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Te Rara Olive

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May you enjoy reading this edition, and as always, will see you next time!

Mark Ahiao.

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Cultural Experience Trip to Rarotonga - By Olivia Geange

Our Vision

“A thriving, diverse and modern community of lifelong learners “

Kia Ora. The Masterton intermediate School visited Rarotonga in October 2023. the group included 31 students and 4 teachers. This is the second time the school has visited the island for a cultural experience, the first time was in 2019. All of the students that came are in the schools' Polynesian performing arts group. They have learnt songs and dances from across the Pacific.

The aim of the trip was to visit schools around Rarotonga and experience the culture in its authenticity. As group leaders, we prepared a daily program for our students to follow.

Picture taken, at the Titikaveka College sports field



The group visited Arorangi Primary School and Titikaveka College. Sharing and experiencing their culture with students. They attended the Sunday church service at Arorangi Cook Islands Christian Church (CICC), after a special morning with the church members. We were honoured to hold a group photo taken with the Queen of Vaka Puaikura, Tinomana Tokerau Ariki outside her palace.

The group also visited Te Ara Museum to listen to Stan Wolfgram explain the Great Migration and the islands plan for sustainable development.

Picture taken, In front of Au Maru Palace. With Tinomana Tokerau Ariki & Lady Tuaine Marsters Sunday 15th October 2023 at 11.20am



The group stayed at the Arorangi Backpackers from Friday 13th to the 20th October 2023 and explore few other places on the Island.

Upon arrival at the Rarotonga International Airport, we were welcomed by our friend, Nga-ra Katuke with flower eis. I am so thrilled to meet her again, the island way with a true smile and fragrant flower ei's. Our school Principal, Mr Russell Thompson, Mrs Raana Campbell, Rachel Allsworth and myself as Deputy Principal, Olivia Geange were all excited for our arrival to Rarotonga. Our group sung a well-known Cook Island song (Nga-Pu-Ariki te vaka o Ru) upon our arrival at the lounge area to show our appreciation to the Cook Islands people.

We would like to thank the people of Rarotonga for making us feel welcome and ensuring that our students got the most out of their time on Rarotonga. The principal, teachers and students of Arorangi Primary School and Titikaveka College for accepting us to visit their school and have some fun and exciting program with them all.

Thank you so much.

Kia Manuia and see you all in 2024!

Nga Mihi!

Written & Pictures provided by the Deputy Principal, Olivia Geange



Closing Church Parade 2023

By Te Rara Olive (TRO)

Kia Orana. On a beautiful Sunday 12th November 2023, our uniform groups came together to close the year's program in the Arorangi CICC Ekalesia at the 10.00am church service. This was our last combined church parade held for the Boys Brigade, Girl Guides and the Girls Brigade movements.

Meitaki Ngao to all our section leaders for devoting your time and effort each year from February to November.

Meitaki Ranuinui to our all our parents and guardians in each Ekalesia for your words of encouragement and bringing our girls and boys to the uniform events, programs and training throughout the year.

Meitaki Korereka to all our church leaders and members for your huge support and contribution towards our programs, that will improve the life of our young women and men.

Ata wai wolo to all our stakeholders for being part of our journey to enable us to train our next generation of leaders.

Meitaki Polia to all our government ministries for connecting with our uniform groups to support national events in our small paradise and various opportunities for our young people.

Lastly to our heavenly Father for keeping us safe at all times in all, our many programs/events locally, nationally and internationally. Thank you for your guidance. **Kia Manuia.**

Deuteronomy 31:6 says "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid of terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you, he will never leave you nor forsake".

Written by Te Rara Olive (TRO)

Pictures provided by Nina Neubauer

Girl Guide



Girls Brigade



Boys Brigade



Our Journey to Rarotonga

by Steve Wheeler

Kia Ora, I would like to share some of our stories while visiting Rarotonga in October 24th - 31st, 2023. I was so fortunate to lead a team of 23 students from our two Masterton Catholic Schools - St Patrick's & Chanel College joined together for our first overseas trip. In the team we have teachers and supporters. We stayed at the Edgewater Resort & Spa. The group of students many of whom hadn't flown or left New Zealand before had an amazing time exploring the beautiful island of Rarotonga.

