

# Nuhaka

*Rugby 120th Jubilee*  
1878 ~ 1998



*School Centennial*  
1898 ~ 1998



**Whaitahi Tatou**  
**Katoa – Ake Tonu**  
**Atu**

***Nuhaka School***  
***1898 - 1998***

***'The Centennial Celebration'***



***Nuhaka Rugby Club***  
***1878 - 1998***

***'The 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary'***

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### **Profiles of Past Students**

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## *Part Three*

### **Registers from Nuhaka Schools 1898 - 1998**

**Copies (1898 - 1910) by Permission  
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## *Part Four*

### **Nuhaka Rugby Club 1878 - 1998**

**Preface : Bryce McPherson Editor "Wairoa Star"**

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**President's Welcome: Ashby Crombie**

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have been adapted from the Rugby Centennial Magazine 1978.**

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# Nuhaka School

*Moumoukai te Maunga, Tu mai na!  
Te Whakaruru, Te Whare Korero,  
E Kore e Riro!*

**MOUMOUKAI** the MAUNGA!  
Greetings & Salutations!  
Our mountain home, refuge and fortress,  
Repository of histories and 'taonga'  
Never desecrated, Never taken,

*Waitirohia, te Awa Nuhaka, E rere na!  
Te Matapuna o te Ora!  
E kore e maroke!*

**WAITIROHIA** our **NUHAKA RIVER!**  
Continuously flowing and affording  
The life-preserving fountain,  
Our enduring existence.  
Our endless resource!

*Rakaipaaka te Iwi o raitou ma!  
Kore! E Kore e Ngaro!*

**RAKAIPAAKA!**  
Descendants of those long gone!  
The bold and the brave! Lost? Vanquished?  
**NEVER! NO NEVER!**

*Written by Paora Whaanga, 1996 for Te Iwi O Rakaipaaka  
"The essence of the Nuhaka Spirit"*



# *Te Powhiri*

*Hei runga! Hei raro!*

*Hei! Ha! Aue!*

*Nga Manuhiri Tuarangi*

*Haere mai! Haere mai! Aue!*

*Nga Morehu o nga Roopu Whutupooro*

*Whakanuitia! Whakanuitia!*

*Te Rau-ruatekautautanga*

*O nga takoro whutupooro*

*I roto o Rakaipaaka*

*Au! Au! Aue! Ha!*

*Haruru ana! Paoro-oro ana*

*Ki taku Maunga, Ki Moumoukai!*

*A-u-e!*

*Nga Timuaki, Nga Kaiako,*

*Nga Kaiawhina me Nga Akonga*

*O mua rano ki tenei wa*

*Haere! Haere! Haere mai!*

*Haere! Haere! Haere mai!*

*Ki te Rauautanga o taku Kura!*

*Toia mai! Te waka!*

*Ki te urunga! Te waka!*

*Ki te moenga! Te waka!*

*Ki te takotoranga I takoto ai*

*Te Waka Hei!*

Branches aloft! Lowered!

Hei! Ha! Yes!

Visitors from far and wide

Welcome! Welcome! Yes!

Survivors of Rugby Teams

Let's Celebrate

The 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Of the game in

Rakaipaaka!

Shout in acclamation!

Let the echoes reverberate

From Mount Moumoukai!

A-u-e!

Principals, Teachers

Assistants, Students

From the past-

To the present

Welcome to our

School Centenary!

Drag hither the canoe!

To it's pillow, the canoe!

To it's bed, the canoe!

To it's resting place,

Safe and secure!

