

# RAUKŌKORE



## MARINE RESEARCH CENTRE

**OFFICIAL OPENING**

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Officially Opened 15th September '23

By Te Poito Lands Charitable Trust &  
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Supported by  
Te Whānau ā Pararaki Hāpu

## HEI TŪRANGA KURA MŌ NGĀ TAMARIKI



**RAUKŌKORE SCHOOL 1887 -2016**

**TE POITO LANDS  
CHARITABLE TRUST**



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**WAIKATO**  
*Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato*

E ngā reo  
E ngā mana  
E ngā waka kārangaranga  
Nāu mai, pik mai, kake mai

Kawe mai i ō koutou parekawakawa, whārikihia ki runga i te whenua taurikura, kia honotia ki ngā mate kārangaranga o Te Whānau-ā-Apanui, ara, tātou e mihi, e tangi, e poroporoaki ki a rātou, nā reira ngā mate, hāere, hāere, hāere atu ra.

Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nāna te ngāhere  
Ko te manu e kau ana i te matauranga, nōna te ao

He ra whakahirahira tēnei, kei te hāere tonu te wawata o ngā matua tīpuna i tā koha mai te whenua nei, "Hei tūranga kura mō ngā tamariki"

Ngā mihi ki Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato, ki a Chris Battershill mā, nā koutou i ara ake i te wawata o aua mātua tipuna, ngā mihi motuhake.

Nā reira mokopuna mā, he huarahi tēnei mō koutou, whaia te iti kahurangi, kei tua he ōranga mōhou, tō whānau, hapū, iwi.



# HISTORY

Land for a school was given by our tīpuna at Te Puia to the Education Dept. The leaders at that time Hirini Te Ao Pururangi, Herewini Te Moana, Hohepa Karapaina, stated,

***“ Ko te whenua nei , Hei tūranga kura mō ngā tamariki.”***

The Raukōkore School was officially opened in 1887. The school started with a roll of approximately 26 or more students. Former students are remembered for their services in World War 2 serving in the Maori Battalion Company C and other conflicts. (School Remembrance Board)



The school had its jubilee in 1968 and celebrated its 125th Birthday in 2012.

Major highlight was the filming of the Boy Movie in 2010, Directed by former student Taika Waititi.

In 2015 the Minister of Education, Hekia Parata announced that the Raukōkore school was to close. Many submissions were sent to the Minister to keep our school open. One such submission was put together by Professor Chris Battershill from the University of Waikato.

Chris and another colleague were passing through when by chance they called in at the Butler residence and discussed going further down the coast to scope suitable places to setup a marine research centre.

John and Stewart Butler said "Don't go any further we have just the place for a research centre, the Raukōkore School. After meeting the Raukōkore staff and whānau a submission was written.



*Raukore School pupils with teacher/principal Merle Callaghan*

The submission outlined setting up a marine research centre at the school which there would be huge benefits for the Raukōkore students, the Hapu and the wider community. Unfortunately, the submissions sent in did not avert closure. The Raukōkore School officially closed 28th January 2016.

After the closure of the school the Te Poito Lands Charitable Trust was setup to be Kaitiaki of our closed school. The Trust was endorsed by the Te Whanau-a-Pararakī Hapū to take on this Kaitiaki role.

Since closure, the Te Poito LCT Trustees and Professor Chris Battershill formed a relationship and continued to work toward setting up a research centre at the school.

The perseverance paid off, mid May 2022 Te Poito Lands Charitable Trust secured Vision Maturanga Capability Funding, a two year research program which has also provided an opportunity for research assistants / cadets.

The latter part of 2022, Professor Chris Battershill secured - Building a Sustainable Future for Coastal Reef Ecosystems Fund, a five year research program, both funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE).

The opening of the Raukōkore Marine Research Centre 15th September 2023 continues the aspirations of our tipuna who gifted the land

***Hei Tūranga Kura Mō Ngā Tamariki.***



The Raukōkore Marine Research Centre has adopted the logo from the letter head of the former Raukōkore School.

I thank the former Principal, Merl Callaghan for allowing the logo to be used for the Raukōkore Marine Research Centre.

