

TE KURA O WAITAHANUI



WHĀNAU HANDBOOK



*E Ihoa o ngā Mano,
Matua, Tama, Wairua Tapu me ngā Anahera Pono, me te Mangai
Manaakitia mai mātou e kimi nei i ngā tapuwae ō ō mātou tupuna
Tūwherahia mai ngā huarahi i mua, i muri, ki nga taha anō hoki
Mā koutou e ngā Anahera Pono hei tiaki, hei manaaki i a mātou
E hiko atu nei i te ao o ngā tūpuna tae noa ki te hāora hoki mai ki tēnei ao hurihuri
Ngā mahi i mahia e rātou i te wā i a rātou e hiko ana i runga i te mata o te whenua
Kia kore whai wahi e pā mai ki ngā whakatupuranga hei patu ia mātou
Māu e te Matua, Tama, Wairua Tapu me ngā Anahera Pono me te Mangai
Hei tiaki, hei manaaki, hei whakawātea i a mātou i ngā wā katoa
Māu e te mangai hei tautoko mai
Ake nei Āe.
Nā Pehi Tumanako Ranginui Tahau*

E ngā uri whakatipu o Tūtemohuta, nei rā te mihi matakui, matakoro ki a koutou katoa.

This handbook provides general information about Te Kura o Waitahanui including our special character, history, key dates and information that maybe useful. For further clarification, or information not included, please contact me personally at Terina.Tahau@waitahanui.school.nz

Te Kura o Waitahanui has a rich, proud history. All tamariki that attend our kura are embraced within a learning environment that is happy, stimulating and supportive. Te Reo Māori is naturally integrated into all of our learning providing a safe platform for our beginning speakers and a programme of extension for our fluent speakers. Our Marae, our Maunga, our Awa, our Moana, our Whenua is our classroom. Our Pakeke, our Mātua, our Hāpori, our Kaimahi and our Tamariki are our teachers. “*Tū ki te marae, tau ana ki te ao*”

Te Kura o Waitahanui welcomes all whānau to join our kura whānau and we embrace all cultures and ethnicities. We only ask that our whānau are committed to actively helping all our tamariki realize their passions, overcome their challenges and reach their potential. Above all, we ask for kindness to self, others and the environment to be normalized both within kura and within the home.

I commenced my role as Tumuaki at Te Kura o Waitahanui in November, 2017. My father (and his siblings) attended this kura and my tupuna Te Rangi Tahau is renowned for establishing our kura and gifting the land that it resides on. I see my role as a huge privilege and am humbled to follow a long list of Tumuaki, Kaiako and Kaimahi who have paved the way before me. Nei rā te ōwha atu ki a koutou katoa kua para te huarahi mā ngā tamariki me ngā mokopuna ō kui mā, ō koro mā. Mei kore koutou, ka noho pōhara mātou te iwi o Ngāti Tūtemohuta. Tēnā koutou katoa.

Nāku iti nei

Terina Ranginui Tahau

Tumuaki

KO WAI MĀTOU?

Te Kura o Waitahanui is located in a small settlement known today as Waitahanui on State Highway 1 approximately 10kms south of Taupō township. It is a settlement that has been occupied by Ngāti Tūtemohuta for at least 250 years. In 1899 Te Rangi Tahau II wrote to the Department of Education asking that a school be established at Waitahanui. Waitahanui Native School formally opened in 1905 with Mr A Woodhead as the first Headmaster.

In 2016 Te Kura o Waitahanui, and whānau, travelled to Rotorua, to formally apply to become an affiliated member of Ngā Kura ā Iwi o Aotearoa. This tōno was accepted and we proudly base our curriculum on the kōrero ō neherā pertaining to Ngāti Tūtemohuta and Ngāti Tūtemohutatanga. We firmly believe that if our tamariki are educated to be strong in their own identity then they will stand confident in today's world.

Te Ohaaki (Our Vision)

“Nui te kai, nui te aroha”

Te Tauākī (Our Mission Statement)

“Kia māmā te ako me te whakaaro pai ki nga tika o te tamaiti ”

Ko ngā Mātāpono o te Kura (Our Kura Values)

- Te Ahikaa
- Whakapapa
- Rangatiratanga
- Kaitiakitanga
- Whanaungatanga

Te Marautanga tō Te Kura o Waitahanui (Our Curriculum)

“Mō te iwi, Mā te iwi, E ai ki te iwi!”

We are Kura ā Iwi. Te Kura o Waitahanui is committed to ensuring our tamariki have a strong, practical knowledge and understanding of Ngāti Tūtemohutatanga as a basis for learning about the wider world.

“Mai Te Awa o Te Atua ki Tauhara Maunga”.

Our connections with Tūtetawha, Waipahihi, Nukuhau and Korohe are very important to us.

“Tūwharetoa, he iwi mana, he iwi toa”

We also identify strongly as Ngāti Tūwharetoa and have a commitment to ensuring our tamariki are proud in who they are.

