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Te Pūrongo o Ngā Pou Matarua | Co-Directors Update



Pīpīwharurou, Shining Cuckoo

Kua tau mai Te Ahunga o Uruao Mahuta mai e Te Kakau, kua kitea Whakaata kerekere...

The month of September - known to many as Mahuru - is a time of regrowth, rebirth and renewal, marking the first phase of summer in the maramataka (Māori Lunar Calendar)...

Mahuru is the month in which all in Aotearoa are invited to contribute our country's unique Indigenous language, te reo Māori (Māori language)...

Throughout Mahuru, our Tāmaki-based (Auckland) NPM secretariat carried on working from their mimumaru (lockdown bubbles) with the change to level three...

We also acknowledge the ongoing efforts of Indigenous nations, communities, and researchers in other whenua (lands) who seek social justice for their peoples as they deal with the inequitable consequences of the pandemic.

BBC: Fury as Covid crisis hits Australia's Aboriginal communities
CBC: Manitoba spends \$2.8M to boost vaccination rates among urban Indigenous population

Mahuru has also surfaced important successes for NPM researchers in the recent Endeavour Funding round.

NPM Board member Dr Jane Kitson (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Mamoe, Waitaha) and Dr Joanna Clappcott (Ngāti Porou) are the science leaders of 'Fish futures: preparing for novel freshwater ecosystems'...

NPM researchers Dr Phil Lyver (Ngāti Toarangatira ki Wairau) and Dr Shaun Awatere (Ngāti Porou) are key members of research teams that were also successful applicants...

Wellbeing: This song by Pere Whihongi in the tune of 'September by Earth, Wind & Fire' that celebrates Mahuru Māori and encourages us to celebrate te reo Māori all year round.



Kia kaha rā tātou! Tukuna te reo kia ree. Let's all make an effort. Unleash the Māori language so that it may soar.

Ngā Pou Matarua | Co-Directors
- Professor Linda Waimarie Nikora
- Professor Tahu Kukutai

Kaupapa o te Marama: September Māori Language Challenge



'Tawhiti rawa atu tō tātou haerenga te kore haere tonu, mahi rawa atu ā tātou mahi te kore mahi tonu'

These kupu from the late, great Tātokerau leader Sir James Heneia remind us that we have come too far not to go further, and have done too much not to do more...

Information was gathered from more than 700 community language people and 12 government departments to evaluate community efforts and government attitudes towards te reo.

The findings were included in a collection of research writings 'The Value of the Māori Language: Te Hui o te Reo Māori'...

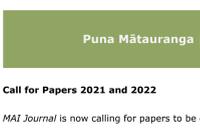
Rawinia says 'it's important to look back to appreciate just how much the language has been revitalised' (RNZ Interview: Te Hui o te Reo Māori, Māori Language Week, begins).

As she writes in The Spinoff, it takes one generation to lose a language and three generations to restore it.

In 2018 the Government set a target for one million New Zealanders (approximately 20% of the population) to be able to speak at least basic te reo Māori by 2040...

The movement to recognise and restore te reo is as important as ever.

Watch this short clip from 2011 that profiles the research study 'Te Kura Raua-Whairo'.



My role in the Kura Raua research project.

Rangahau | Research

'Puni reo: Normalising Māori Language in new domains'

Professor Jenny Lee Morgan and Dr Jennifer Martin

When we think of places where te reo Māori can flourish, we often think of marae, kōhanga and kura (Māori language preschools and schools)...



Puni Reo is becoming an important part of the contemporary Māori language movement, where te reo is promoted in everyday activities such as sports.

Jennifer says that 'Te Puni Reo aims to create an environment outside of strong reo areas. It's a place where te reo Māori can be heard and used by children on a daily basis.'

The research study focused on an annual Puni Reo Potararāhiti (Māori language netball event) held at Te Pai Netball courts in Waitakere...

As well as attending the event, the research team undertook interviews with organisers, teachers, umpires, coaches, parents and students to better understand the event's potential and multiple impacts.

As a Māori-language event, the Puni Reo is one which takes more than a team effort, involving those on and off the court.

Jennifer says that while there are a lot of netball tournaments held in Waitakere, English is the dominant language...

'We only have to look at the Pulse and rugby for examples. A number of famous athletes speak te reo Māori. The survival of the language doesn't solely rely on sports but it can certainly be a vehicle.'



