



HAWKES BAY REGIONAL PRISON CHAPLAINCY REPORT – 2014-15.

Te Pihopa me nga Mema O Te Hinota o Waiapu tena koutou, tena tatou Katoa.

Tena hoki koe I o tatou aitua e hinghinga haere nei, kua karangatia o tatou pukorero, kua tangohia atu nga manu tioriori, kua pangia o tatou mate ki te ringa kaha o aitua.

(Greeting to you and to to our dead who continue to fall. Our great men of oratory have been called, our great women of song have been taken, our dead have been touched by the strong hand of misfortune)

Highlights: We continue with our pastoral care bible study and Sunday services. The chaplaincy team continues to support our volunteers, staff and management and they support our ministry. The Chaplaincy Service has worked so hard to hold our contract in the last 18 months and this has been successful, although there are cutbacks because of a funding cut of 10%. The training for volunteers will come back to Chaplaincy who will be responsible to train and encourage volunteers to support Chaplaincy.

Many thanks must go to our board and CEO supported by our link chaplains and Kaumaatua. Anzac Day Services this year were very special with a great response from prisoners and staff.

The Matariki in the Maori Focus Unit went for a whole week and on the Sunday we concluded with Karakia. The following week we had a Matariki wananga for the whole day in Unit 6 that helped the men to understand what Matariki means for Maori.

The Whakamomori programme that I lead continues 2-3 times a month There has been a very positive feed back from staff, including Whanganui Prison.

We invited the many Napier Ministers to visit the prison. They found this very helpful and hopefully we will see more people come in to support prison Chaplaincy.

I attended a hui in Turangi to support new programmes using Kaupapa values to guide the behaviour and interaction of everyone in the Maori Focus Units. There are 5 Maori Focus Units in the North Island.

Hawkes Bay Chaplains visited Seco Prison in Wiri. We found it very different from Corrections facilities and very modern.

Maurice Mclaughlin and I are looking forward to attending the Chaplaincy Conference in Sydney 18th-28th September 2015. This involves 250 Chaplains from 50 countries around the world.

John Flavell.

