



**He Wānanga Wahakura  
Website Information Pack**

**“Tui, tui, tuituia!”**

***Weaving a Way for Mokopuna Ora***

## He Mihi

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He mihi tuatahi ki te Atua mō ōna manaakitanga. Tēnā koe.  
Tuarua, he tangi aroha ki ō tātou tini mate, haere, haere, haere atu rā. Rātou te hunga wairua ki a rātou, tātou te kanohi ora ki a tātou, tēnā koutou katoa.

He reo pōwhiri tēnei ki a koutou kia tautoko mai koutou ki te hui tuatahi, e kiia nei, ko **“Tui, tui, tuituia!”**

Kei te whai ake nei ngā whakamārama mō te hui.

### ***Ko te Kaupapa***

“Tui, tui, tuituia” is a series of hui that aims to bring together experts in Māori weaving and Māori child health. The central focus of the hui is the making and distribution of a unique resource called the wahakura.

The wahakura is a Māori intervention that whānau can use to protect their babies from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) or cot death. Māori SIDS rates are 6 times higher than other ethnic groups. It is predicted that widespread and safe use of wahakura will reduce Maori SIDS rates and save lives.

A wahakura is a woven flax bassinet for infants up to 5-6 months of age. And is a traditional way of providing a safe sleeping space for baby.



For Māori weavers, these hui are an opportunity to learn how to make wahakura.

Māori health workers will learn about the wahakura and how to promote safe use of the wahakura to Māori whānau.

It is envisioned, that weaving and health representatives from each region will work together to make and distribute the wahakura in their communities.

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### *Ko ngā Kaupapa o te Hui*

The programme for these hui include:

- Information on Māori Sudden Infant Death (SIDS) rates in Aotearoa
  - history
  - statistics
  - current trends and initiatives
- SIDS prevention and Safe Sleep information
- What is a wahakura?
- How will the wahakura make a difference?
- The benefits of wahakura
- How to make wahakura?
- How to develop a local Wahakura project



### *Ko ngā Kaiwhakahaere*

The wahakura programme is being coordinated by the Māori SIDS team in partnership with key Māori child health and weaving experts. For 14 years the Māori SIDS team has continued to work with Māori communities throughout Aotearoa. And is well known for their work to prevent SIDS and promote Māori child health.

The wahakura is being promoted by Māori SIDS as a Māori response to a problem that affects Māori. By using traditional Māori knowledge and working in a Māori way we will be able to better protect lives and promote wellbeing of Māori babies.



## **Gisborne Wānanga 16-18 May**

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Representatives from the central and southern regions of the North Island are set to attend this inaugural hui. These representatives will come to the wānanga to learn all they need to know in terms of safely making and distributing wahakura to whānau.

We will post a detailed report following the end of the wānanga. And a list of regional representatives so as you can identify who you need to get in touch with for your region.

This is the first of a series of wānanga to be held throughout the country. Other wānanga dates and venues are yet to be confirmed. We will post these as soon as we can.

