Ngā kōrero o TAMAWHARIUA





Kaupapa o te Marama - Mental Health Awareness

For the month of October, Tamawhariua is honored to support Mental Health Awareness Month, a campaign dedicated to helping New Zealanders enhance their wellbeing and improve their mental health. This year, Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW) has been aligned with the nationwide wellbeing initiative, Top Up. The theme for MHAW 2025, Top Up Together, emphasizes the importance of connecting with others while incorporating the Five Ways to Wellbeing into daily life. We are highlighting the collective nature of the Top Up campaign, as recent studies indicate that a community-based approach to wellbeing provides sustained, long-term advantages.

Social connection is vital for our wellbeing. It instills purpose and a sense of belonging, enhances feelings of being valued, and fosters happiness and security. Evidence supports that activities involving social interaction—such as volunteering, shared learning, physical exercise, cultural practices, and participating in community events—consistently yield positive impacts on mental health and wellbeing. Take care of your oranga by engaging in the Five Ways to Wellbeing together during this Mental Health Awareness Week:

Me aro tonu / Take Notice
Tukua / Give
Me kori tonu / Be Active
Me whakawhanaunga / Connect
Me ako tonu / Keep Learning

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi. With your food basket and mine, the people will flourish.

In this newsletter you can expect:

Tamawhariua Updates

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Upcoming Tamawhariua kaupapa

Upcoming community events

Kaupapa highlight

What's been happening at Tamawhariua?

In recent months, we have taken great pride in supporting and participating in a variety of remarkable initiatives that resonate deeply with our community values. Our HBU Mobile Health Service has seen significant engagement from our whānau and hapori, providing essential health services that cater to their needs. This initiative has not only enhanced access to healthcare but has also fostered a sense of connection and support among our families, reinforcing the importance of well-being in our community. One of the standout programs has been the monthly Kura Kai Community Cooks held at Te Rereatukahia Marae. This initiative has proven to be a tremendous success, as it brings people together to prepare nutritious meals that families can easily heat and enjoy at home. Additionally, our Wahine Hauora day was a resounding triumph, equipping our women with valuable insights and practical tips for prioritizing their health and selfcare. These gatherings have created a nurturing environment where knowledge is shared, and relationships are strengthened.

Another highlight has been our quarterly Kuia
Kaumatua group, which attracted over 40
participants eager to engage with guest speakers
and partake in various activities that promote
whanaungatanga. This gathering not only
celebrates the wisdom of our elders but also
fosters intergenerational connections within our
community. Furthermore, our Three Steps to Life
program, hosted at Te Reretukahia, has been
instrumental in empowering our whānau with lifesaving skills and knowledge. Together, these
initiatives reflect our commitment to enhancing
the well-being of our community, and we are
thrilled to see such positive outcomes.

Ka rawe whānau!



HBU Mobile Health Service



Kura Kai Community Cook



Wahine Hauora Day



Kuia Kaumatua Group - Te Roopu Whakatipu Korero



Three Steps for Life Program

Kaimahi hou - New Team members

Jarrod Tukaki and Nancy Thomas



Jarrod Tukaki Whānau Ora Promotions Coordinator

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Ko Jarrod Tukaki toku Ingoa

I am thrilled to embark on this new opportunity as the Whānau Ora
Promotions Coordinator. I am eager to build strong relationships with the team and deepen my understanding of the valuable services and support our Rūnanga provides to our hapori (community). This role represents a wonderful chance to engage and collaborate within our community, and I am excited to contribute to our collective mission.



Nancy ThomasPrimary Health Care Kaiawhina

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I am enthusiastic about embracing this new 26-week challenge and am keen to expand my skill set while contributing my existing expertise to the organisation. I look forward to the opportunities for growth and collaboration that will arise during this period.

Upcoming Tamawhariua Events







Upcoming Katikati Community Events





Kaupapa Highlight: Kura Kai Community Cook







We had an incredibly uplifting and joyful experience at Te Rereatukahia Marae, where we participated in the Kura Kai Katikati monthly community cook-off. This event takes place in the marae kitchen, where we come together to prepare a diverse array of delicious and nutritious meals for our local hapori. For many whānau facing difficult circumstances, this initiative offers invaluable support by providing pre-cooked meals that are easy to heat and enjoy. Each meal is carefully crafted to cater to individuals or families of four to six, fostering a sense of community through the shared experience of nourishment and care. At Kura Kai, they hold the principle of manaakitanga close to their hearts, embodying the philosophy of "whānau cooking for whānau."

This guiding kaupapa is central to their mission and informs every aspect of their work. We believe that food has the power to bring people together, and through the cooking efforts of our volunteers, they aim to strengthen the bonds within our community. The meals we prepared not only nourish the body but also serve as a reminder of the support and solidarity that exists among us, especially during challenging times. Our collaboration with various community organisations in Katikati enhances our ability to distribute these meals effectively. We are grateful to be part of a network that allows us to reach those in need, ensuring that no one has to face hardship alone. By working together, we can provide essential kai to families who may be struggling, reinforcing the importance of community support and connection. Each meal we share is a testament to our commitment to uplifting one another, creating a brighter and more resilient future for all.







Ngā mihi for reading! Our next pānui will be sent out in Summer for 2026

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