

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust: Covid-19 Response Wharekauri/Rangiauria In-Home Learning Support Grant

Kia ora e te whānau,

Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust have continued to work diligently and respond to the impact of Covid-19 here on Wharekauri/Rangiauria.

Most of you may have received a call from our staff asking some basic questions. This allowed us to collect the data we need to support you or, with your permission, pass it on to the relevant support networks.

A standout issue was the price and reliability of our internet service, whether the provider was Wireless Nation or Farmside. Learning from home for our primary, secondary and tertiary school students is notably more difficult than for those on the mainland due to connectivity issues. It was also obvious that most households with learners at home anticipated their internet bill would be much higher than usual as they would likely go over their data cap.

With support from the Ministry of Education, Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust are offering a **one-off** contribution for the cost of internet for households on Wharekauri and Rangiauria that had Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri registered primary, secondary or tertiary learners at home during the nationwide alert level 3 & 4. We are offering a \$600 contribution towards your internet bill to offset the costs incurred from at home learning during the 12-week period of lockdown. Please note the applicant needs to be a registered beneficiary of Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri Iwi Trust.

To apply for this in-home learning support, applications are available on our website, our Facebook page, from the Iwi Trust office, or email iwitrust@nmow.co.nz. We also require permission from you to share this information with the Ministry of Education so we can continue to support this kaupapa. **Applications close at 12pm on Friday 13th November 2020.**

Ngā mihi,

Gail Amaru

General Manager