

PAREMATA SCHOOL - 100 YEARS 1921 -2021



Whakairo (Carving) Wheke (Octopus)

Te Wheke O Muturangi, the giant octopus, that Kupe chased across Te Moana nui a Kiwa - pacific ocean, to discover Aotearoa, New Zealand. He slays the wheke in Raukawakawa now more commonly known as the Cook Strait. There are many landmarks in the area that relate to Kupe and his crew.

Mana Island or (Te Mana O Kupe I whanakawhiti te moana nui a Kiwa ki Aotearoa) is name in commemoration of this great feat, Te kaupuni o te wheke o Muturangi. The eyes of the Wheke known as The **Brothers Island** at the top of the Tory Channel Ngā Rā o te waka a Kupe. The **Pinnacles Cliffs** at Ngāwi. **Matiu and Mākarō Islands** in Wellington Harbour as Kupe's daughters.