Invitation to the opening of Te Rū Rangahau: The Māori Research Laboratory

Date: Friday 24 February at 4.00 pm
Place: Otākaro 220

Ko tēnei te mihi atu ki a koutou kia tae a tinana mai ki te whakatūwheratanga o tēnei tari hou. Ko te tūmanako me whakaminenga mai tātou a te Paraire hei whakanoa i Te Rū Rangahau; nā reira nau mai, tauti mai.

The Pro Vice-Chancellor and the Professor of Māori Research extend an invitation to you to attend the launch of the Māori Research Laboratory this Friday afternoon.

Programme:

1. Mihi: Welcome to guests and colleagues
2. Karakia: Blessing of Te Rū Rangahau
3. Address by Professor Gail Gillon
4. Brief overview of Te Rū Rangahau
5. Kai and refreshments

Māori research has a growing presence in the College of Education. Kaupapa Māori research is often perceived as a phenomenon that challenges the conventions of research while seeking to identify and uphold Māori views, solutions and ways of knowing. It is about empowering Māori people, voice, processes and knowledge. It is about inclusion too; working with local, national and international colleagues across the disciplines of education on projects that move Māori from the margins and toward the centre.

Te Rū Rangahau: The Māori Research Laboratory has incorporated into its title two key words. One of these, Rū (in this instance taken to mean vibrant) is a tribute to the mythical Rūaumoko (god of earthquakes and seasons) and the other, Rangahau (research), is a marker to remind us of an important dimension of our core work. This title was chosen as a way of recognising the resiliency and camaraderie that has been evident at the University of Canterbury during the recent challenging times. Te Rū Rangahau will be a place of vibrant scholarship where postgraduates and staff can discuss plans, analyse activities, write proposals, report on and complete projects, and, importantly, express whanaungatanga.

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