

“Ko te reo te Mauri o te mana Maori”



Kaihu Valley celebrates the Opening of the new Puna

On 9th May, the whānau of Kaihu/ Maropiu community celebrated the opening of the newly established Kaihu Valley Puna. It was great to see whānau, kaumatua and kuia, tamariki and mokopuna come out to tautoko this special day.

For a while now whānau have wanted their pre-schoolers to experience early childhood learning in an environment where te reo and tikanga Maori feature strongly. Until now there wasn't anything that met their needs but the opening of the puna has provided this opportunity.

Thanks were expressed to everyone who supported this kaupapa or had a hand in helping to make this a reality for our tamariki, particularly the BOT of Kaihu Valley School, Te Runanga o Ngati Whatua and Ministry of Education.

The puna is located onsite at Kaihu Valley School and is available 'free of charge' to those whānau wanting to join the weekly puna/playgroup sessions.

Whānau with tamariki under 5 years old are welcome to come and visit and stay during these sessions. These will be held;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday – 9.00 to 12.30 every week

If you simply want to have a look around or join the whānau for a cuppa then you are more than welcome to visit during these days.

If you want to know more ... please phone Cindy at the school on 09 439 0852.