Te Kura o Waitahanui aims to assist the development of tamariki who are very confident in themselves and open to extending their knowledge, understand and experiences throughout Aotearoa and the wider world.

Te Tihi o Tauhara (Our Graduate Profile)

“Kia ara te ua”

We believe in a holistic education that is values based and distinctly Ngāti Tūtemohuta in its entirety. We are staunchly committed to ensuring our tamariki cherish our reo, all people and our whenua.

“Arohatia Te Reo”

“Arohatia Te Tangata”

“Arohatia Te Whenua”

KO WAI MĀ NGĀ RINGA RAUPĀ?

Kaitiaki o ngā Whare:	Aramata Wall
Kaitiaki Whenua:	Paahi Wall
Kaihautū o te Waka Kawe i ngā Mokopuna:	Nathan Wall
Kaitiaki Pūtea/Tari/i ngā mea katoa:	Takiora Wall
Kaiāwhina:	Savannah Downes Trin Wilson Hinearō Wall
Kairiwhi:	Carol Reid Horiana Rolleston Renee Hau
Pouako:	Aroha Wall-McMahon
Tumuaki:	Terina Ranginui Tahau

KO WAI TE POUMARUMARU? (Board of Trustees)

Pou Whakarae:	Sandra Wall
Tumuaki:	Terina Ranginui Tahau
Kaimahi:	Takiora Wall
Whānau:	JaniceWall

Whānau: Amanda Mantell

Whānau: Antonio Wall

KEY DATES & CONTACTS

Term Dates 2018

Term 1: 7th Feb– 12th April

Term 2: 29th April – 5th July

Term 3: 22nd July – 27th September

Term 4: 14th October – 18th December

Teacher Only Days:

30th March, 2018, 1st June, 2018, 8 & 9th November, 2018

Kura Hours

Monday – Friday

9am – 2.45pm

Whāngairorohia (Office Hours)

Monday - Wednesday 9am – 3pm

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Kura Facebook: Te Kura o Waitahanui – Whanau Whanui

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Absences

All whānau must contact the kura by phone or on our kura Facebook page when their tamaiti/mokopuna is to be away from kura by 8.30am. Those whānau who have tamariki who travel on the kura van must inform Matua Nathan by 7am. Tamariki safety is paramount and we rely on our whānau to ensure we know when they will not be attending kura.

Breakfast Club

Te Kura o Waitahanui is a member of the Fonterra Breakfast Club. All tamariki are invited to have a shared parakuihi each day at kura.

Fruit in School's Programme

Te Kura o Waitahanui is part of the Fruit in School's Programme whereby all tamariki and staff are able to access fresh fruit daily.

Milk in School's Programme

Te Kura o Waitahanui is very fortunate to receive milk for every tamaiti at kura. This is available most days and like each of the above programmes commences by week 3 of each term.

Kids Can Programme

Te Kura o Waitahanui is part of the Kids Can programme enabling free access to snacks, raincoats, shoes and kutu products. If you would like to access any of these products please contact Whaea Takiora.

Duffy Books in Homes

In 2018 we are fortunate to re-join the Duffy Books in Homes Programme. Our lucky tamariki will be bringing home books to share with whānau and keep forever. Very exciting!

Enviro Schools

Te Kura o Waitahanui is part of the Enviro Schools programme. We are wanting to establish an large, productive Maara Kai, Orchard, kohinga rongoa Māori, Mauritau area and raise some chickens for daily egg collection. We will be creating a compost area and worm farm and be working towards becoming He Kura Para Kore.

PB4L

Te Kura o Waitahanui is part of the Positive Behaviour For Learning Programme. We believe all tamariki have the right to a learning environment that is engaging, positive and safe. We do not condone any acts of violence and will work together with whānau in the stance against bullying. All whānau are expected to assist with the development and implementation of any programmes required to help tamariki who may struggle within this area.

Digital Citizenship

All tamariki and whānau are expected to sign Te Kura o Waitahanui Digital Citizenship agreement before tamariki are able to use any devices at kura. Tamariki are not allowed to search and/or access sites that have not been approved by their kaiako.

Dental, Vision, Hearing Services

Dental, Vision and Hearing care for Te Kura o Waitahanui is provided free of charge. The mobile dental van will visit annually and the Public Health Nurse visits to check eyes and ears. However, if you have concerns about the teeth, vision or hearing of your tamariki please ensure you get them checked by your own G.P

EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom)

Place-based learning is a key component of our kura curriculum. All whānau are required to sign the Blanket Consent form for localised haerenga and promptly return permission slips for any haerenga outside of the district or overnight.

Pick Up and Drop Off

Te Kura o Waitahanui opens for tamariki at **8.30am**. Class commences at 9am. Please do not drop off tamariki any earlier to ensure they are adequately supervised at all times. The kura day concludes at 2.45pm. Please ensure you are on time to pick up your tamariki to ensure they are adequately supervised at all times too.

Policies & Plans

All of our policies and key documents such as our Charter and Annual Plan are freely accessible to all whānau.

