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Mr Marco Zeeman
Whale Song Project

Dear Marco

Thank you for the information on the Whale Song project. I am hugely impressed by the background material and the potential of this project for the Kapiti region.

On behalf of Kapiti College, I would like to express our enthusiastic support of the project. The Kapiti community has a strong association with environmental awareness and with the arts and the Whale Song project captures both of these in a wonderfully visual manner.

I think the concept for involvement of young people throughout the region in the project through collecting aluminium drink cans is inspired. It encourages recycling, gives a practical teaching point, gets students directly involved and helps create one of the whales all at the same time. Over the longer term, the project will give visual representation in teaching about an important aspect of our local Maori and 19th century history, supports the Science and Biology curriculum and will be an inspiration to our budding artists.

Our community has grown rapidly over the last 50 years from isolated small seaside bach communities to a place of significance in its own right and the expressways under construction will accelerate that process. Communities also need the soft infrastructure that binds them and gives a sense of belonging and public art is an important part of that. The Whale Song project will give an identity to the area and become an appropriately iconic symbol for the Kapiti Coast.

I have discussed the project with the Kapiti Principals' Association. They are excited by the potential and are looking forward to your presentation next month. While, as schools, we have a limited ability to directly contribute financially to the project, we will do whatever we can to assist and will be vocal supporters of the project in the community. We commend you for your initiative and wish every success to Whale Song.

Yours sincerely

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Tony Kane
Principal