



# Waipipi School Newsletter

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**This week! Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Students may wear a wig with their school uniform.**  
**\$2 donation**

*Prefer not to buy a wig? You can make a wig using a template from the Wig Wednesday website, or fashion an original wig or headpiece of your own. Create wacky hair using ribbons, clips, temporary colouring or old-fashioned back-combing!*

## **Teachers Union Meeting**

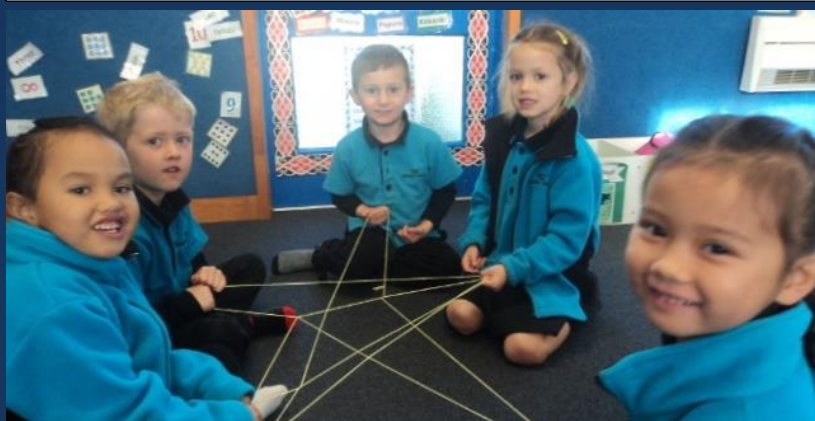
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June-**

Teachers will be attending an afternoon Paid Union Meeting. This is a very important meeting for all teachers to attend.

**Please collect your child from school at 12pm on this day.**

**Any child not able to be collected will be cared for by the school.**

## **Matariki Celebrations**



**Last week, these students were  
given a certificate for the Key  
Competency "Relating to Others"**

Rm 1 Stella Campbell  
Rm 2 Penelope Sturm  
Rm 3 Ruru Richardson  
Rm 4 Malikai Cussen  
Rm 5 Tabitha Thomson  
Rm 6 Te Hoia Moka  
Rm 7 Kian Macfarlane  
Rm 8 Ava Twidle  
Rm 9 Cole Evans

**Last week, these students were  
given a certificate for the value  
"Excellence"**

Rm 1 Brody Henwood  
Rm 2 Reia Richardson  
Rm 4 Hariata Moka  
Rm 5 Mason Morley  
Rm 6 Tyler Evans  
Rm 7 George Harrod  
Rm 8 Jack Heaford  
Rm 9 Carleigh Hall



# Were Maori pā sites the best way for Māori to live in pre-European Times?

By Drew Burrett Year 8

Māori Pā were a defensive structure that were invented for the purpose of storing food and supplies and were a refuge for Māori. Pā were also used as a place to go when their tribe was attacked. Māori Pa were mainly located in the North Island of New Zealand and only a few were found in the South Island. The reason the Māori usually lived in the North Island was because the temperatures were a lot warmer than the South Island. Māori also liked to live there because the North Island provided great fertile land to grow their crops. Māori pa provided defence against other attacking tribes. Māori would make sure that their pā was near a stream, river or ocean so they could have access to food. The Māori were very good at working together and they would live in large groups. This made it easier to maintain the Pā.

Māori pā sites were known for their defence advantages and disadvantages. Firstly, Māori pā were built on volcanos or raised land and they did this so they could dig out deep trenches. Trenches were dug so if an enemies were able to climb over they would have a nasty fall. Pā were also surrounded by giant palisades. The palisades were big and tall sticks that had sharp pointed tips. Pa were on tall hills so it made it easier to spot enemies and their advantage points. If they spotted enemies coming and felt threatened someone would warn the rest of the tribe of any approaching enemy by banging a wooden gong (pahu). Being up high was also an advantage with the pā, Maori would sometimes throw stones down upon the enemy. Pā would more likely be located near a forest. This made it an easy escape from enemies. Although pā were great they did have their disadvantages. For example, the majority of the pa were made of wood and this made it easy to burn and for enemies to destroy. Another thing was, when pā sites are attacked the people who are guarding outside the pā or even just inside it are very likely to be killed. Pā were very good when it came to providing defence considering they were attacked often by other neighbouring tribes. This made it very difficult to try and fix the pā so it provided top defence. Pā sites had a very great and complex design which was great when it came to defending their Māori homes.

