

# Chairman's Mihi

*Tena tatou nga uri whakatipu o te wa,  
Tena hoki tatou I o tatou mate huhua,  
no reira ratou kua ngaro I te tirohanga  
Kanohi haere  
Noho pumau mai I nga ringa o Te  
Ariki nui.*

*"Te Kainga tupu, Te ai ona rite, e kore  
e kite"*

*"No Place like Home"*

As another year draws to an end we reflect on the events of the past twelve months and consider the significant loss that Ngati Porou has endured, in terms of the people that are no longer with us, we salute them all and extend words of comfort to their whanau.

It is also at this time, as we are winding down from work and winding up for the festive season, that we give ourselves license to contemplate the universe and in doing so, recognize 'there's no place

like home', which ever piece of paradise that is, mai Potikirua ki te Toka a Taiau.

Home is that place that we return to, where we can recharge our batteries and let the winds that blow from our maunga and awa uplift us and give us the inspiration and energy to carry on. We also acknowledge that home would not be home, if it was not for all those committed members of our whanau, who keep the home fires burning, look after our marae, our lands, our takutaimoana and take responsibility for ensuring our obligations as iwi kainga are kept in tact.

The messages that are promoted at this time of the year, are joy, peace, goodwill, and love to all 'human-kind'. These are messages, sentiments and practices that we need to maintain through out the year, not just at this time. We need to take more time to be thoughtful, respectful, caring and supportive of each other.



*Selwyn Parata leads the many Ngati Porou in celebrating the SPARC award.*

Our home mai i Te Toka a Taiau ki Potikirua could do with a little more love, peace, joy and goodwill to all 'human-kind, and guess what it's free. Ahua rite ki te ringaringa, ki te hariu ranei, kaore he utu.

Naku na

**Selwyn T. Parata**  
**(Tiamana o te Poari Whakahaere o te Reo Irirangi o Ngati Porou)**

*"Te Reo hei whakakotahi i te Iwi"*

## Whangaparaoa School Trip to the East Coast

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serenade them with "Taku Manawa". The students were split into three groups and given an educational tour' of the full premises through production studios, onair studio, archives area, multi-media and office general through to the Manager's rooms where several kaumatua were enjoying a break from the outdoor heat.

A CD of their interviews and waiata was presented to the Principal later in the day on their return from Waiomatatini. They were escorted by RNP's Wiremu Henry out to Porourangi Marae where

they entered the Meeting House and saw first hand the cultural artworks that links them to this region. They also caught a glimpse of the "Bungalow" residence of the late Sir A T Ngata on their way to lunch at Tikapa Beach. Being a typical hot Nati day the whanau were able to cool off at one of the local pools enroute back to their marae. A special treat that last evening at Tinatoka Marae ended with a double birthday celebration of one kaumatua and one student. The whanau had brought down delicacies of smoked

trout, and shellfish as well so the locals feasted out on Whangaparaoa treats and culinary specialities. Before resting for the night local kaumatua Anaru Kupenga gave a historic korero about Hikurangi Maunga. Before returning home the next morning the Whangaparaoa School manuhiri drove out to the base of Hikurangi Maunga where they could view this prestigious maunga that oversees the Ngati Porou icons they had learnt so much about during their memorable visit.

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## Editorial

As we move out of the sixth year of the new Millennium we celebrate what we have achieved with the support of all Ngati Porou organisations. Fisheries, Forestry, Hauora, Runanga, Rugby and Radio have collectively implemented appropriate and strategic ways of tackling the many disadvantages we encountered this year. How have they managed? They have involved the full range of community groups.

Namely, Marae, Clergy, Schools, Farms, Lions, Sports clubs, Kohanga, Pre-School groups, St Johns, Hauora Clinics, Fire Services and the Police, to name a few. Nga Kohinga continues to promote those stories to the world. In our last issue for 2006 we share a similar range of community effort culminating in Awards from Community Civic to "Nati & Healthy" and an Honorary Doctorate. We have hosted many groups this year, shared and received much knowledge, and had some great experiences. We have earned this summer holiday. Radio Ngati Porou will be pleased to share your best wishes with the motu when we open our Xmas

and New Year mornings with a 'shout out' to whanau and friends. Remember also to gift your whanau a RNP Club membership this xmas. The next Nga Kohinga due in February 2007 will be by subscription only. 2007 will be a busier year with more celebrations to plan for. Meanwhile, stay safe through the holidays, keep the sun block handy, keep our communities fire proofed and drinks heaps of water...stops the dehydration AND its Nati & Healthy.

**He Taonga te Reo, He Taonga te Tangata. Noho ora mai**