



Gunfire Stockade

Scenario

On the morning of 14 September 1863 gunfire was heard near the settlement of Pukekohe. Around a small church a group of settlers stood behind a stockade as a Ngati Maniapoto war party attacked. The small church still stands on the hillside with bullet holes in its walls. What happened there over a hundred years ago when guns were fired in anger across these now quiet green fields? Make a well founded judgement, what should be said about this event in our history?



Parent's Quest Guide No.6

Dear Parents

We are about to start a new social studies Quest called 'Gunfire Stockade.' This unit of work has been developed here at Birkdale Intermediate. Our students work in pairs to answer the question posed in the scenario.

They search a multimedia resource called a Quest, listening to video interviews, reading the old letters and diaries. The Quest is used to teach the Time, Continuity, and Change section of the National Social Studies Curriculum. Our students look in depth at, 'How people remember and record the past differently.'

The students are not being asked to judge, instead they are to discover what brought each group to this violent episode in our history and then decide how this should be remembered by future generations.

Ways in which you could support your child during this study:

- Ask the public library for books on 'The New Zealand Wars.'
- Visit Howick Historical Village or MOTAT to get some idea of settlers lives in the 19th Century. Check out Howick's 'Live Day' activities. They are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month except December. Live days have themes such as: Early Settlers' Picnic Day, Village Country Fair and Spring Festival. Ph 09 576 9506
- Visit Historic places around Auckland, Highwic House, Epsom, Kinder House - Parnell, Ewelme Cottage - Parnell, Alberton House - Mt Albert.



Bullet hole in Pukekohe East Church

- Visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum and look at the New Zealand War display which is part of 'Scars on the Heart' and the Colonial Auckland Street from 1866.
- Ask the public library for a copy of the children's books 'Again the Bugles Blow' by Ron Bacon and 'The Battlefield' by Don Long.
- Visit other New Zealand War battle sites like Rangariri about 1 hour 15 minutes drive south of Auckland. Visit the battle site and the Heritage Centre and Cafe. Don't leave too late in the day as the cafe closes around 4pm.



St Brides Church, Mauku

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Yours sincerely

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