The experience of being away from home and learning about and experiencing a new culture was something they will remember forever.



Our highlights of the trip included a cultural show at the Edgewater Resort & Te Vara Nui, Koka Lagoon cruise, Church service, swimming with turtles led by Snorkel Cook Islands and a trip to Te Ara Museum. Cruising on our van around the island are so relaxing and site seeing the villages around Rarotonga.

We also witnessed the Cook Islands Christian Church Gospel Day celebration at the Titikaveka Sports field on October 26th, although we were there for a short while, we saw some beautiful presentations by the church members and it was a truly interesting experience for our students.



But the main highlight for the students was the time spent at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. They loved meeting the children, making friends, learning about their school and playing sports together.



We look forward to another trip to Rarotonga in 2024 with a new group of students and helping them make lifetime memories!

We would like to acknowledge the school teachers and parents at St Joseph Primary School for looking after us, during our visits to the school.

I would like to Thank a friend of my wife, Ms Ngara Katuke who welcomed us with beautiful garlands for all our students and teachers.

Story written & Pictures provided by Steve Wheeler

Prefect Ceremony Day

By Katetubeta Katuke

Our School Motto says "Kia Pakari, Kia Rangatira"



Turou, Oro Mai! My name is Katetubeta Katuke. I am very proud to have been elected as the Assistant Head girl of Apii Rutaki, a school i have attended since early childhood.

There were 6 of us elected as the new Prefect for the school.

Head girl – Marius Maoate, Jazeladi Andrew.
Boys Leaders - Maxwell Metuataopu, Joshua Turaganicolo and Ikurangi Tiro.

A big meitaki maata to our families for joining us, on our Prefect Investiture Day held on Friday 23rd February 2024. Some of our guests are Papa Nio Mare, Mama Ititau, Mama Tinomana Tokerau Ariki, PTA Chairman – Glassie Matata and our families.



Most of my fellow leaders are also members of the Arorangi CICC Ekalesia that belongs to the Sunday school, Girl Guides, Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade. My hope is that, being part of the uniform organization groups will also groom us to become good role model to fellow students.



Thank you to our parents, guardians, teachers, students and friends for your continuous support and we look forward to the challenges ahead of us. Special appreciation to my Dad & Mum (Taomia & Ngavaevae Katuke) and my sisters and brothers for being with me at all my events in the past, and today is special in my school pathway. To all my Katuke & Tamarangi families - I love you all.

Kia Manuia I teia mataiti ou!

Psalm 23:1 says "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want"

**Written by Katetubeta Katuke
Supported by TRO
Pictures provided by the CINEWS & family members**

CITTI GRADUATION

By Te Rara Olive (TRO)

Te karanga nei te tango a te CITTI “Tavini no to tatou Ipukarea”

TUROU, ORO MAI! Paraparau, ra 29 Peperuare 2024 I te ora 10.00 I te popongi, I roto I te Are Karioi Nui, kua raveia tetai akararangi'anga I te au tamariki apii, tei pti I ta ratou apii I roto I te Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute (CITTI), Ministry of Education Teachers Training e te Cook Islands Sports & National Olympic Committee (CISNOC)

E ra maata teia no te au tamariki apii, tei kapiti mai to ratou au metua, kopu tangata e te au taeake I te matakitaki I teia akakoro'anga maata I te reira ra.

Kua tae mai te Mata ote Ariki Tane, koia a Sir Tom Marsters e Lady Tuaine Marsters, te Minita o te Maraurau o te Apii, koia te Minita Mac Mokoroa, Kaumataiti Nui – Tou Ariki, Kaumataiti Iti – Tinomana Tokerau Ariki e te Ui Ariki o te enua, e pera katoa tetai au tangata maata mei roto mai I te Kavamani e te vai atura tei patia kia tae mai.

Kua rave mai te anau tamariki Tereora I ta ratou tuanga, koia te Tangi Kaara ete Turou-

anga I te au tamariki apii no ratou teia Ra maata. Kua akamata teia angaanga na roto ite akono-anga Pure, tei raveia mai ete Orometua o te Ekalesia Avarua, Orometua Metu Une. Ko te Vaa tuatua no teia angaanga koia ko Cleo Marsters.

