



## Whakanuia

It's time, once again, to look back at the past year and celebrate the wonderful learning, growth and development that has been achieved together. Tūmeke whānau!

## Taonga puoro

Taonga puoro (musical instruments) express emotions, communicate with and soothe young tamariki. Music and waiata are part of the awakening that occurs as pēpi becomes more aware of the world around them.

It's said taonga puoro come from the children of the atua Māori. Their tunes are called rangi after Ranginui and their rhythms come from the heartbeats of Papatūānuku. From Tāwhirimātea, atua of the winds, we get the family of wind instruments. From Tangaroa, atua of the seas, we get instruments made from shells. Tāne Mahuta, atua of the forest, and his daughters, Hinepūtehue and Hineraukatauri, gave us a wide range of Māori musical instruments.