HOBSONVILLE POWHIRI/WELCOME

VISITOR GUIDE

MANUHIRI = visitors

A powhiri is the Maori way of welcoming visitors to our place. It is serious, full of meaning and song, and ends with a hongi and some kai!

1. ENTERING

You will wait outside the gate (waharoa).

The 'warriors' will shout and dance in a scary way (don't be scared).

One warrior will put down the challenge (wero) leaves.

One of you will pick it up.

A girl will call a high pitched song (karanga) to ask you to come into the school grounds. You will all walk **slowly** down the passageway between the school students.

While you walk, the whole school will perform a haka around you to welcome you to our school.

Sit in the chairs.

2. SPEECHES
Whaikorero
An elder from the hosts will speak, welcoming you to our school.

All the hosts will stand and sing a song.

One of your elders will stand and speak, thanking us for the welcome and telling us where you're from.

All of you will stand and sing a song.

3. Hongi and kai: Greeting and food

A small group from the hosts stand up and some of your group will go up to them and press noses with them.

Then you will be led to the staffroom to share some food with us.

GLOSSARY

Gate = waharoa

Call = karanga

Hosts = us = tangata whenua

Guests = you = manuhiri

Challenge = wero

Group dressed in traditional maori costume = kapa haka

Song = waiata

Elder = kaumatua

Speech = whaikorero

Nose pressing = hongi

Food = kai