*Composed for this special event by*

*Hana Mita (nee Whaanga) 1998.*

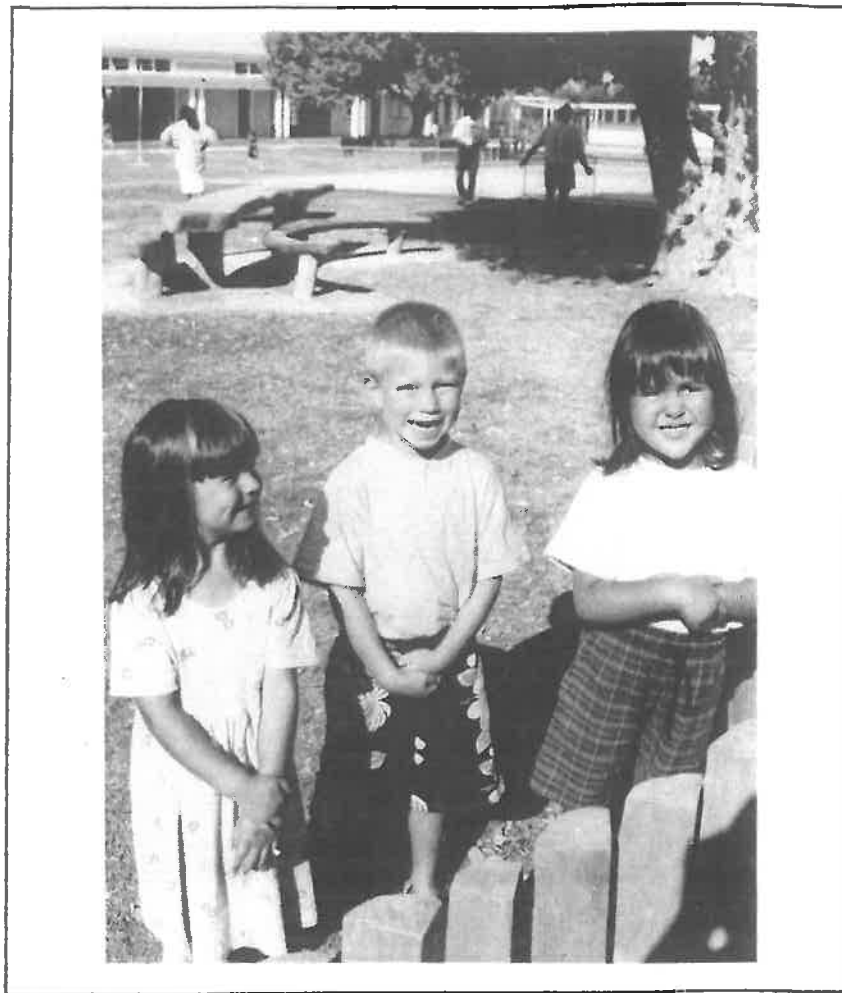
## REUNION PROGRAMME

<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.</b>    <i>Late Registrations</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><b>4.00 p.m.</b>    <i>Marauders' Meeting</i></p> <p><b>5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.</b>    <i>Dinner</i></p> <p><b>7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.</b>    <i>Late Registrations</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><i>Cocktail hour</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><i>Meet Old Friends</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><b>8.00 p.m.</b>    <i>Social Evening</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><i>MC's Mo Ropitini &amp; Caleb Maitai</i></p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p><b>7.00 a.m. - 8.00 a.m.</b>    <i>Breakfast</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><b>8.00 a.m.</b>    <i>Late Registrations</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><b>9.00 a.m.</b>    <i>Karakia</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><i>Powhiri &amp; Official Opening</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><i>Cutting of the Cake</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><i>Tree Planting</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><i>Photographs</i></p> <p><b>12.30 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.</b>    <i>Luncheon</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><b>1.30 p.m.</b>    <i>"Marauders vs Present Day"</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><b>5.00 p.m.</b>    <i>Rugby Presentations</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><b>6.30 p.m.</b>    <i>Banquet</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><b>8.30 p.m.</b>    <i>Reunion Ball</i></p>
<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.</b>    <i>Combined Church Service</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><b>11.00 a.m.</b>    <i>Brunch</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><i>Poroporoake</i></p>



*"Whaia te Matauranga - Whaitahi Tatou Katoa"  
...and on into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century...*





*New Entrants, Centennial Year, January 1998*

Jessica Harvey (South African); Lance Har'm Kuil (Dutch); Lorraine Symes (Rakaiapaaka)

