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Ngā Tapuwae o ngā Tīpuna - The Footsteps of the Ancestors Te Whānau Manukura Class Trip

Kia ora e te whānau,

This term, learners at Tāmaki Primary School are exploring the history of Aotearoa New Zealand through our inquiry, *Ngā Tapuwae o ngā Tīpuna - A Place-Based Learning Journey Grounded in Whenua and Whakapapa*.



As part of this learning, students will take part in a series of hīkoi to Maungarei / Mount Wellington to learn more about the stories of this whenua, the journeys of the Tainui waka, and how Ngāti Pāoa voyagers established connections to Tāmaki through whakapapa, settlement and exploration.

Students will walk the ancestral mountain of our area, view the Tāmaki River and important local landmarks, and deepen their understanding of the history and identity of our community. This learning experience supports our school vision of helping tamariki strengthen their connection to whenua, whakapapa, identity and belonging as we prepare to celebrate our Tāmaki Primary School's 75th Diamond Jubilee.

Who: Te Whānau Manukura, Mrs Teves, Ms Hani, Whaea Kathleen, Matua Bismarck and Whaea Carol

When: Friday 19 June 2026 10am - 1pm

Where: Maungarei, 66 Mountain Road, Mount Wellington

Travel: Cars and Community Vans

Cost: There is no charge for this learning experience

Adult : Student Ratio: 1 adult to 5 students



What Your Child Will Need

Please ensure your child brings:

- Full and correct school uniform
- KidsCan jacket or raincoat
- Suitable footwear for walking
- A positive attitude and our school values

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The school will provide morning tea for this trip.

We are looking forward to this special opportunity for our tamariki to walk in the footsteps of those who came before us, while learning the stories that shape our place and identity here in Tāmaki. We thank Matua Thomas Rawiri (Ngāti Pāoa, Ngai Tai ki Tāmaki) from Explore Tāmaki for his facilitation on the maunga, and Jenni Heka-Beazley Kaituitui Kaupapa Engagement Advisor from the Tūpuna Maunga Authority for funding towards making this rich learning experience happen for our tamariki and our kura.

Ngā mihi nui,

Ngā Kaiako o Te Whānau Manukura