

In Featherson, the parents of the newly established Nga Waka couldn't wait for the completion of their pre-fab building and have been meeting in one of the family's homes. Hine Paewa is the kaitiaki and she looks after the needs of 19 children. Whilst the children are learning, so are the mothers with impromptu lessons on familiar objects around the home, such as kitchen utensils.

At Mahitaone, in Masterton 16 children are catered for by kaitiaki, Vera Naera. The kohanga has been set up under the auspices of the local branch of the Maori Women's Welfare League.

Another kohanga, Arohaina is also operating in the Masterton area making the Wairarapa a developing area for Kohanga Reo.

