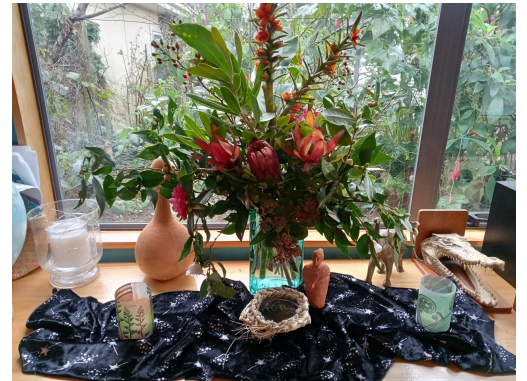


Puanga 2022

Once again this year the weather turned out for us on our whānau day in celebration of Puanga/ Māori New Year. We acknowledge Puanga on the West Coast as it is the brightest star in the Orion constellation and the one we see most clearly here in Taranaki.

It was a wonderful morning where we were able to gather together, share some delicious kai and connect with friendly faces old and new. The opportunities for us to come together are so precious in these ever changing times and we really do appreciate your support, your generosity and your enthusiasm to foster our unique partnership here at Manu.



In preparation for our special whakanui we harvested pumpkins for soup, made chutney and muffins from feijoas and a cake from mandarins, all grown here in our Manu gardens. We have also read stories, sung waiata, and engaged in a variety of art experiences including weaving with harekeke and making tukutuku with paper and sticks. It's been a wonderful time of learning and of rich engagement for tamariki ~ they have had so much fun and were very excited to share their akoranga with you.

As well as this we have been collecting your contributions for the local food bank. Once again we thank you for your support in this ~ what a supportive community we have. We hope you enjoyed your day as much as we did and we look forward to gathering and connecting again in the future. Arohanui.



Angela, Liz and Jennifer, July 2022