Te Ao Māori News: Funding te reo sports events could be a game-changer in normalising te reo Māori

View the report here

Puna Mātaraunga | Publications, Journals

Call for Papers 2021 and 2022

MAI Journal is now calling for papers to be considered for publication in 2021 and 2022.

http://www.journal.mai.ac.nz/content/information-authors

All submissions received before 31 October will be prioritised for publishing in the next 2021 December Issue or the first 2022 June Issue.



MAI Journal publishes multidisciplinary peer-reviewed articles around indigenous knowledge and development in the context of Aotearoa New Zealand.

HUI | EVENTS, WEBINARS

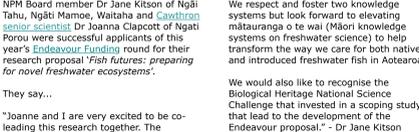
Save the Date! 20 October, NPM Webinar



NPM WEBINAR WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2021 | 12.00-1.00PM (NZT)

'He huringa āhuarangi, he huringa ao: a changing climate, a changing world'

A Kaupapa Māori Approach to Climate Change Risk Assessment for Aotearoa NZ



'Climate conditions will exacerbate many of the stresses and inequities already faced by Māori. There is a need to understand climate change risks from Te Ao Māori perspectives.'

In this webinar Dr Shaun Awatere will talk to some of the co-authors of a new report about why a Kaupapa Māori Risk Assessment Approach to climate change is important for Aotearoa New Zealand.

REGISTER ONLINE: www.maramatanga.ac.nz All welcome! Students, Leaders, Community Members

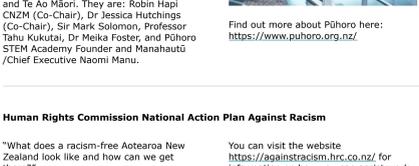
Join the authors of a new report 'He huringa āhuarangi, he huringa ao: a changing climate, a changing world' that argues for a kaupapa Māori approach to climate change assessment...

REGISTER HERE Wednesday, 20 October 12.00-1.00pm (NZT)

'He huringa āhuarangi, he huringa ao: a changing climate, a changing world' is due to be published 20 October 2021.

He Pitopito Kōrero | News, Announcements

Wāhine Māori Science Researchers at the top of their field



Jane with sons and hōa tāne (husband) in the lower Oreti River, Southland. (Photo Courtesy of Otago University Press. Photographer, Grant Maiden)

NPM Board member Dr Jane Kitson of Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Mamoe, Waitaha and Caythorpe...

We respect and foster two knowledge systems but look forward to elevating mātauranga o te wai (Māori knowledge systems on freshwater science) to help transform the way we care for both native and introduced freshwater fish in Aotearoa.

They say... 'Joanne and I are very excited to be co-leading this research together. The proposal's success recognises the importance of growing transdisciplinary capability in Aotearoa.'

We would also like to recognise the Biological Heritage National Science Challenge that invested in a scoping study that lead to the development of the Endeavour proposal.' - Dr Jane Kitson



Dr Joanna Clappcott

NPM Co-Directors Appointed to Inaugural Māori Charitable Trust for Pūhoro

A hugely successful programme that helps Māori high school students excel in science, technology, engineering and maths is now being overseen by an independent Māori trust...

The Trust will deliver an enhanced STEM kaupapa that recognises the value of mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge systems) alongside traditional STEM disciplines.

The Pūhoro STEM Academy was set up with Massey University in 2016 to work with local high schools to accelerate Māori student success in STEM subjects...

Tahu is excited by the opportunities to take the Pūhoro programme to more rangatahi: 'With our youthful Māori population, we need to be really purposeful in how we support rangatahi to participate and lead in STEM.'

Human Rights Commission National Action Plan Against Racism

'What does a racism-free Aotearoa New Zealand look like and how can we get there?'

You can visit the website https://againstracism.hrc.co.nz/ for information on how you can assist work towards the plan by making a submission.

The Race Relations Commissioner Meng Foon is calling for contributions to the development of a national action plan against racism.

Submissions will be treated anonymously, and the Commission will put them in a report to the government which is responsible for the plan and its implementation.

The Human Rights Commission (HRC) is engaging with the public over the best action to take to eliminate racism in Aotearoa New Zealand...

Now ora mai rā,

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