



**Varaire 9 'Aukute**

Week 3 Term 3

**Turama, Turama te Kuki Airani!**

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**'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Airani - Cook Islands Māori Language Week**

‘Ātui’ia au ki te vaka o tōku matakeinanga  
Connect me to the canoe of my tribe’



**Kia orana kotou katoatoa**

What an exceptional week we have experienced at Flat Bush School. On Monday, we commemorated Te 'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Airani with an opening ceremony here at the school. We then promptly departed to catch buses to Rongomai School. The purpose of our visit to Rongomai School was to hold a Tribute Day in honour of the late Principal Paeariki Mataroa Johnson. Our tamariki practised two kapa rima, action songs to perform, aiming to uplift the teachers, tamariki, and community of Rongomai School. Our tamariki did a wonderful job performing for Rongomai School. We are proud and grateful to our outstanding students, staff, and families for their support on this special day.



A huge thank you to Rongomai School for hosting our school, all 400 students! We were spoiled! Meitaki maata Apii Rongomai.

A special mention to our Kūki 'Airani drumming and music team for your support throughout the week - Moiho, Aunty Babe and Kiria for sharing your talent in playing Cook Island music and assisting our children during their dancing and singing practices and performances. Your knowledge is valued.

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**What has been happening throughout 'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Airani**

Throughout the week, we have continued Kūki 'Airani practice in our Teams as we prepare for the closing ceremony. Our tamariki have been engaged in rehearsing their imene (songs), kapa rima (action songs), and ura pau (drum dance). We are looking forward to performing to our families on Varaire.

**Manurewa High School Cook Island Group**

We were visited by Manurewa High School's Cook Island group on Tuesday. For the past five years, we have had a partnership with them, during which they have performed for our tamariki in celebration of Cook Island Language Week. The group is led by the talented and clever Caroline Bishop. We appreciate Manurewa High School for engaging our tamariki with their delightful dance routines and drumming. Flat Bush School enjoyed watching their performances. Thank you for the entertainment Manurewa High and for teaching us some dance moves.



**Farewell Mrs Haynes**



*Thank you for your dedication, support, and kindness that you have shown us throughout the years at Flat Bush School. You have embraced all Pacific Island cultures, and we have appreciated seeing you engage with our learners, community, the 'island' music and drum dances. You will be missed by everyone. Wishing you all the best in your new kura.*

I hope you have enjoyed this week's festivities. Have a wonderful weekend Apii FlatBush. FlatBush Forever!  
**Elizabeth Heather**  
Team Kakano Leader

