

Hato Paora tour

Hato Paora Maori Boys College near Feilding were away on a cultural tour of the South Island in May.

Deputy Principal, Father Earl Crotty said the tour had a number of objectives as few of the boys had been to the South Island or experienced 'Maoriness' in the southern latitudes.

"We feel we have something to give by way of cultural exchange in our concerts and meeting with old boys of the school, and are very much in the position of receiving the love and friendship and hospitality of those who worked to make our ten day tour a success."

As well as the concerts, Hato Paora College had three rugby games, which at the time of the magazine going to print, were undecided. Father Crotty said the parents of boys from the South Island were very keen to see the school in action in their part of New Zealand, as that kept alive the family spirit in the college.

Most of the finance for the tour was raised by the students themselves, with a generous grant by the college's PTFA, and another by the Maori and Island Education section of the Education Department.

Travelling on the tour were Brother Bernard Stevenson, S.M. the coach of the 1st XV; Father James Gresham, S.M. College Rector; and 40 students, 12 staff and parents.



Hato Paora College students and staff at the Treaty House, Waitangi

Letters to the Editor

Te Kai-whiriwhiri,

Tēnā ano rā koe e noho mai rā i te upoko — o — Te-Ika, i raro i ā tātou maunga tapu mē ā tātou moana whakaherehere i te tini mē te mano. E kore rā e ēa ngā mihi ki ā koe mē āu hoa — mahi mō te kaha papai o ngā kōrero mē ngāwhakaaro ē pā ana ki ā tātou te iwi Māori. Hēoi anō i te kaha papai o tētahi o ngā kōrero a tētahi kōtiro (ko Angie Harawira tōno ingoa, nō te kura ā Taupo — nui — a — Tia ia), Ka puta ake te hiahia i roto i ahau kia tonu atu i ōku nei whakaaro mō taua kōrero.

Ki ahau nei, kia kaha ake tātou ki te hāpai i ēnei wāhi kohikohinga. Kia kaha hoki tātou ki te hāpai i tō tātou reo. Nā, i raro i tēnei kaupapa, ka titiro tātou ki te kōrero o te kōtiro nei. Kei ā ia nga taputapu mē te mātauranga mō te whakatakoto i ōna whakaaro i roto i ngā reo ē rua. He mahi pakeke tēnei, ēngari horekau hē raruraru ki ā ia. Māna ē tuhituhi, pohēhē pai te tangata he tohunga kē te kai-tuhithui, inā te kaha hōhonu o ngā whakaaro mē ngā kōrero. Koia anō, e hari ana au kua wātea mai ē koutou tētahi wāhanga mō ēnei mahi papai. E hari ana ahau noki i te kitenga ake o ngā tini mahi me ngā tini haereretanga ā tēnā ā tēnā ota tātou iwi, arā te iwi Māori.

E tautoko ana ahau i ēnei tikanga mē ēnei mahi o koutou.

Kua pou rā te kaha o ēnei kōrero. ēngari mea nei te rima taara hei utunga mō ngā pukapuka ē ono. Nō reira tēnā rā koutou katoa.

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Te Waipounamu at Pipitea

A cultural "education" tour of the North Island by Te Waipounamu Maori Girls college ended on Friday April 16, with a performance at Pipitea Marae, Wellington.

The Christchurch college spent 10 days of, "living and learning the Maori way," as fifth former Shellie Kakae tiredly put it.

Although the girls "didn't get much sleep," they maintained the high standard of performance which won them an award at the South Island Cultural Competitions, last year.

College administrator Mrs Reihana Parata said, "knowing how demanding the trip would be we conditioned the girls for it by sometimes practising for up to 12 hours."

She added that they were all overwhelmed by the support and aroha shown them every where they went. "The warmth they showed us made us

feel right at home," she said.

Apart from learning about the different marae they visited, elders also lined up ties between the girls and the area. "For some girls it had been the first time they had been back home," Mrs Parata said.

The trip was an unforgettable experience in which the girls enjoyed the arrivals but dreaded the departures.

Old-girl of the Maori girls college Ripeka Parata said the educational tour reflected the need for teachers to encourage experience education, "towards strengthening the understanding of our Maori and Pakeha traditions and customs."