

CULTURAL BLOG TERM 3



KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE GROUP

Performing at the Upper Hutt Cluster Schools Kapa Haka Festival was a true highlight of Term 3! A group of 32 tamariki from our Kapa Haka performance group took to the stage to help celebrate a monumental milestone: the 50th Anniversary of Orongomai Marae.

Our tamariki took the stage with immense pride, passion, and high energy, representing our school brilliantly in front of a wonderful crowd. It was an incredible day of community, culture, and celebration, and we couldn't be prouder of the dedication and heart our performers brought to this special occasion.

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi — With your basket and my basket, the people will thrive.

A huge thank you to our whānau, tutors, and supporters who helped prepare our performers and cheered them on from the audience and via the link

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY: VISIT TO ORONGOMAI MARAE

We were fortunate to visit and connect with Orongomai Marae in Upper Hutt this term. As part of this visit, our whole school experienced a traditional pōwhiri to welcome us onto the marae, spent time learning about its rich history, and had the special opportunity to perform our kapa haka waiata. It was a fantastic trip that all our tamariki thoroughly enjoyed, fostering a meaningful local connection to Orongomai Marae. A huge thank you to Matua Mike and everyone at Orongomai Marae for hosting us and making this such a memorable experience for our school community!

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK 2026

Celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori during Week 9 is a wonderful highlight for our school! Throughout the week, classrooms were buzzing with fun daily activities, alongside some fantastic whole-school singing that had everyone joining in.

This year's theme focused on honouring the everyday spaces—our communities, local streets, workplaces, and marae—that keep te reo Māori alive, while inviting all of Aotearoa to help the language flourish.

Language learning doesn't stop at the classroom door! We encourage you to check out [these helpful resources](#) to keep the momentum going and bring more te reo Māori into your home.

Kia kaha te reo Māori!