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"Ngāti Whare Ihirau, Ngāti Whare Tāonga Tawhiti"

E ngā mana e ngā reo e ngā karanganga maha huri i te rohe, huri i te motū, huri i te āo.

Ka tuku tonu ngā maioha nui kia koutou i runga i ngā mātāpono o te wā.

Rūia taitea te manawa o te tangata ki tōnā taumata ihirau. Whakaaraara ko ngā tāonga o tuawhakarere hai korowai mo te iwi.

Kia ora all.

Te Kāhui Haumarū ā Te Whirinaki Te Pua ā Tāne - Ngāti Whare Covid-19 Response Team, are working together to provide stronger and robust communication to our Ngāti Whare communities, whānau, hapū and wider Iwi.

Te Kāhui Haumarū ā Te Whirinaki Te Pua ā Tāne hope this karere finds you well and safe as we move through the next couple of weeks in our isolation/lockdown bubbles, remember:

"staying home will save lives"

Covid-19 - Some Helpful Information

Staying at home during Alert Level 4

Alert Level 4 means you can only have in-person contact with the people in your household (also referred to as your bubble). You cannot have contact with any other people outside your household.

If you have a confirmed COVID-19 case or symptoms, are a close contact of a case or have recently travelled overseas, refer to the specific guidance for those groups – you should be self-isolating.

Leaving your house

You should minimise trips outside your home, and stay at home as much as possible.

As long as you're not unwell or have not recently returned from overseas, you can leave your house to:-

Access essential services, like to buy groceries, or go to a bank or pharmacy, go for a walk, or exercise and enjoy nature – stick to your local area, go to work if you are an essential worker visit or stay at another residence in your household group.

If you do leave your house, you must keep a 2-metre distance from other people at all times. Police will be monitoring people and asking questions of people who are out and about during the Alert Level 4 lockdown to check what they are doing.

Te Kaunihera Kaumātua o Ngāti Whare

A message from our kuia and koroua

Kia manawanui koutou ngā tamariki, ngā mokopuna, ngā whānau katoa a te iwi. Me noho haumarū koutou ki roto i o koutou kainga whare. Me manaaki tētahi ki tētahi. Ko te mea nui i tēnei wā kia tiakina koutou ia koutou ano. Me noho ki ngā kainga, kauā e puta ki waho mo te karore noaiho, me whakarongo, me titiro, me whakaaro.

Be vigilant everyone. Keep yourselves safe through these uncertain times. Please remember, staying home saves lives. Be kind to each other and keep your spirits high. Together we can get through this.

He Karakia

He honore he koroia ki te Atua
he maungarongo ki te whenua
he whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa - Āmine

E te atua manaakitia mātau, arahi hoki mātau ki roto i te wā nei. Ko koe te timatanga me te whakamutunga o ngā mea katoa - Kororia ki tōu ingoa tapu - Āmine

Waikotikoti Murumurunga Marae Trust

"Kaua e rangiruatia te hāpai o te hoe, e kore tō tātou waka e ū ki uta"
'Do not lift the paddle out of unison or our canoe will never reach the shore.'

Ko tenei whakatauki i hoatu ki te ake i te hira o te kaupapa ki te mahi tahi kia puta ai he whaenga rangatira ma tātou katoa.

This proverb serves to emphasise the importance of all working together to succeed.

Ko te mīharo kia whakahāere tika nga whakawhanake ki te whakamaru, ki te tīaki i ngā hua o Waikotikoti me Murumurunga Marae. Kei nga tarahiti, e pirangi ana kia whakamanawa ia koutou te whānau, hapū, iwi, ahakoa kua aukati ai a matau marae i tenei wā. Kei te hono tahi ai matau te marae tarahiti, te marae komiti ki era tarahiti, ki ērā kapa kamapene o te mārua nei kia whakakotahi ai te hoea o tā matau waka ki te kororerohia he perēne kātōitoi hei whakatūturu ia tātou mō āke tonu atu. I tēnei wā ko te tūmanako kei te noho haumarū ana matau kia pai te panahia i te nāngara nei. Noho ora mai e te whanau.

Our mission statement is to administer the development, protection and guardianship of all the assets of Waikotikoti and Murumurunga Marae, by the Trustees on behalf of all the hapu of Ngati Whare and to assist the long term social, cultural and economic development of Ngati Whare.

We want to reassure you that although our marae are closed at this time, we have united with other Trusts and organisations in our valley to develop a collective response plan that will ensure our sustainable future well after COVID-19.

It is important at this time to keep this virus out of our rohe, we need your help to do this and stop the spread of this nangara. Stay home and remain within your bubble to avoid spread, a small sacrifice to make in order to save the lives of our own whānau.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui

Minginui Village Incorporated Society

Kia ora Whanau

RECYCLE/RUBBISH:

We've had to pay for a skip bin for our rubbish in the rohe... this takes recycle and general rubbish.

Open one day per week.

WOOD:

Concerns of how whanau will keep warm through the winter, if they cant go into the bush. And will we look at options

DOCTOR VISIT:

FENZ Building has been offered for this service to our whanau. With processes in place for consultation.