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### Ngutuone Kōrero:

A dispute occurred between Te Whānau-ā-Pararaki Hapū and Te Whānau- ā-Marū Haeremuri Hapū.

A whale got stranded on the beach right on the boundary which would have been the mouth of the Waiokaha river, as we know the river mouth is prone to shift. To settle the difference and for the future, the tipuna decided to select a prominent rock just beyond where the whale lay and called that rock Ngutuone as a fixed boundary "mō ake tonu atu."



The Ngutuone logo designer and the Ngutuone carving was carved by Taika Waititi Senior

### TE KOHIKOHI

HE TOHU WHAKAIHI KI NGĀ KUĪA KŌROUA O  
TE WHĀNAU-A-PARARAKI HAPŪ  
I RUKU, I KOHI RIMU, HEI TAUTOKO I Ō RĀTOU WHĀNAU, MARAE HOKI.

KO TE WHARE RANGAHAU MOANA O RAUKŌKORE, KA HŌATU KI NGĀ URI Ō RĀTOU  
MĀ, HE HUARAHĪ KIA KOHIKOHI AI I NGĀ RAWA Ā TANGAROA.  
HEI ŌRANGA MŌ Ō RĀTOU WHĀNAU, HAPŪ, IWI.

KO TE MANU E KAI ANA I TE MIRO, NĀNA TE NGĀHERE  
KO TE MANU E KAI ANA I TE MATAURANGA NŌNA TE AO

# NGĀ KAIRANGAHAU MŌ ĀPOPO



Ko Maungaroa te maunga  
Ko Te Kereu te awa  
Ko Kaiaio te hapū  
Ko Te Whānau ā Apanui te iwi  
Ko Mataatua rāua ko Taura mai tawhiti ngā waka.  
Ko Maia Whiting Ahau

I want to use this project to better understand the state of our ocean and marine life so that I can share that information out to our hapū and iwi.

Learning more about all the animals and our aquatic ecosystems is something I'm looking forward to. My biggest goal would be to recuperate what has been lost and put our Moana back to how it used to be. Being a part of the scientific community excites me, you are continuously learning new things about how creatures function and survive. An additional benefit is working with whānau at home. I am very intrigued in what the future holds.



Ko Kakanui te maunga  
Ko Puremutahurite wai  
Ko Tukaki te wharenuī  
Ko Te Rangiwhakapunea te wharekai  
Ko Te Kaha te marae  
Ko Te Whānau a Te Ehotu te hapū  
Ko Te Whānau ā Apanui te iwi  
Ko Mataatua te waka  
Ko Paris-Hayze Robinson ahau

I wish to use this initiative to gain a deeper understanding of the current state of our ocean and marine life. I'm looking forward to learning more about all the different species and our water habitats. My primary goal is to restore what has been lost and return the Moana to its former glory. I enjoy being a part of the field of science because we constantly find new information about how organisms work and survive. In conclusion, my objectives with this kaupapa are to be able to educate our youth about the value of our marine life and inspire them to protect our unique small piece of paradise in the hope that one day they will take on what I believe.

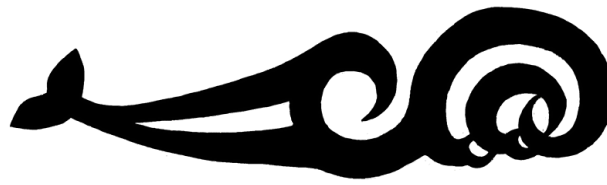


Ko Kirieke te maunga  
Ko Wairuru te awa  
Ko Te Whanau-a-Maruhaeremuri te hapu  
Ko Hinemahuru te whare tipuna  
Ko Mataatua te waka  
Ko Te Whanau-a-Apanui te iwi  
Ko Awatea ahau

Marine Biology has been one of the many things I've been interested in since primary, the way I saw it back then wasn't the way I now see it today.

I didn't realise there's so much more about our ocean than just sea water and fishes. Learning about the sea life is amazing especially getting to know how each and every little creature lives. I think being here learning about the ocean will be interesting and fun. My goal is to understand the how the ocean works and discover more new things in our waters. Getting to learn everything little by little peaks my interest to learn even more than I do now. I'm excited to learn and discover many new things

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