

### **Kia ora koutou, parents of Te Ao Marama School!**

We are delighted to announce that Te Ahi Ora is coming to Waikato. We provide fire performance lessons to schools, along with complimentary fire performances and lessons in the evenings for your community.

Fire Performance is an emerging community activity that is gaining popularity nationwide. This exhilarating practice stimulates the mind, energizes the body, and promises an immense amount of enjoyment.

Given the challenging times experienced by schools, students, and families in recent years, our objective is to reignite the enthusiasm for learning and foster a sense of community in an entertaining and captivating environment.

Te Ahi Ora has 5 goals:

- Encourage students to participate in physically challenging and satisfying activities
- Boost self-confidence, encourage experimentation and foster creativity
- Provide opportunities for personal growth and development
- Build a sense of community through shared celebration and performance
- Counter the negative effects of excessive screen time and digital addiction

We will be working with Te Ao Marama School on August 10th -15th, teaching non-fire lessons to students during the school day. On the evenings of the 10th & 14th, we will be performing and teaching with fire on the school field from 4:30 - 6:30 pm - working with students taught on the respective days. This is a crucial component of the program during which students put into practice the skills they have acquired throughout the day, using real fire.

Although Fire Performance might initially appear dangerous, it is important to note that when proper safety procedures and protocols are followed, it is just as safe as any modern sport and, in some cases, even safer. We take pride in our rigorous health and safety systems, which have contributed to our outstanding safety record.

We require parents to ensure a few things to contribute to the safety of the evening:

1. Please do not wear loose clothing, or clothing made from synthetic fabrics. **No onesies, tutus, dresses, wigs, skirts, etc. Cotton and denim are fantastic.** If you or your child are dressed in dangerous clothing, you will not be allowed to perform with fire. Clothing may accumulate small amounts of black soot, so **don't wear brand new or dear clothing.**
2. If your child has long/fluffy hair, please **bring a hair tie or beanie/hat.**
3. We recommend bringing foldout camping chairs and water bottles, and in winter, blankets & jackets.

4. You are welcome to take photos and videos, if you post them on Instagram, Facebook, or Tiktok, please follow and tag us **@te.ahi.ora**

After we work with your community, we will send out a Participant Survey through the school, to be filled out by parents and students. Participants that complete the survey will go into the draw to win \$150.

At the end of the survey there will be an option to upload pictures or videos. The best piece of media uploaded will win \$150. We are often far too busy to get good videos or photos, so very much appreciate your assistance.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to get in touch directly.

Thanks for taking the time to read this letter, we look forward to meeting you soon.

Mauri ora,



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