





# NEWSLETTER



#### Matariki Heri Kai

On Thursday, the 27th of June, in celebration of this year's Matariki theme "Matariki Heri Kai," our Rangatahi and Kaimahi at the HWC prepared and cooked a hangi for all Kaimahi and their whānau to enjoy.

Te Hiringa dedicated the entire day on Wednesday to preparing the kai to be cooked in the ground, which involved peeling vegetables, making stuffing, and packing the trays.

On Thursday, Parekaia joined us to deliver a kōrero about Puanga/Matariki. Following this, we gathered for Karakia and enjoyed each other's company while savoring the reka hangi. We were also fortunate to have Rawi bring in some loaves of Rewana for us to enjoy alongside the meal. Rangatahi were also sent home with hangi packs to share with their whānau.



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#### Mānawatia a Matariki

The Community Youth Work team hosted an amazing event on Tuesday, June 25th, inviting the community to come and learn about Matariki in a fun and engaging way.

We offered various activities, including:

- Making and decorating your own star
- Making and decorating your own chatterbox
- Writing down your dreams and aspirations for the new year, while remembering those who have passed
- Rāranga, which involved weaving baskets and flowers
- Quizzes with spot prizes
- Games in the gym
- Loads of Matariki resources available to read and takeaway
- A kai table featuring dishes inspired by the 4 stars associated with kai.

We had an awesome turnout from the community and were able to give everyone who attended a vegetable box to take away. Thank you to all the kaimahi who supported this kaupapa, whether it was in the planning stages or by showing up on the night. It was a beautiful kaupapa to provide for our Highbury community.

We had 28 whanau come through.

That was made up of 84 participants (including babies and toddlers), 46 who were our target range  $\odot$ 

A range of feedback was given from "It was fun!", "I already know a lot about Matariki" through to "I learned new words", "I'm going to tell my teacher what I learned today", "I learned I like drawing again" and "We are definitely going to be using these resources over the weekend".





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## Nau mai ki START YS



**Chantelle Tipoki** 

Ko Ramaroa te Maunga
Ko Whirinaki, ko Motutoa ngā Awa
Ko Ngātokimatawhaorua te Waka
Ko Ngāpuhi te iwi
Ko Te Hikutu, Te Pouka, Ngāti Wharara,
me Ngāti Korokoro ngā Hapū
Ko Hokianga Whakapou Karakia te Rohe
Ko Pā Te Aroha, ko Marae roa (Pakanae),
ko Whakarongotai ngā Marae

Kia ora I have just recently started with the team at START Whana Tū and am looking forward to my journey. I have been working with Rangatahi for the past 10 years in different sectors and am committed to supporting them in this space.



**Tobias Colville** 

Kia ora!

I've just begun my journey here at START in April 2024 and am very excited to begin working with our taiohi. I studied Psychology at Massey and then transitioned into disability support work before arriving here at START. I'm eager to get stuck in and start supporting our rangatahi to reach their full potential.



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## Nau mai ki HWC



#### **Rory Rogan**

Kia Ora!

My name is Rory Tepou Rogan. Nō roto o ngā iwi o Airani ki te Nōta me Ngai Tuhoe ahau. He hononga ano oku ki a Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Reinga, Ngāti Raukawa ki Rangitikei, me Muaupoko.

Ko Claudine tōku hoa Rangatira Ko Oshay rātou ko Lincoln, ko Israel, ko Jeremiah ōku Tamariki. I have always had a heart and passion for helping people. Now I have been blessed and given the opportunity to do that, as a community youth support worker, contributing to the Highbury community, where I also reside.

Being a father and life experience has taught me that love is the most powerful thing we obtain as people and should be shown equally to all people.

I am a qualified tradesman with 20 years experience in the Flooring sector. My greatest gift and achievement will always be my whanau!

Peace and love to all people.

Nau mai, hoki mai ki a Vanessa Graham who is the Community Youth Work Team Lead kōrua ko Denae Te Huna who has stepped back into the role of a Youth Worker in the SPYCWS team

Haere rā ki a Amelia Burr who left the SPYCWS team in her role of Youth Worker



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#### YOUTH WEEK

#### START YS

This year's theme for Youth Week was "We may not have it all together, but together we have it all!" we embraced this theme by holding a space for our Rangatahi to come and engage with ice breaker activities, networking with different groups of people and free kai! We had numerous games set up to encourage everyone to mix and mingle – we were lucky enough to get some donations from numerous local businesses' that we were able to make up some goodie bags to give out, our sponsors included: Sals, Tony's pizza, Palmy nails, Bowlarama, Event cinemas, Silky Otter and Awa gift shop.

The day was a great success with a few courses coming down to support our kaupapa! Te Hiringa, Horizons and Achievement NZ took their time to bring their Rangitahi down to hang out with us for the day – it was also great to see our clients within the org getting amongst the fun as well! We provided lunch of a free sausage sizzle with some little snacks/lollies during the day.

Excited to see what next year's theme will be and how we can plan a bigger and better celebration for our youth in the community.









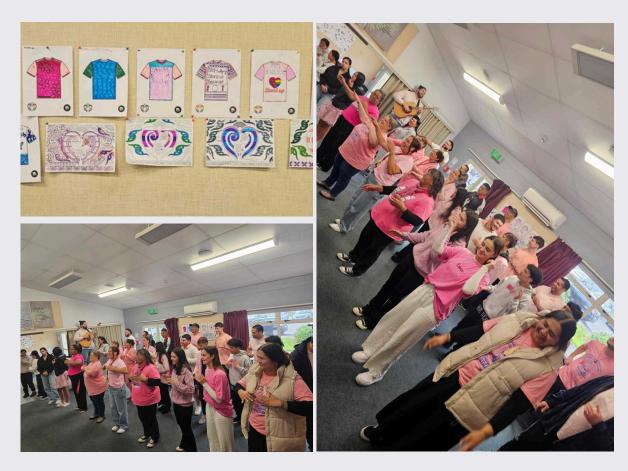


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# **PINK SHIRT DAY 2024**







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# UPCOMING KAUPAPA

#3 MARCH 2024

- School Holidays: Sat 06/07/24 Sun 21/07/24
- HWC Holiday Programme: Mon 08/07/24 Fri 12/07/24
- Term 3 Mon 22/07/24 Friday 27/09/24
- UCOL Community Connect: Wed 31/07/24
- Tokelau Language Week: Sun 27/10/24 Sat 02/11/24





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