

## **He Ra Mokopuna Kapa Haka Festival - Tuesday November 25 2008**

This event was co-ordinated by both Kahungunu Executive and Sport HB and was developed with the main aim of building working relationships with Nga Kohanga Reo in the Wairoa rohe and secondly to develop kaupapa Maori injury prevention resources when working with under 5 years. 9 Kohanga Reo from Kahungunu, Tuhoe, Rakaipaaka and Rongomaiwahine affiliations participated in the Festival and each developed waiata promoting an injury prevention message.

Dialogue in regards to injury prevention was generated in the six months preceding the Festival on topics such as road safety, water safety and sun safety. This was a great day enjoyed by all and was made extra special by the integration of the Kaumatua Christmas Luncheon. There were over 80 kuia and koroua present and well over 200 tamariki from Nga Kohanga Reo. Te Kura Kaupapa o Ngati Kahungunu ki te Wairoa also attended and it was wonderful to see whanau of all ages present.

A Child Restraint Education session was delivered to the 400 strong crowd and health promotion was also conducted by team members from Kahungunu Executive, Wairoa Primary Healthcare Organisation and Road Safe Hawkes Bay.

Prizes were won in the following categories:

- Best Injury Prevention Message - Te Kohanga Reo o Waikaremoana
- Best Use of Te Reo Maori - Te Kohanga Reo o Whaakirangi
- Best Kakahu - Te Kohanga Reo o Whaakirangi

This event provided us with an opportunity to speak one on one with kaimahi and opened doors to other injury prevention projects. It has also provided us with an opportunity to conduct Child Restraint Checks and Anchor Bolt installations. Awesome kaupapa.