



# West Melton School

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Dear Whānau,

On the 15th and 16th of October (the first two days of term 4) we will be taking TĪ Kōuka learners to visit Ngāti Moki Marae at Taumutu.

Te Kura o Papatahōra (West Melton School) is in the area that is looked after by the people of Ngāti Moki Marae, Ngāti Ruahikihiki (a sub-tribe of Ngāi Tahu). Schools in the area can visit Ngāti Moki to learn about the history of the area and aspects of local Māori culture. This visit is an important event in the Year 4 calendar, and it delivers some important objectives from the Social Sciences learning area of the New Zealand Curriculum.

At the marae children will have an opportunity to experience a pōwhiri (formal welcome); share their pepeha (personal introduction); listen to a history talk by kaumātua (elder) Denise Sheat; learn about some of the carvings at the marae; and take a walk down to the beach. The class will be split in half and each learner will visit for one day. On the 15th of October children will be accompanied by Aaron Taylor, Pam Berry-Mason, and four parent helpers. On the 16th of October children will be accompanied by Chloe Cull, Nicole Allchurch, and four parent helpers.

## Leaving and Returning:

Children will be transported by bus to and from the marae. Children will need to **be at school by 8:30am** so that we can be at the marae for a 9:30am start. **We will return to school by 3:00pm.** We have chosen which children will visit on which date based on other events happening at school. There is a list on the TĪ Kōuka website, please let us know as soon as possible if this date doesn't suit your child and we will swap the dates.

## What to bring:

- A generous packed lunch
- School uniform
- Comfortable shoes for the walk to the beach
- A sun hat
- A jersey

## Payment and permission

The cost for buses and the marae visit is \$16 per child. This is able to be paid through the school shop which can be accessed via the school website. A permission slip is attached to the payment.

Please contact Chloe Cull if you have any questions: [chloe.cull@westmelton.school.nz](mailto:chloe.cull@westmelton.school.nz)