

VOGELTOWN SCHOOL



The Meaning of Our Carvings

▼ Urukinaki - daughter of Kahutauaroa

Her hands are outstretched to welcome you.

The kupenga (net) is to encapture knowledge. **Haere Whakamua - Go Forward**

▶ Kahutaiaroa
son of Tuparikino.

The adze above him
shows Paeare
representing mana
over the people.

Manaaki Tangata
Care for the People



◀ Tuparikino is the
main chief of this
area.

The adze above him
shows Paetawa -
representing mana
over the land, hence
the Tupare (bush
fern) designs.

Manaaki Whenua
Care for the Land

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TE KURA O HUATOKI

The Huatoki area was settled by the people of Ngati Te Whiti.

The Huatoki River has two mauri stones (sacred stones). Paetawa and Paecare. The stones provided food for the people and mark the boundaries for Ngati Te Whiti.

Our carvings tell the story of Tuparikino, Kahutaiaroa and Urukinaki - leaders of the local people who were entrusted to protect the sacred stones in the Huatoki River.

As the main chief of the area Tuparikino was involved in many wars. He protected the whenua (land) from neighbouring tribes who wanted this area for its fertility. Food was the currency of the time and tribes would fight for control of the land. - **Manaaki Whenua**

Tuparikino's son, Kahutauaroa, followed in fathers footsteps - protecting the tangata (people). He became the Mana Tangata or war chief. - **Manaaki Tangata**

Kahutauaroa's daughter - Urukinaki, had her marae besieged by an enemy tribe. She saw her people starving so went to the enemy camp to offer her hand in marriage - saving her people and sealing peace for the people of Ngati Tuparikino forever. She believed in being educated and going forward. - **Haere Whakamua**