Kāhui Pakeke

Te Kura o Waitahanui values the role of our pakeke within our day to day learning. Their knowledge base and positive presence within our kura is invaluable and welcome at all times.

Kai - Kura Lunches

We are a sugar free, chippie free kura. Please do not send your tamariki to Te Kura o Waitahanui with chocolate biscuits, sweets, fizzy or chips. We have “special days” for junk food so unless you

are purchasing for the whole kura please leave all treats at home. We have beautiful cold water within every classroom to enable each of our tamariki easy access at all times.

Sunsmart Kura

Please ensure your tamariki have their kura pōtae each day in Terms 1 & 4. We do not allow caps as they do not adequately protect the neck from the sun. We have sunblock at kura but encourage each whānau to apply their own sunblock at home prior to coming to kura.

Medication

ENSURE the office has accurate details of all medical conditions and any corresponding medication that maybe needed. If your child has asthma it is imperative that all of the kaiako are aware and know where their inhaler is located at all times. If your child is allergic to bees or any foods you NEED to ENSURE each kaiako is aware of this to enable us to react accordingly should any symptoms show. Asthma and Allergies kill.

Sports & Skills

All whānau know someone who has a knowledge base or skill that would interest some of our tamariki. This maybe include sports, arts, singing, fishing, diving, eeling, raranga, taiaha, kapahaka, musical instruments, fly making, gardening, science, maths, financial literacy, karakia, story telling, drama, dance, anime, animation, rapping, design, cooking, rongoa, sewing, carving, taiaha, poi etc.

We encourage all whānau to contribute to our kura learning programme and would love to hear from you how you can do this.

Rotongaio

This year we have created a whānau room/staff room that we have named Rotongaio. All whānau are welcome to utilise this space to relax or help with 1:1 reading. There are hot and cold drink facilities and there is a computer set up in this space for whānau to utilise too. Nau mai, haere mai! Please ensure you sign in at the office first so we know you are onsite should an emergency occur.

Whare Hauora

This year we are creating a whānau fitness room (adults only please) which will be accessible during kura hours. If you have any fitness equipment that you could donate to our whānau gym these will be gratefully accepted. Once again, please sign in at the office so we know you are onsite should an emergency occur.

5 Year Old Transition to Kura (From Te Kohanga Reo o Waitahanui)

1. Please ensure you have completed the enrolment process at least 2 months prior to your child turning 5.
2. Kura visits commence 6 weeks prior to their birthday.
3. The first two visits (1x morning each) are spread over two weeks and on a day mutually agreeable by their upcoming Kaiako and the whānau. Please note: A parent/caregiver is

expected to remain with the transitioning child during these two morning visits to ensure they are comfortable and relationships can start to be formed.

4. The next two weeks may include up to 2x morning visits each week. These are to be arranged directly with the kaiako of Mangakoura and are dependent on how settled the individual child seems. The kaiako may request an adult remains with the child if this seems necessary.
5. The remaining two weeks may include up to 2x whole day (independent) visits each week. Once again this is to be arranged with the Mangakoura kaiako ensuring the best interests of each child remains central at all times.

New Enrolments

Thank you for considering Te Kura o Waitahanui as an educational option for your tamaiti. Please be very clear that we are a Kura ā Iwi but are inclusive of any whānau who are committed to our kaupapa whether or not they whakapapa to Ngāti Tūtemohuta. It is also imperative to note that we operate at a Level 1 Immersion where Te Reo Māori is spoken 80 – 100% of the time. Beginning speakers of Te Reo Māori are welcome but whānau must be committed to helping these tamariki to accelerate their ability to communicate confidently and freely in Te Reo Māori. If you are still keen – please follow the process below.

1. Complete an Application of Interest to Enrol at Te Kura o Waitahanui.
2. A hui will be called for you, and your whānau, to meet with the Tumuaki or another delegated person in her absence. You will be asked why you would like to be a part of Te Kura o Waitahanui and to ensure you are very aware that we are a total immersion kura and our commitment to teaching our Ngāti Tūtemohutanga.
3. If, at the end of this hui, it is believed that Te Kura o Waitahanui is a good fit you and your whānau a start date will be set. However, if your child is turning 5 the transition process described above will apply.

Commencing Kura

Whānau (including extended and connecting Kohanga Reo/ECE whānau) are invited to attend the formal whakatau into Te Kura o Waitahanui. This will occur at a mutually agreed upon day and time between the whānau and the Mangakoura kaiako. It will commence with whakamoemiti, mihimihi and conclude with a shared paramanawa.

Please Note

All whānau must sign the kura EOTC & Cyber Safety forms prior to commencing. Proof of identification is required and Immunisation Certificates will be photocopied for kura records. All changes of address and contact details must be provided promptly to the office. Finally, as a whānau member of Te Kura o Waitahanui we need to you be involved in the education of your tamariki and our kura life which includes fundraising, working bees and wananga. Your input and the voice of our tamariki is imperative for our kaupapa to succeed.

Nāku iti nei

Terina Tahau
Tumuaki