**NUHAKA SCHOOL AND RUGBY RE-UNION COMMITTEE - EASTER 1998**

Chairperson:	T K (Ted) Whaanga
Secretary:	Lillias Morgan
Treasurers:	Hana Whaanga; Nick Chapman
Registrations:	Ethel Reo; Rose Karangaroa (Many thanks to Lucy Trass-Maraki who has moved to Auckland because of serious medical complications. Our thoughts and best wishes are with her and her family.)
Advertising:	Ted Whaanga; Peter Steele
Catering:	Dawn Karangaroa; Lillian Wolferstan; Joyce Lloyd; Moe Pere
Entertainment:	John Reo; Pauline Symes; Donna Jane
Souvenirs:	Paige Boswell; Nel Boswell; Iris McGhee (To Lynn Hastings who, with her family, has left the district, many thanks. They will all be missed)
Photographs:	Nel Boswell
Grounds:	Ashby Crombie; Shirley Taylor
Liquid Refreshments:	Terry Hickling; Bill Morgan
Powhiri & Protocols:	Hana Mita; Pani "Dickie" Ngatai
Re-union Publication:	Huia (Christy) Koziol; Awhitia (Pere) Forbes-Brown;

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## RE-UNION CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME....

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Easter 1998

**E NGA HOA RANGATIRA! E NGA TUAKANA! E NGA TUAHINE! E NGA TEINA!  
NAU MAI! HAERE MAI! HAERE MAI!**

Ten years ago, at the 90th anniversary of the Nuhaka School and the 110th celebration of Nuhaka Rugby, it was unanimously agreed that we should all gather together again to celebrate the Centennial Year of Education in Nuhaka, and the 120th Rugby Jubilee. It is therefore with great pleasure, that I welcome you all, on behalf of the Re-union Committee.

Centennials, jubilees, re-unions are all times for the renewing, reaffirming and strengthening of the bonds of friendship and camaraderie which were forged many years ago in school and on the rugby field. It is our wish that this will be a happy and memorable weekend for everyone.

To those of you who have travelled from distant shores to be here, those who are returning to Nuhaka after long absences, **Welcome Home!**

Again, on behalf of the Reunion Committee,

**NAU MAI! HAERE MAI! HAERE MAI!  
HOKI AROHA MAI KI TE KAINGA!**

**T.K. (Ted) WHAANGA**  
**Chairman**  
Nuhaka School & Nuhaka Rugby  
Reunion Committee.



*Ted Whaanga was enrolled at the Nuhaka Native School from 1938-47. The Headmasters during that period were, Mr Woodley, Mr Rolland and Mr Telfer.*

*Ted has been a Nuhaka Rugby Club player, coach, administrator, committee member and President since first donning the "Star" to play for the Nuhaka Seniors in 1949 at sixteen years of age. Today Ted serves as Club Patron and has been honoured with "Life Membership" status.*

*Ted is married to Hana (nee Robinson) whose tenure of forty years teaching service at Nuhaka School is only closely challenged by the thirty-nine years service of Ethel (nee Lewis) Reo. Ted and Hana have three daughters and a son, all of whom attended Nuhaka School. Daughters Paddy and Deidre are teachers, daughter Marie lives in Sydney, Australia. Son, David Thomas is currently Coach for the Nuhaka Rugby team. He has served as PI in the NZ Army; PI for the NZ Police, and is at present in his last year of Bi-lingual Teacher Training.*

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*Ted is retired and serves as a Justice of Peace and Marriage Celebrant.*

## EDITORS COMMENT....

A substantial part of the early school and rugby histories included in this magazine have been reprinted from previous re-union publications in order to include valuable information previously recorded. This has been done to achieve a balanced and as complete a history as is possible of both the rugby club which is now into its 120<sup>th</sup> year and in particular, our school, which officially celebrates 100 years of education in Nuhaka.

