



Briefing Note: Information and talking points to support your attendance at the Te Ahu o te Reo Māori graduation ceremony for Te Hiku Okoro

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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is to provide you with information and talking points to support your attendance at Te Hiku Okoro graduation ceremony on Saturday 9 July, 9.30am – 12.30pm, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Pukemiro, 14 Norman Senn Avenue, Kaitiāia.

Recommendations

- **Note** the background information and the talking points to support your attendance at Te Hiku Okoro graduation ceremony on Saturday 9 July 2022

Noted

- **Agree** that this Briefing will be proactively released

Agree

Disagree



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Background

1. Te Ahu o te Reo Māori is aimed at strengthening the te reo Māori capability and proficiency of the education workforce so that all early learning, kura and schools can integrate te reo Māori into the learning of all ākonga in Aotearoa. Thirteen expert providers have been contracted to deliver Te Ahu o te Reo Māori across Te Tai Runga, Te Tai Whenua, and Te Tai Raro. Delivery began in July 2021 and will continue through to 2024.
2. Following an extensive request for proposal process, Takapaukura was contracted for National delivery of Te Ahu o te Reo Māori 2021-24 in Te Hiku-o-Te-Ika – far north region.

Te Hiku Okoro

3. Takapaukura developed their own learning programme, Te Hiku Okoro. The programme provides participants access to Māori language features, rituals, and knowledge specific to the iwi of Te Hiku-o-Te-Ika through the context of 'Okoro'; the Te Hiku-specific version of the maramataka Māori, the Māori lunar calendar.
4. The Takapaukura team are mana whenua, with links to all iwi within the region's boundaries. Due to these links, they believe it is only appropriate that the philosophies driving Te Hiku Okoro include: Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, Kaitiakitanga and Ako.
5. Pia (participants) of Te Hiku Okoro receive relevant and purposeful resources and ongoing learning support, including region-wide networking opportunities with the ultimate goal being to create small te reo Māori learning communities and build strong networks between the workforce and the local community, creating opportunities to collaborate for the betterment of our tamariki mokopuna.
6. Te Hiku Okoro is delivered in the following areas:
 - Taupō Bay in the East
 - Westwards inland to Mangamuka
 - On to the west coast to cover the Northern side of the Hokianga; and
 - Through to the Far North (Ngātaki and Te Hāpua).

Te Hiku Okoro Graduation Ceremony

7. You have accepted an invitation to attend the graduation ceremony for Te Hiku Okoro on Saturday 9 July, 9.30am – 12.30pm, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Pukemiro, 14 Norman Senn Avenue, Kaitiāia. 96 participants will graduate.
8. As per the graduation programme, you are scheduled to deliver a kauwhau at 11.05am (graduation programme attached as Annex 1).

Talking Points

9. We have prepared talking points for your kauwhau, which are set out in Annex 2.

Proactive Release

10. We recommend that this Briefing is proactively released as per your expectation that information be released as soon as possible. Any information which may need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Annexes

Annex one: Te Hiku Okoro Graduation Programme 2022

Annex two: Talking points

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