

WAITĀKERE COLLEGE  
WHĀINGA HEI TŪTUKI MĀ TĀTOU KATOA  
ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

**Te Wharenuī  
ō Te Waipuna ō Te Mātauranga  
Our Journey**



Before, it was just a building...



# Board Of Trustees Decision 2011

To create a gathering place which provides a sense of spiritual identity and belonging for Māori students, staff and whānau

To make the whare ako a centre for enhancing the learning and achievement of Māori students with whānau support

To enhance the learning of students of all other cultures within the school community



# How Did We Get There?

Back in the day!

Active involvement of whānau including Dave and Erana Sarich

Kaumātua Jack Wihongi

Support for College sports teams and kapahaka

Komiti

Fund-raising



1997 - 2011

Recognition of need for a whare  
Consultation on location (front of school)  
Location built into school site plan  
Board begins to set aside funds  
\$27,000 in budget to allow for drawing up plans  
Funding options investigated



# 2011 - 2012

## 2011

- Board made decision to kickstart wharenui project
- Kaumātua and Kuia
- Set up Uenuku Komiti to guide the process

## 2012 - Uenuku very busy

- Consultation
- Visits to other school and educational marae  
(Unitec, Rosehill College, Wesley, Massey, Kelston Girls)
- Draft scope of works for architect



# Uenuku Consultation - With Students, Whānau, Staff



Maori students, staff and whānau

- To make the whare ako a centre for enhancing the learning and achievement of Maori students with whānau support to enhance the learning of students and their cultures within the school



# Some Of The Members Of Our Komiti Māori





# 2013 - 2014

Opportunity ! Ministry of Education funding for classroom (roll growth)

Additional Board funds (\$273,000)

Architectural designs drawn up (Design Tribe) (space for future whare kai)

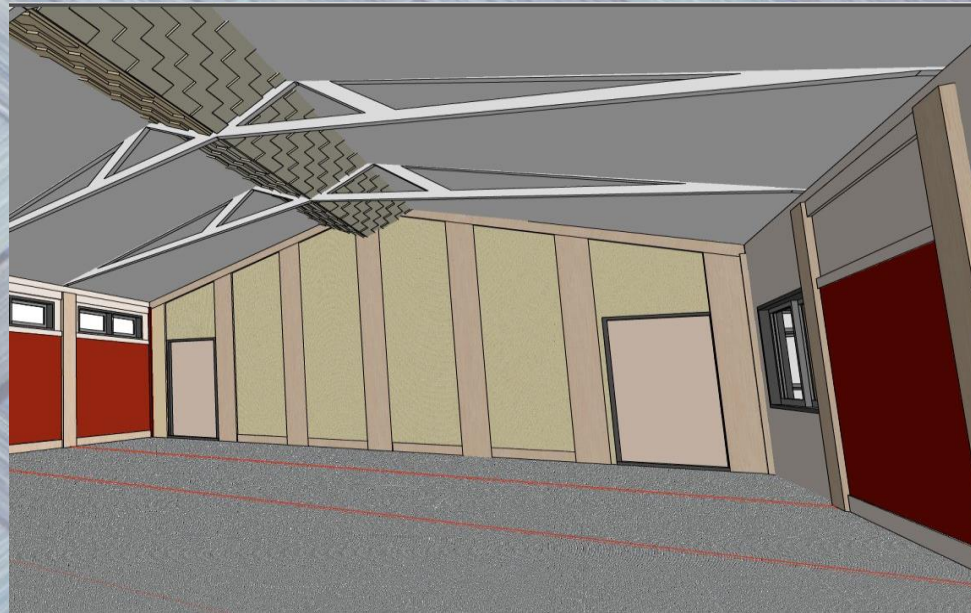
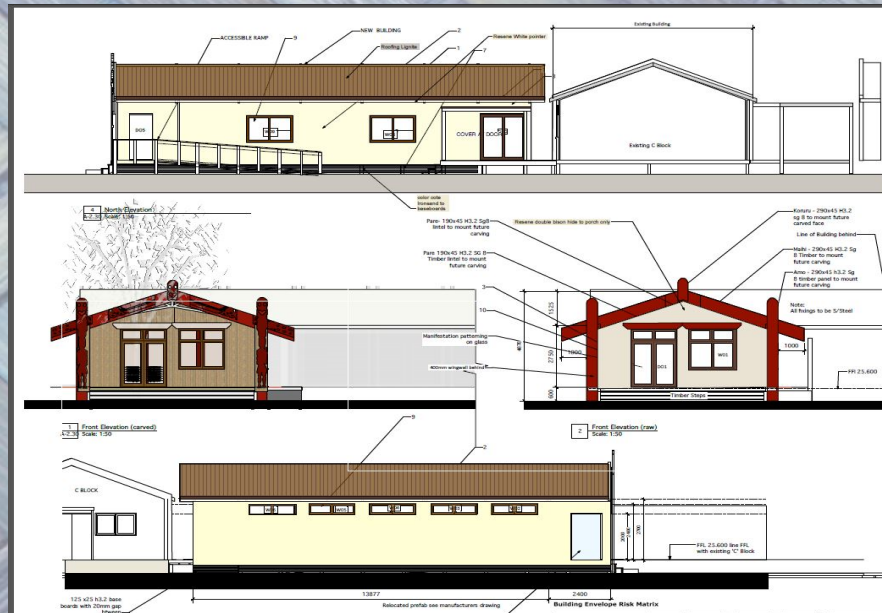
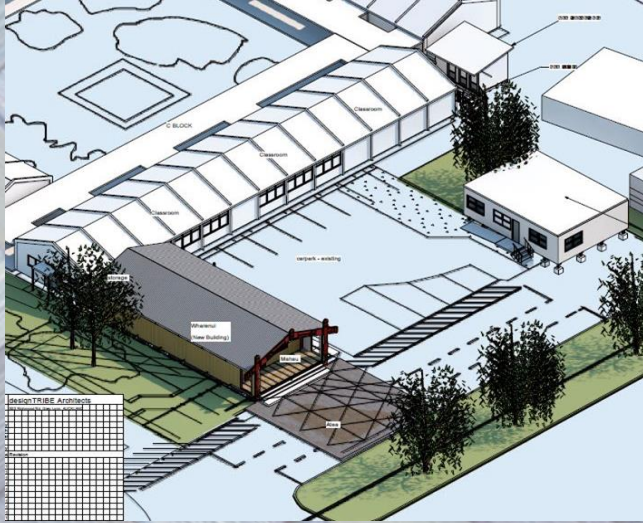
Negotiations with Ministry of Education

Finally.....

## Whare opening 6 March 2015



# Concept Drawings



# Now, It Has Its Wairua



“Before, it was just a building;  
today, it has been born.

Before, it was just waiting;  
now, it has a voice.”

