National Aquarium of New Zealand (NANZ), whether it was an enclosure for penguins or a refuge for an endangered species.

Congratulations Cairo, what an amazing achievement, ka rawe!

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FROM THE CHAIR



Another year is well and truly underway and so much has happened in the past six weeks. Sadly, we have said farewell to a number of whānau who have passed away. Some whānau members represented Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō on a variety of committees and boards and we acknowledge their contribution to the iwi. To all those who have lost a loved one, the iwi extends our heartfelt sympathies.

Te Tauihu Iwi Chairs and Councils signed a historic Collective Partnership Agreement in late 2023. The agreement was years in the making and was the result of a decision made in Te Tauihu, by mayors and the Iwi Chairs forum. The agreement outlines partnership principles of working in unison, recognising each other's authority and mandate, and being "in it for the long term, for our mokopuna".

A mediation date for the eight iwi regarding a Customary Fishing Kawenata has been delayed for a date sometime in April/May 2024. It is anticipated that individual iwi will have enough time to seek input from whānau members to help form a final iwi decision. More details to follow in the coming month.

The Museum of Kawatiri, previously known as Coaltown Museum was reopened on 31 January 2024. The taonga from the Carters Beach dig site formed part of the new display at the museum. Thank you to whānau who represented Ngāti Apa at the opening.

In 2023 the coalition government announced at least a dozen policies that will be repealed or reviewed. To name but two, the government has said it will review the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, which cover commitments to protection of Māori rights, remedy of past treaty breaches and participation in decisions about us. The government has also foreshadowed changes to the Māori Health Authority, a statutory agency responsible for ensuring that the New Zealand health system meets Māori needs.

In light of the coalition government's intention, and in the wake of heightened tensions between them and Māori, Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII issued an invitation for Māori to meet at Turangawaewae in mid-January, which Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō accepted and attended. Kingi Tuheitia advised that he wanted to show unity, and allow all voices to be heard when holding the new coalition government to account. This unified voice continued at Ratana, National Iwi Chairs Forum and more recently at Waitangi.

I am informed that celebrations at Ratana on Wednesday 24 January were as poignant as ever. The day provided further opportunities for Māori to express concerns to the coalition government. A concerted effort on the part of all iwi to utilise opportunities to challenge the coalition government is being felt throughout Māoridom.

The National Iwi Chairs Forum at Kerikeri provided another opportunity for Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō to be part of a 77 iwi voice discussing Māori issues. Discussions were had around arrangements that the forum have had over the last 10 or so years, and what needs to be done to plot a pathway into the future.

I look forward to providing further updates in the next pānui. Until then, enjoy the beautiful weather while it lasts.

Ngā mihi
Hinemoa Conner
Chairperson

Upcoming events



Te Ipukarea

When: Friday 1 – Saturday 2 March

Where: Waikawa

Kurahaupō Kaumātua Ball

When: Friday 15 March

Where: Te Hora Marae, Canvastown

Theme: Great Gatsby

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō documentary

Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō is currently in the process of creating a documentary that aims to capture the experiences, struggles, and triumphs encountered on the journey to treaty settlement, ultimately signed in 2010.

Interviews with whānau members who played key roles in the claims process have been conducted across the rohe. Presently, we are in the editing phase, which is anticipated to take several months. We expect the release of the documentary later this year. Stay tuned for further updates.

Pictured below are Alice Gilsenan (top) and Margaret Bond (bottom) being interviewed for the documentary.



Education starter pack

This is Kahu Baker. He received an education starter pack from Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō earlier in the year.

It's good to see Kahu enjoying both the education pack and the box it was sent in. Ka rawe!

Education starter packs are one of the main ways that we support whānau while they are at school.



MANA RANGATAHI 23

We closed up 2023 with Mana Rangatahi in Mohua. We had a fantastic turnout from whānau this year. The rangatahi got the chance to explore the rohe and learn about Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō history in the area.

The week started off with a visit from local musician Bob Bickerton who shared his knowledge of traditional Māori instruments, such as, pūtātara, pūkāea and hue.

One of the biggest highlights for the rangatahi was the snorkelling trip in Kaiteriteri. After catching a water taxi from Tōtaranui, the kids spent a day in the water learning about the native species in the area, supported by our Taiao Manager Jen Skilton.

Mana Rangatahi will be back again in July, and is earmarked to be based in Waikawa. Registrations will be opening soon.

