

Aotearoa New Zealand

Kia Ora to Friends Everywhere -

2018 Junior Young Friends (JYF) Camp was about community and family. This was empowered by the traditional Māori Pōwhiri which welcomed us to the Raumati Beach Marae in Kāpiti. The marae was a peaceful space to reflect upon the togetherness of our group. The name of the wharenuī is Kia Aio Te Noho - To Stay Comfortably.

Over the 5 days we spent in Kāpiti, our discussions were based on the topics of peace and integrity. These were woven into conversations about global issues and what we as a generation will face in the future. We had Murray Short (our Yearly Meeting Clerk) share the process of Quaker Decision Making with us and explain how we as Quakers work towards a united understanding.

A Young Friend sparked a conversation after speaking about past JYF Camps and stating that he felt most himself when attending these gatherings. This was a common feeling amongst many of the JYFs and we all agreed that we feel part of a loving and accepting community. As young people, this provides us with a foundation of trust and the ability to empathise with those around us as we strive to see the light in all situations.

JYF Camp 2018
Raumati Beach
15 to 20 April 2018