Kua manea te au angaanga tei raveia, mei te au tamariki tei kapikiia to ratou ingoa ki runga I te taua, e tae uatu kite kopu tangata I te akaei-anga.

Kua ikiia mai tetai mata, ei tupau I te au vaa tuatua mei roto mai I te maine Akatere o te Apii, koia a Tania Morgan e pera katoa te Minita Mac Mokoroa. Kua riro teia tuanga nei, na Teariki Purua I oronga I te karere mei roto mai I te **140** tamariki apii I te reira popongi, no to ratou, Ra maata.

E manitia aia I roto I tana ngai angaanga I roto I te opati o Te Tango Akatanotano. E metua Diakono aia I roto I te Ekalesia Arorangi e koia katoa tetai Arataki o te Mapu I roto I tona Tapere Ruaau.

Kua tuku aia I tona manako I te Akameitaki-anga I te au Puapii e tetai uatu turanga I roto I te oraanga apii o te au tangata tei autu I te korona. I roto katoa I tana tuatua, kua akaaite aia I te turanga o te tamariki apii mei te Toki e va'iraia I te au tuatau katoatoa. Ka riro tei ei akara-anga no te tuatau ki mua.



Tutu neneia kite pae I te Mata o te Ariki Tane – Sir Tom Marsters & Lady Tuaine Marsters

Kua maeva ua aia I te rekareka I roto I tana ngai angaanga, e au tangata tetai tei aruaru I teia tuanga apii e kua kite aia I te meitaki, e kua pa'ti ratou, mei te 15 au tangata mei roto mai I te opati ote Tango Akatanotano.

Kua akaoki aia I tana akameitaki-anga ki to ratou au Akaaere, tei tutaki I ta ratou au apii, kia meitaki ta ratou au turanga angaanga. Kua ngakau parau aia, tona irinaki-anga kua pera katoa to ratou au metua e te kopu tangata.

Kua popani aia I tana karere manea na roto ite buka **Galatia 6: 9, "Auraka tatou e roiroi I te takinga meitaki, ei te tuatau tikai oki tatou e kokoti ei, kia kore tatou e akaparuparu"**

Kua akaoti atu teia angaanga maata na roto I te Pure Akaoti, tei raveia e te Orometua Metu Une. Meitaki maata e te au taeake no ta kotou turuturu. Kua katikati te katoatoa e kua maeva ua I te rekareka I te au turanga o te anau tamariki apii tei autu I ta ratou apii.

Kia akamaroiroi uatu rai, e Kia Manuia!



Ra maata no te Kopu tangata Purua. Joseph Purua e Apolo Purua tei rauka to raua peapa teitei "New Zealand Certificate in Business (Introduction to Team Leadership) Level 3



Teariki Purua, e tapapa nei i tona taime no te aere atu ki runga I te taua, no te ariki I tona peapa teitei "New Zealand Certificate in Business (First Line Management) Level 4. Kua kitea te ngakau aruaru o teia kopu tangata kia rauka to ratou turanga meitaki. E tokotoru ratou mei roto mai I te Kopu Tangata PURUA.

*Tataia e te Te Rara Olive (TRO)
Tutu neneia e Violet Tisam e te CITTI*

My Journey for 21 Years

By TRO

Turou, Oro Mai! Tamarangi Tamarangi Jnr celebrated his 21st birthday on Saturday 23rd of December 2023 at their beach house in Rutaki village with families and friends. The Orometua Rahai Nanua conducted the Prayer service. Families from Australia and New Zealand came together to mark and celebrate this milestone.

Tamarangi Jnr is the third child of Tamarangi and Vaiana Tamarangi (nee Tuaputa). His older sisters came over from New Zealand to celebrate his birthday. He was presented with a 21st Birthday key with a unique design of a stunt motorbike shape. More special gifts were presented to him by his family and friends.

His education life, begins at the Rutaki Primary School, Tereora College, Titikaveka College and Te Uki Tumanava at the Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute. His career path was working at the Cook Islands Motor Centre for few

years and later at the Freezing work in New Zealand for a couple of years.

His church life begins in the Rutaki Sunday School, in the Rutaki & Aroa Christian Youth Club and Arorangi CICC.



