

Kia ora Koutou

All of our children and teachers were very excited to visit Karangahape Marae this week. From the time we all boarded a bus till the time we had to say farewell all of our tamariki did Kaeo School proud. I know Mr Barker would have been very pleased.

We were welcomed by Mereana the Kai karanga. Kaumatua Roger, Kaumatua Kevin along with Kaumatua Hone was sharing some of the local history of the area and marae with us. The tamariki belonging to the marae supported the Kaumatua with their beautiful singing. The entire morning was very special and a time to remember and reflect upon. We even had to do some quick calculations with the age of the marae. Just as well we are good at maths as Karangahape has been home to the local whanau since 1899 (120 years).

I am sure the children will agree with me in wanting to say a big mihi *thank you* to all of the Ringa atawhai *ladies helping in the kitchen* for such a scrumptious morning kai!



Perhaps one day we may be able to visit again celebrating alongside Whaea Gee and her whanau when Karangahape stands proud on dry land. Room 5 would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and family members that came.

Tihei Mauri Ora!