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Nga mihi maioha enei ki a koe Raiha. Nau mai haere mai ki tenei whare te whare o Maungaarangi.

I just wanted to say how wonderful it is to finally have you with us at Maungaarangi. I know your whanau well although we don't often see each other like we used to, I hold them in high regard and know your Nanny Marion and Nanny Tirikawa. We wish you all the aroha and sunshine at this time as we acknowledge your Koro Ron's recent passing. Haere atu e te rangatira, haere, haere, haere....

In these early days as we come to know you and your interests,

we hope that you will know that this is your turangawaewae or place to stand and you can explore and discover all the wonderful things our environment has to offer.

We do some fun things here all the time and we love our kai. I think your lunch box kai is awesome full of nutritious goodies. It is good to know you eat healthy kai like this as we think you can be a role model for other children.

Already we can see your love of the art area and the sandpit. Two areas vastly different in texture and play and I am excited to see what other areas of play might interest you.

It has been fun having your whanau hang out with us over the last few days and of course they are welcome anytime.

So nau mai, haere mai Raiha. You will become one of Maungaarangi's special friends.



Whaea Rina.