Acknowledged is the proud history of the Nuhaka Rugby Club. Its contributions to provincial, national and international, as well as club achievements and pride, is well documented. One would not be identified as 'True-Blue Nuhaka' if one's whole being did not swell with pride at the sight of the "White Star" worn by team members. Long may it lead the way. Long may it be worn with pride.

No apology will be made for the fact that the bias of the school history and recollections is focussed mainly on the development of the Maori or Native School. The Nuhaka School today evolved from that Native school established one hundred years ago and most of the contributions are from ex-Native or Maori School pupils.

While we celebrate one hundred years of education in Nuhaka, it is understood that the earliest education for Nuhaka Maori and a few Pakeha children was conducted by Mormon Missionaries in "Hirere", the Hirini Whaanga homestead. This would have been about 1894 when the homestead was turned over to the missionaries prior to Hirini Whaanga's departure, with his wife and other whanau members, for Utah in the U.S.A. "Hirere" once stood near the site of the railway station which closed in 1988. Presbyterian Missionaries, soon after, established a Mission School for mainly Pakeha children on the northern side of the Nuhaka River.

Serious separation of Maori and Pakeha education services commenced in 1911 when a Public or Board School was opened, again on the north side of the river. This separation continued until 1962 when the Maori School and the Public School amalgamated. Reference will be made to the long-running rivalry, old animosities and resentments that existed between the two schools. Over the years, these resentments emerge every now and then when there are problems and decisions involving both Maori and Pakeha. That these are worked through satisfactorily says much for the calibre of the 'tangata whenua - both Maori and Pakeha'.

A peculiarity of the area, is the strong sense of parochialism. The local Rakaipaaka proverb, "Nga Whare Rau o Te Tahinga", is offered as an explanation. Te Tahinga, a Rakaipaaka chief, gave equal status, equal rights to all his sons. This gave each whanau or family, who have roots in Rakai-paaka, in Nuhaka, the right to be heard, to voice their opinions, to be respected as a rangatira. These rights, are also extended, with

reservations, to some of the old established Pakeha families. It is therefore very difficult for someone, Pakeha or Maori, who has no roots or strong connection in the area to gain recognition or status or indeed to even understand the place. Without strong ties, the newly arrived and even some who have resided for years in the area, no matter their contributions to the community, are often dismissed as 'imports'.

This year of 1998, sees the drawing to an end of the first decade of "Tomorrow's Schools". During this period we have seen the establishment of an Immersion or Rumaki i te Reo Unit at the school, the upskilling of Information Technology, the loss of stable staffing through retirement or resignations to take up other positions. We have seen the loss and/or changes to old school traditions, identity and values.

The strictures imposed on schools and their communities by today's hard-nosed, financial 'must-have', 'user-pays' society, make the job of educators that much more difficult. With this in mind we salute the Board of Trustees and teaching staff of present-day Nuhaka School. You have been entrusted to be keepers not only of 'Tomorrow's School' but also of yesteryear's traditions and values.

Do not lose sight of the traditions and values for they have brought the people here to celebrate the centennial of a place they hold dear. The ground your school stands on does not belong to you. It is 'wahi tapu', sacred ground, 'he taonga tuku iho', a sacred trust, gifted and sanctified for the sole purpose of educating the children of Rakaipaaka, be they Maori or Pakeha. Your responsibility is great, not only to our children but also to those of us who fiercely guard our identity and pride in being graduates of the Nuhaka School - Native, Maori or Public.

Many, many thanks to all those whose contributions to this booklet have made past school years come alive again. My thanks to Sonya Michaelsen and Lyn Christy who assisted in the initial layout and typing. Many, many thanks to Awhitia (Pere) Forbes-Brown and Leota Te Ngaio for assistance with the 'hard slog', the researching of names and the typing.

Ahakoia, "He whatu ngarongaro he tangata,

Ko te kainga, Ko te kura, Ko te Whetu,  
Tutonu....."

[Even though, "We may disappear from sight,  
Home, School and The Star remain constant...."]



Hula (Christy) Koziol (B.A./ Dip. Maori Dev)