Pā sites had great pros and cons when storing and growing food. Pā sites were located near shorelines on the coast so it made it easier to catch fish and collect food. What's more, they would also have a freshwater lake or stream nearby so they could have fresh water. Each tribe would have their own fishing ground and diving rocks. These were protected by kaitiaki (guardians). When growing kumara, Māori made sure they grew them in a swampy area. Māori would grow their crops close to the pā, this made it easy to collect food. Māori had storage and rua pits. (pits inside the pā.) This was done so other tribes couldn't easily steal the food. Nevertheless, Māori did have problems when it came to food. One issue they had was when Māori first arrived they had to help the plants they brought over (kumara, cabbage trees, yams and potatoes) from their islands, get used to the colder climates. Māori did this by using different methods using gravel, sand and shells. They also faced the problem of lack of food in the winter when their crops weren't growing. The Māori's main two problems were Kioere (Rats) stealing the food and other tribes taking the last of the food supplies in the colder months. Māori were very good at growing their food considering the circumstances they lived in.

There were positives and negatives when living in large groups in the pā. When living in a large group it made it easier to run. The more people in a pā makes it easier to catch and gather food. Another great advantage was that larger populated tribes had was winning a war. It made it easier to defend themselves if they had more warriors. Also if someone invaded their home they had a greater chance of surviving in a larger group. One of the other main problems with living in a large group is that they need to provide enough for everyone in the tribe. This would sometimes result in lack of food. You would also have a lot more jobs/rolls to do because there were more people. Also, if you were to hide from enemies in a big group there would be a lot more chance of being found. Another problem with living in larger groups was the hapu (subtribe) of an iwi (tribe) would ever so often fight each other.

As you can see, Māori pā were very important to pre-european Māori. They relied on the pā to store their food as well as provide them with defence against other attacking tribes. Defending and maintaining the pa was easier because Māori lived in larger groups.

To conclude, Māori pā was a very important way of living in the pre-European times. They had a very simple but sophisticated design that made them very tricky to get into.

## References:

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- <http://maorisource.com/Maorihistory.htm> Kurawha of Puketapu Pa by Graham Beals
- Discover New Zealand -The story of the Māori by Pita Graham





**On Friday 8th June, four Waipipi students took part in the 40th anniversary of the NZ Modern School of Music Counties guitar competition.** They all achieved excellent results as follows: **Ben Linnell** won a gold medal and a bronze medal. **James Clarke** won a silver medal, a bronze medal and a very highly commended award. **Lukus Vare** achieved a highly commended award, which is awesome as he only started learning guitar in term 1. **Nina Schoushkoff** achieved two highly commended awards.

## June 2018

If you are interested in learning more about learning guitar, ukulele, violin or recorder please email Alison Terry at [clantery1@gmail.com](mailto:clantery1@gmail.com)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17	18	19	20 Book Club Due back Wig Wednesday- \$2 donation	21	22	23
24	25 Teachers have a paid union meeting this afternoon.	26	27 School Speeches 10am	28	29 TECH	30

Please note change of date

## July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2	3	4	5 Waiuku School's Speech Contest	6 School ASSEMBLY End of Term 2	7 School Holiday

School Holiday

22 School Holiday	23 Term 3 Begins	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Ned Show for school 11:15 -12pm	31 Year 7-8 Netball				

## August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Individual Photos	4
5	6	7 Zone netball Yrs 5-6	8	9	10	11
12	13 BOT MTG 7pm All welcome	14 APPA Choir	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 MATHEX	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