He comes from Ngati Tinomana linkage of Puaikura in the Napa line, Tunupopo Linkage of Rakahanga & Manihiki, Riki Linkage of Penrhyn, Langatule Linkage of Niue, Mitiaro and Mangaia. Tuaputa Linkage of Mangaia. He is a humble and quiet person. He is a well-respected young man by his family and friends. Meitaki maata to my parents, sisters and brothers and all my families for your support and contribution to my special day and throughout my life.

Psalm 118: 24 says “This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it”.

I thanked God for his gift to me every day and keeping me safe at all times for 21 years.

Meitaki maata e Kia Manuia! Te Atua te aroa!

Written by Te Rara Olive (TRO)



Sweet 80th Birthday

By Te Rara olive (TRO)



Oh a beautiful sunny afternoon, on Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 4.00pm.

Mama Mii Metua Katuke of Avatiu celebrated her 80th Birthday with her families and friends.

Aunty Rouru Motu the MC welcomed all invited guests and they shared lots of fun and exciting stories of Mama Mii and her families.

The opening prayer service was conducted by a Catholic Deacon, Mr Karl Glassie. Mama Mii is a well-known lady in the community of Avatiu and she is an active member in the Avarua

Catholic Parish. Her children and grandchildren from New Zealand and Rarotonga gathered to celebrate her 80th Birthday.

Her children gave thanks to the Lord for keeping their Mum alive and giving her the strength and good health for 80 years. Meitaki maata to Mum's friends and families For your support and contributions.

Maseli 31: 29

“E manganui te vaine akono meitaki, ko koe ra tei tu ke ia ratou katoa”.

Te Atua te aroa.

***Tataia e te Te Rara Olive (TRO)
Tutu neneia e Nina Neubauer***



89 Years of God's Blessing

By Te Rara Olive (TRO)



Mama Mii Martin.

Welcome! Mrs Mii Martin was born on the 23rd of January 1935 on Rarotonga. She celebrated her 89th birthday with families and friends on Saturday the 20th of January 2024. She has a son and a daughter born and raised in New Zealand. She is blessed with grandchildren and great grandchildren. She lived in Auckland for over 60 years.

Her daughter May and son in law Donald Beer & their children hosted her 89th birthday at their Vaimaanga Home for over 80 close family members.

Mii is an active member of the Titikaveka CICC Ekalesia, whom have returned from New Zealand about 20 plus years now. She is the eldest daughter of the late Papa Aue Katuke and the late Mama Tutai nee Koia. Her family comes from the Tamakeu Lineage of Takitumu

and Katuke Lineage of Mangaia.

Mama Mii's normal week includes a monthly Doctors appointment to check her vitals. She loves a café date with sisters or her daughter, or anyone wanting to take out for a latte. She must not forget her hair salon visit for some pampering. She loves to work around her home in Rutaki doing normal household light duties as she loves to stay active.

Mama Mii enjoys to keep up with the news by listening to the Radio, watching television and reading the newspaper. She also loves to keep in touch with her family and friends near and far when she can.

Mama Mii is thankful to her families and friends for joining her on her 89th Birthday celebration. She loves her family so much and always donating and contributing financially to any family programs, community, church events and other fund raising initiatives. She is a humble, caring and kind hearted women in the family.

Congratulations and God bless you on your special day.

Written by Te Rara Olive (TRO)

Picture provided by Tapita Nia e Mama Maura Katuke



30 Mataiti – Ereia e te Oraanga Akaipoipo

By Te Rara Olive (TRO)



Kia Orana! I te ra 19 Peperuare 1994, i roto i te Are Pure-Silo i Vaimaanga, Titikaveka, kua itikiia kite kopapa okotai, kua riro mai a Taomia Katuke e Ngavaevae (nee Tamarangi) ei metua tane ete metua vaine, I roto I te oraanga akaipoipo.



Kua akamanuia mai te Atua ia raua, e 3 tamaroa, e 4 tamaine, e 8 ai mokopuna. E mema Ekalesia i roto I te Ekalesia Arorangi no tetai tuatau roa. Kareka I te mataiti 2021, ra 3 Tinuare, kua riro mai raua ei Diakono no te Tapere Rutaki. Ta raua au putuputu-anga e tomo ana, Rutaki & Aroa Christian Youth Club, Rutaki Sunday School ete Rutaki Vainetini.

