



**Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae**

## ***He Kupu nā te Heamana***

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua,

Anei nga mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa. Tirohia ki raro iho nei. Koinei nga paku korero ma to tatou kura, me nga hakautu ki wetahi o nga patai I pataia e koutou ki to tatou hui a whanau I te wiki kua hipa. Kia kaha, kia manawanui. ā

### **1. Whanau Hui**

What a simply fantastic turn out to our hui in Hoturoa last Monday. It warms the heart to see so many people engaged in how our kura is operating for the benefit and success of our tamariki. I wish to acknowledge every person for coming along and listening and celebrating the achievements of our taura from year 1 through to year 13. When we broke off into our year groupings, there were further examples of student success and awesome questions and suggestions from whanau. It is imperative we collectively continue the upward trend towards our vision of having our taura graduate from kura as Maori citizens of Aotearoa, proud in who they are, and how they can contribute to the prosperity of our hāpori Maori in Mangere and beyond. Now to answer some of the questions.

### **2. Speed**

One question posed was around the speed some of us are taking when we come into the school grounds. A suggestion was road signage stipulating 10km per hour. This is great; however, I'd like to see a pronounced speed reduction in our driving behaviour from us collectively. None of us should accept driving behaviour around the pickup area to our kura that is anything less than exceptional. The "why" is standing at the gates waiting for us – our precious pepi. Kia ata te haere tatou!

### **3. Student Council**

Personally, this is one of the highlights of our senior students. We have a student council body who were introduced to us all at the whanau hui. Jodeci will represent their voice, and the collective student voice through her position on the board. Well done Jodeci and the council. We look forward to your suggestions and proposals throughout the year.

### **4. Funding**

Huge acknowledgement to Ma Chapman for her successful bid for \$98,000 for waka ama for our kura. This is a significant achievement for our kura, so I'd like once again to thank you Ma for your tireless efforts. To Ma Stirling for her successful bid in tutorship for our kura extra support funding from MoE of \$93k and another bid she has with MoE for free Wi-Fi for students in South Auckland and our Maori schools, which is why we asked for whanau to complete those surveys. These are examples of altruistic leadership that need to be celebrated as it supports all students to reach their potential regardless of access and connectivity. Wehiwehi pai.

Nga Manaakitanga,

Scott Gemmell  
Chairperson-Board of Trustees