

KŌANGA 2023

TUPU Ā NUKU

Tupu Te Weu, Toro Te Aka, Tau Te Tāmōre
Environmental Workforce Development

SEASON RECAP

*"Ka tangi te pīpīwharauoa, ko te karere a Mahuru"
When the shining cuckoo (pīpīwharauoa) calls, spring has come.*

Welcome to our latest pānui from the Tupu ā Nuku kaimahi and taiohi. We are always excited to share our stories and keep you informed about our upcoming kaupapa.

Kōanga is a season of new growth and new beginnings and in this pānui we are certainly seeing this.

HORSES HELPING HUMANS PROGRAMME

Over the last season a number of our registered taurira have experienced the incredible connection with horses, attending the Horses Helping Humans Programme with Laura Menzies. This amazing kaupapa demonstrates to taurira the importance of communication and body language which horses pick up on and enable the connection to be established.

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BRANDIE

Brandie was one of the beautiful hōiho that a number of students had the pleasure of working alongside.

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When rangatahi build a relationship with the hōiho they will begin to follow the student around the arena with no rope, move around obstacles and actually play with a large ball.

Brandie was one of the beautiful hōiho that a number of students had the pleasure of working alongside. Unfortunately, this year Brandie became unwell and Lisa and a student had the privilege of spending her last day with her

and made her feel special with lots of brushing and cuddles. Lots of photographs were taken and the student collated a collage of photos of Brandie to present to Laura along with a couple of harakeke. (These are natural wormers for hōiho)



Tupu ā nuku and Hōiho hāpai hapori are collaborating to organise a working bee with our students at the Warea location to enhance the environment that this precious herd of hōiho live on.

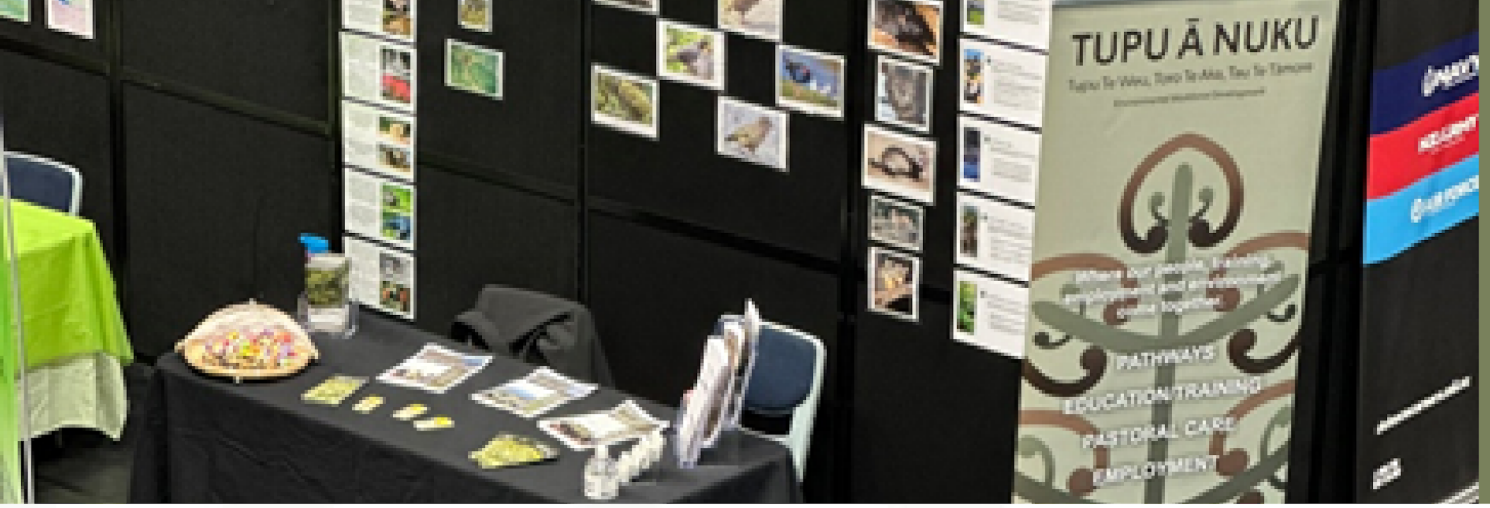
For further information on Hōiho Hāpai Hapori visit www.hhhtaranaki.co.nz

CAREERS EVENT | NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Jayden attended the New Plymouth Boys High school careers event and had a kōrero with students about mahi in the environment and the forestry and conservation course. This was another successful event and enabled Tupu ā nuku to continue to share our stories and give taiohi an opportunity to explore other career paths.

