



HIGHBURY WHĀNAU CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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TE HIRINGA

Te Hiringa Alternative Education is a Ministry of Education-approved provider of Alternative Education services.

The Programme was started in Highbury in 2000 and now provides alternative education services for Secondary aged youth across Palmerston North, Fielding, and wider rural areas. A consortium of 10 secondary schools utilizes the service for students who are struggling to stay positively engaged in education. Young people who are struggling often are dealing with a complexity of underlying factors; including physical, social, emotional, and/or mental health issues. We provide support and specialist help to navigate the issues, learn to manage themselves within a mainstream setting, and return them to school or another education provider. We are passionate about the potential of young people.



Referrals for Te Hiringa come from schools, the Ministry of Education, other government agencies, whānau, and the community.



KAIMAHI PROFILES



Corey Woon grew up in Foxton and is our resident "Tour Guide" when we go for drives. He knows all the local spots including the history that we all benefit from. He is a father of six kids, a rugby coach, mentor, and team player among much more. His work with young people in Highbury started as a Teacher Aid at Te Kura o Takaro, then Kelvin Grove AE (2014), merging with Te Hiringa (2017) at HWC. Corey enjoys working with young people, building relationships to find out what makes them tick and inspires them.

Morgan Emery grew up in Feilding and is our current "limping" team member as he rehabilitates from a torn Achilles. He is the father of two boys, but his favourite is his dog, Zeus. Morgan is our BJJ Black Belt, heading up Combat Room BJJ Dojo positioned at the side of the HWC gym. "I love working in a kaupapa Maori organisation."

Julene Kapao grew up in the USA, moving to Aotearoa in 2001. Julene is the mother of three and has one moko. She has worked in a variety of youth roles including mentoring in Auckland, teaching at Longburn Adventist College for 11 years, and local Highbury community youth responses from 2014-to 2018. Julene started her role as Head of Teaching and Learning, Te Hiringa, in 2018. "I have never laughed so much in a job; I have a great team." Julene is passionate about supporting young people in finding a meaningful learning pathway.

YOUTH WEEK

YOUTH WEEK 2022 at START 🤝❤️ 7- 14th of May

This year's theme for youth week was "Our voices matter and we deserve to be heard" Over at START we had up a huge Mural for rangatahi to express themselves through art and words, this was a huge success alongside our Tiktok competition which allowed them to express their voices through dance and acting! This was an awesome week connecting with youth, we had big groups from courses and schools come through and get involved we also played games with spot prizes that we gave away, and we all thoroughly enjoyed celebrating youth week! The finished Mural will be up for display on the inside fence of START in the next couple of weeks.



Image of mural from start

PINK SHIRT DAY

Pink shirt day is an antibullying campaign that celebrates diversity and creates environments where all people can feel safe, valued and respected. Each year, workplaces, schools, organisations and individuals join the movement to make a stand against bullying. This kaupapa is very important to us and we show support every year by showing off our best pink gears. This year we were asked to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

What does 'Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying' mean?

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu – Speak Up

'Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu' means to speak up and speak out in reference to bullying. 'Speak Up' refers to having conversations with your friends, whānau, children, kaiako/teachers,



taura/students and wider communities to come up with ideas and strategies to address bullying. 'Speak Up' is also about asking for help when you need it. This can be scary, and sometimes the first person you ask can't or won't do anything to help you. Keep asking. Pink Shirt Day shows there are many people who care about supporting you.

Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Stand Together

'Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora' means to stand together in life and wellness. 'Stand Together' refers to how bullying behaviour is influenced by the actions and values of friends, whānau, schools, kura, workplaces, and whole communities. Real change happens when we Stand Together, sending a strong message that there is no place for bullying in Aotearoa. Bullying often makes people feel alone, but Pink Shirt Day shows that many people care. Many people want to play their part in making Aotearoa a safe, welcoming and respectful place for everyone, regardless of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or cultural background.



Stop Bullying

On Pink Shirt Day, let's turn Aotearoa into a sea of pink and know that together, we can Stop Bullying.

Are you a bystander or an upstander?

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