E kumiti turuturu I te angaanga ate Arorangi Girl Guides Company, Arorangi Brass Band e tetai uatu putuputu-anga I roto I te Ekalesia.

E metua turuturu I te Apii Rutaki, Apii Arorangi, Apii Tereora I roto I te tuatau I ta raua tamariki tei aere kite apii.

To raua tupu-anga I roto I to raua Tapere Rutaki, Arorangi e Vaimaanga, Titikaveka. E mea inangaro maata I to raua kopu tangata katoatoa, e te tauturu I te au angaanga me kite raua I te au kapikianga.

I te popongi Ruitoru, I muri ake I te Pure popongi. Kua parani raua I te oronga I tetai akameitaki-anga ki to raua kopu tangata e te au taeake I roto I te Evangelia I tetai kapu ti, ei akamaara I to raua 30 mataiti Akaipoipo.

Meitaki Ngao, Meitaki Polia, Meitaki Korereka ki ta raua anau katoatoa, te ai unuonga, te au ai mokopuna no ta kotou turuturu-anga ia raua I te au tuatau I topa ki muri. No te akarongo mai I to raua reo kapiki I te au atianga ka anoanoia tetai tauturu mei roto mai ia kotou. To raua au taeake I roto I te Evangelia, Tapere, e te ngai angaanga. Meitaki maata no ta kotou tauturu-anga.

Kua ngakau parau raua e kua taeia e raua teia tuatau roa o te oraanga akaipoipo. Ki to tatou Atua no tana tiaki-anga ia raua e ta raua anau katoatoa. Thank you.

Te karanga nei ta raua irava: - **Maseli 3: 3**
Auraka rava te aroa e te tuatua-mou e taka ke ia koe ra, e ri piri tikai ki runga I to kaki na, e tata oki I te reira ki rung ai te papa o toou ngakau.

Tataia e te Te Rara Olive (TRO)
Tauturuia e te anau tamariki, Kopu tangata e te au taeake.



Special Day – God loves Me!

By Katetubeta Katuke

Kia Orana. I am 11 years old. I was born on the 21st February 2013 here in Rarotonga. My dad's name is Taomia and my mum's name is Ngavaevae. I have 3 older sisters and 3 older brothers. Today I am a proud Aunty of 5 nephews and 3 nieces. I am the youngest child of Taomia and Ngavaevae Katuke.



ABOUT ME:

- I attend Rutaki Sunday School and have always been part of our Sunday youth rallies each year.
- I am a Brownie in the Arorangi Girl Guides Company and I have been joining in many local and national/annual programs such as: World thinking day, combined church parades, Cook Islands Day, Monday meetings.
- I attend the Arorangi CICC Church every Sunday.
- I have participated in church programs such as: Pure Epetoma, Oroa, Tieni Kumiti, Visiting teams, Gospel Day celebrations, Teretere Apii Sabati, Teretere Mapu, Christmas Carol, church parades, Youth Rallies, Sunday School Rallies, Vainetini Programs and the Tapere Rutaki events.
- I am currently attending Rutaki Primary

School. Meitaki maata to all my teachers for your many help each year.

- I am also happy to be part of the 200 Years celebration on Rarotonga last year. Our Rutaki Primary School took part in the Apai Rama in Puaikura under the leadership of Tinomana Tokerau Ariki and the Aronga Mana of Puaikura.
- I want to say, thank you maata to my parents, my brothers & sisters for their love and taking care of me, every day of my life. I love them all.

Special Akameitaki'anga to all my family friends, Doctors and Nurses here in the Cook Islands, New Zealand and abroad and the entire community of Puaikura who had looked after me, during my medical referral trip to New Zealand in August 2022.

Every day I pray with my Mum to the Lord for his healing hands upon me and I returned to Rarotonga in June 2023.

Meitaki Korereka for all your many prayers and words of encouragement. Thank you God for your help and looking after me and my families.

I would like to conclude with a Sunday school chorus.

***“My God loves me and all the wonders I see
The rainbow shine through my window
My God loves me”!***

Written by Katetubeta Katuke

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