A weekly series of education themed seminars on the Karori campus. Regularly held on Wednesdays 4.40-5.30pm. University staff, students, and community stakeholders are invited to attend and participate.

Dr. Hiria McRae teaches pre-service and in-service teachers in the areas of Māori education, specifically te reo Maori, science and technology, and education for sustainability. She recently completed her PhD which investigated Māori student engagement in science education from an iwi perspective.

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**Ngāti Whakaue Iho Ake – An Iwi Science Education Exploration**

**Hiria McRae**

My research aimed to provide a pathway to improve Māori student engagement in science education, identifying a set of principles that improve Māori student understanding of science from successful indigenous community-based science programmes. These principles were explored in the Māori tribal community of Ngāti Whakaue in Rotorua. The study considers how Ngāti Whakaue matāuranga was recognised in school science programmes. Differing perceptions between Māori students, science teachers and local elders revealed a disconnection between Ngāti Whakaue and science education. Recommendations are offered to schools and Ngāti Whakaue to improve Māori student engagement with science education.

**Wednesday 3 June, 4.40pm**
Karori Campus, GR 311