TARANAKI CAREERS EXPO 2023

The team from Tupu ā nuku were part of this year's careers expo at TSB Stadium. It was great to see so many kura coming through and enabling us to highlight our mahi, and to be part of being able to offer rangatahi different choices for their future.



PŪTAIAO EXPO 2023

It was awesome to be part of WhyOra Pūtaiao 2023 at Taranaki Racecourse. Hundred's of students from all the different kura across Taranaki took part in this interactive expo helping to highlight how important science is as a topic to study and how this education can assist in securing mahi in the environment. Four sessions across each day allowed the Tupu ā nuku team to share knowledge around pest control, identifying pests and trapping, along with identifying native trees and manu.

Each session ended with a race between two taiohi to see who could get into their PPE clothing the fastest. This is always a very entertaining end to each session and created a healthy competition between tane and wahine. This year wahine from Sacred Heart New Plymouth were clear winners, getting all kitted out in 38 seconds.

It is always lovely to share the feedback we received from these days, and to share the comments from some of the taiohi.



LAKE ROTOKARE

Part of our kaupapa is taking rangatahi to Lake Rotokare to really see successful pest control in operation. Tupu ā nuku are working in collaboration with Lake Rotokare to develop a volunteer programme, one day a week to engage taurua in this important mahi and be part of the team working towards Predator Free Taranaki by 2050. Volunteer work is an excellent way to start establishing a working routine and is a great way to gain experience in the field. It is also important to include any volunteer work on a CV to indicate to potential employers' dedication to working and being involved in our taiao.



Watch this space for more information about the volunteer programme with Lake Rotokare and how to get involved.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

JOURNI MANSER – NGĀTI MARU

Tupu ā nuku have been working alongside Journi Manser for the last 16 months. Inglewood High School contacted Tupu ā nuku to see how we could engage with Journi and assist her with continued learning and open doors for her to follow her dreams.

Initially, Journi wanted to learn more about sheep farming and joined Land Based Training to embark on this next chapter, unfortunately this did not work out for Journi so we worked together on what the next adventure would be.

Journi's passion has always been rugby and having played for Taranaki U18's she was keen to see how she could incorporate her love of rugby with mahi. Journi knew she needed to have something to fall back on if her rugby career went in a different direction.

With our support, Journi passed her learners license on her first attempt and is now ready to sit her restricted which gives her so much more independence. Another great achievement to celebrate. Engaging with Hōiho hāpai hapori, Journi had an awesome session with Reggie. Her smile says it all.

After overcoming a lot of personal challenges Journi embarked on a move from Taranaki to Manawatu to start a new exciting chapter. Dani and Lisa had the privilege of helping Journi make this move and assisted in her relocation. Journi has now secured mahi at Ten O'clock Cookie Bakery Café in her new home town and Monique, her manager said, "Journi has already exceeded expectations." She also mentioned how good Journi's communication skills are and how she just "gets on with it in, a calm way."

Although, hospitality was not on Journi's original career list, she has successfully secured this mahi and is fortunate enough to be able to combine her mahi with also playing rugby for the local women's team which Monique is also involved with. Monique continued to say that Journi has the opportunity to have a pathway in the hospitality sector if she chooses.

Tupu ā nuku are so proud of Journi and all she has achieved and will continue to support her and ensure she maintains connections with her iwi, Ngāti Maru.



"Journi has already exceeded expectations."

MONIQUE - CAFE MANAGER





WHATS NEXT....

Tupu ā nuku have a number of exciting kaupapa/collaborations coming up, which include:

- Establishing the volunteer programme with Lake Rotokare and engaging rangatahi in this mahi on a weekly basis.
- Developing a 17-week programme for taiohi who are not on the Forestry and Conservation course, this is looking to commence in 2024.
- Continuing to work with schools and planning the 2024 programmes.
- Hosting Taranaki Taiohi collective at a noho marae in November 2023.
- Continuing to build further connections with local employers to enable opportunities for taura to secure mahi.

The next forestry course will be starting late February 2024 – if you would like further information, please contact tupuanuku@ngatimaru.co.nz or info@treemachine.co.nz

If you are interested in attending wānanga in our taiao, for example a day with the kaimahi at Lake Rotokare, time with the Tree Machine crew, a day with DOC or alongside kaimahi with Project Mounga please contact us and we will work alongside you to make these opportunities work for you.



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