



Te Mana o Kupe Trust Pānui



Hakihea 2022

Tēnā koutou katoa and warm Pacific greetings

As the year draws to a close, I am writing to once again thank you for all your aroha and support for the Trust and its work over the past 12 months, and to also share our successes and plans for the coming year.

TE MANA O KUPE

**FUTURE
DIGITAL
NAVIGATORS**

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We have continued to provide affordable devices to students and their whānau in schools who support the idea that “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) is the way forward for growing students who can make decisions about how to use digital technology effectively in their learning. This includes enabling students to establish learning routines, both at school and home, on how and when they do their learning, and whose families are involved in those processes. Working with Whānau Manaaki, at least 30% of devices offered are free through the Whānau Ora scheme, while the remaining devices can be purchased under a no-interest loan scheme for up to two years (at \$4 per week). We have now given, or provided, over 3,000 devices since 2014.

We continue to provide wraparound support to families and schools to ensure the devices stay working well for at least three years, by taking care of all the warranty and insurance issues. We have replaced screens for those that break outside of the insurance period and, most importantly, have replaced the forever disappearing chargers!!

We’ve expanded our work to include providing digital literacy courses to whānau, adding to the Whānau Safe Online programme from previous years.

We could not do this work without you

Chromebook Ambassador Presentation

For the first time since 2020, because of the pandemic, a group of students presented on how they use digital technology for learning to a group of visitors. This year the group consisted of year 7 & 8 students from Bishop Viard College. These learners, proud in their identity, and in how they learn, developed an interactive presentation, and confidently answered questions from the guests. They provided compelling reasons for why owning your own device and sharing your learning enables well supported transitions when moving between home and school and then on out into the wider community. This is particularly important during times when disruption (for a variety of reasons) has become the norm.

The timing of this presentation wasn't ideal for many of you, but as the number of schools who have committed to BYOD grows we will be offering more presentations in 2023.

Digital Literacy and Whānau Safe Online

We received funding from the Lottery Grants Board to initiate this project. We contributed to the salary of a part time Digital Connector to promote the training sessions in schools in Porirua generally. She met with principals and staff in all the schools and training sessions were set up in five schools, with some offering more than one session. We were supported by a Kia Kaha Digital trainer who facilitated the sessions. In 2023, with the remaining funds, we plan to extend this programme across Porirua, with our own facilitators and connectors.

Our feedback from whānau on the Safe Online courses was to provide more digital literacy skills. As the year went on, it became evident that both needed to be included in courses simultaneously. In 2023 we will refresh the programme while continuing to include teacher aides and parents to act as facilitators, and to engage with their contacts in the community.

Te Mana o Kupe as a Professional Learning Development (PLD) provider

The Trust has been fortunate to offer professional development in leadership and curriculum review over the past few years on behalf of the Kāhui Ako and Ministry of Education. This has been beneficial to the schools and the Trust. In 2023 we will be offering additional PLD in Literacy and Digital Fluency to any school in the region. Our facilitators are all successful teaching and learning practitioners who have extensive experience in Porirua.

The Digital Equity Coalition of Aotearoa (DECA)

This national organisation, which represents all those groups who are working to improve digital equity in Aotearoa New Zealand, has been a great support. Just learning about the ideas and activities that they have been involved in, and having people to connect to, has been great.

Recycle a device (RAD)

In 2022 we approached two of the secondary schools to offer "Recycle a Device" (RAD). This programme enables a small group of students to recycle ex-lease laptops which can be passed on to senior students or given back to the central RAD organisation to be shared out to the community.

Internet Access

This remains a challenge for the Porirua East community with only 65% accessing broadband. In 2021 the Spark Foundation has established another group in Porirua to address this - Porirua Access, Connectivity, Education (PACE). Te Mana o Kupe is represented on that group and hopefully, with the Spark Foundation's generous funding, we will see some improvement in terms of equitable home access to the internet.

In the meantime, the Trust continues to provide Skinny Jump (Pay-As-You-Go) as an option, with subsidised payments for the first six months.

Sustainability

The Financial Review for the year 2021-22 showed an increase on our previous year's modest surplus, providing an important and welcome buffer to help us maintain our devices at an affordable price. Your continued financial support, the voluntary hours put in by the trustees, and the fee the Trust earns from administering the Ministry of Education's PLD programmes, have all contributed to this.

I especially want to acknowledge the New Zealand Community Trust for their support in funding our Administrator position; the Wellington Community Trust for selecting our Trust to receive ongoing funding for general operations for three years; the Lottery Grants Board for the Digital Literacy and Whānau Safe Online programmes; and Rex Nicolls and Dame Kerry Prendergast whose very generous donations have enabled us to subsidise larger families who need to purchase more than one device, enabling us to provide the very best deal in town for chromebooks and internet access.

Finally – to the trustees and staff -Thank You

In October this year our Administrator, Rebecca Evans, who has worked part-time for us for over five years, left to work full-time. She passed on her many skills to Jasmine Nicols, who has increased her hours to take on the Administrator role. Jasmine has quickly settled into what is a diverse, busy job, including supporting parents and schools to keep the devices working well by managing the warranty and insurance processes.

Also to our amazing trustees:

Don Rangi Q.S.M, Lealamanu'a Aiga Caroline Mareko ONZM, Rob McIntosh, Geoff Hayward, Rhys McKinley

And advisors:

Tricia Walbridge (secretarial), Charlie Chan (financial advisor), Chris Theobald, Principal, Bishop Viard College (TMOk schools representative).

Thank you for staying involved and keeping us on track with the hard questions.

Have a wonderful Christmas and happy holiday.

Ngā mihi mahana

Michele Whiting
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