KEEPING SAFE:

Re enforcing the seriousness of COVID -19

Te Kura Toitū o Te Whaiti-nui-ā-Toi

Te Kura Toitū o Te Whaiti-nui-a-Toi has been designated as a community hub to ensure that the wireless connection remains stable. Why? It is our lifeline to the outside world – FENZ are using it for emergency situations; Ngaputahi uses it to stay in contact with whanau and our community is using it to access online learning, social media and each other. We are trying not to burst our respective bubbles by using the community and /or school pages.

Our teachers are preparing mahi for their students and allocating devices for those who don't have anything at home. Where access to the digital service is not available, teachers will prepare learning packs which will be delivered to their homes.

At this stage, students are 'on holiday' but teachers, students and parents should be aware that this means that term two will be twelve weeks.

Due to the thefts that are happening in the village we have decided to lock the gate at Te Whaiti each evening but will reopen it each morning.

Our whanau who are using the showers will already know that they need to keep themselves safe by cleaning before and after they use the facilities. We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Don't forget that we have taro growing in the maara and although it's getting toward the end of the season you are more than welcome to come and pick some.

Our resident gardener will direct you when you get here.

Mauriora

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare**Rūnanga 0800 Free Calling Number:**

[0800 844 855](tel:0800844855)

Whānau, your Rūnanga kaimahi can be contacted on our 0800 number. You can call free nation-wide from any phone or mobile service.

Our operations team is ready to take your enquiries, so whānau, contact your Rūnanga team, they are committed to continuing to deliver a high level of service and support to you and your whānau.

Te Hiranga Tangata/ MSD Support

For those of our whānau who are currently in receipt of some form of income support from Work and Income be assured payments will continue.

MSD have made some policy changes for now and the next six months effective Monday 30th March:

1. Removing the need to provide subsequent medical certificates for clients already receiving Jobseeker Support, Sole Parent Support, Supported Living Payment and Child Disability Allowance
2. Deferring any Disability Allowance reviews
3. Delaying Annual Reviews (including all annual reviews of income, confirming your circumstances and annual circumstances letters, social housing reviews and life certificates)
4. Clearing any Special Benefit expiries or reviews
5. Deferring any obligation failures
6. Clearing any 52 week reapplications for clients getting Job Seeker Support or Sole Parent Support
7. Extending the period that Temporary Additional Support is granted for.

MSD are working through transitional arrangements for any clients whose payments are affected by any of these changes/reviews. They're also working on other ways to make it easier for you and we'll update you as soon as we can.

Whānau if you are in hardship please call the 0800 numbers or apply online. MSD are still open for business but due to Covid19 have closed their service centres across NZ to keep their kaimahi safe.

All engagement with clients is taking place by phone or online. MSD ask whānau to be patient as their phone lines are under significant pressure due to the current situation and the new services they are providing on behalf of the Government.

If you have lost your mahi due to Covid19 please be encouraged to go to MSD for support, you can also apply online. Again please be patient as MSD work through the increased demand.

For further information please call 0800 559 009 for under 65 and 0800552002 for those on superannuation. visit the website: www.msd.govt.nz

Te Mana o Te Reo

Ahakoā kai te pēhi tātau i te mate urutā nei, me kaha tonu tātau ki te pupuri, ki te kōrero, ki te aroha o tō tātau reo me ōnā āhuatanga katoa.

Tukuna kia rere, tukuna kia kōrerohia tō tātau reo i ngā wā katoa ki ngā wāhi katoa.

Although we as a nation are focused on the Covid-19 situation right now and rightly so. Through this time we can still feel encouraged to use our reo and tikanga as much as possible. Kōrero with whānau that are in your bubble or kōrero on the phone, zoom, skype or other media platforms. Kia kaha tātau Ngāti Whare ē!

Manaaki tētahi ki tētahi

Mā te mahi tahi, mā te kōrero tahi, mā te manaaki tahi.
Work as one, talk as one, protect and care as one.

Kindness is an incredibly powerful way to show you are united against COVID-19.

You can make a huge difference by:

checking in on older relatives or vulnerable people over the phone, to make sure they have everything they need. talking to friends, whānau and neighbours over the phone to see how they are and if they need support. dropping essential supplies, like food or medications, to those at home. You can leave them at the door.

These kinds of connections and offers of help will go a long way to getting others through COVID-19.

Nō reira whānau, kia manawanui, kia maia, kia aroha tētahi ki tētahi.

Your feedback and comments whānau are welcome and encouraged. This is about how we can support and help each other through this Covid-19 situation.

Nō reira whānau mā, me noho haumarū koutou i roto i ngā manaakitanga o te wā.

Mauri ora,

Kaunihera Kaumātua o Ngāti Whare

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare

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Te Kura Toitū o Te Whaiti-nui-ā-Toi

Ngaputahi Representative

***"Ko Tūwatawata te Maunga, Ko Te Whirinaki Te Awa, Ko Ngāti Whare Te Iwi,
Ko Wharepākau Te Tangata"***