



Te Kura o Maketu | Maketu School

Te Wāhanga 3, Te Wiki 2, Hōngongoi ,
Pānui 1

Kia tū rangatira ai |

To make Maketu School a learning place of
renown



Mai i te Tumuaki | From the Principal

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

It has been a fantastic start to Wāhanga Tuatoru as our tamariki returned ready to learn, reconnect and embrace the opportunities ahead. Seeing smiling faces back at kura reminds us that every day at school strengthens learning, friendships and a sense of belonging.

This term we continue our focus on our vision, Kia Tū Rangatira Ai - to grow confident, capable young people who lead with Manaakitanga, Kaitiakitanga and Tū Rangatiratanga. Whether our tamariki are developing their literacy and mathematics, learning through Te Ara Kai, or strengthening their identity in Tūterangiharuru, every experience is designed to help them flourish.

A warm welcome to our newest learners, Te Rangikāheke, Aries and Atea-a-rangi and welcome back to Maia. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Uncle Kahi for sharing his wisdom and aroha during our mihi whakatau, reminding us all of the importance of identity, belonging and supporting one another.

Over the holidays, Ministry-funded roofing and drainage upgrades were completed around our kura. Thank you to our whānau for respecting the temporary closure of our school grounds while this important work was carried out.

I would also like to acknowledge the incredible commitment of the whānau who coach, manage and support our three netball teams: Maketu Mako, Maketu Magic and Maketu Kuaka.

Your dedication to trainings during lunch breaks, before and after school, and Thursday evenings at Te Puke Netball Courts is certainly paying off. Our teams are already turning heads across the competition, with whispers of 'watch out for Maketu, they're the ones to see!'. Thank you for creating such wonderful opportunities for our tamariki to grow in confidence, teamwork and pride.



Before welcoming students back, our staff came together with Ministry of Education support to strengthen our shared vision and direction for Maketu School. Together, we reflected on what matters most for our learners and reaffirmed our commitment to delivering high-quality teaching, strengthening our culture of belonging and ensuring every decision supports our vision of Kia Tū Rangatira Ai.

As we begin another exciting term, I thank every member of our kura whānau and our community for the part you play. Together, we are creating a learning place where every tamaiti is known, valued and empowered to succeed.

Ngā manaakitanga

Hiria Tibble Tumuaki | Principal



Attendance Dashboard



RANGATIRA ATTENDANCE

Takaparore

96 %

Ka mau te wehi! For leading the way

HOLDING STEADY

Tūterangiharuru

90 %

Keep building the momentum. Tau kē!

WHOLE KURA GOAL

Every class, above 90 % every week

	Te Wiki Tuatahi	Te Wiki Tuarua
Takaparore	99%	96%
Tūterangiharuru	93%	90%
Ōkurei	94%	85%

Every Day Counts

Every day at kura builds learning, strengthens friendships and nurtures confident young leaders. Thank you, whānau, for partnering with us to ensure every tamaiti has the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed. We understand that getting to kura isn't always easy. If your whānau needs support, please contact Andrea Paki or come and see me. We're here to help. Please notify the office before school if your tamaiti will be absent by phoning, texting or using the Skool Loop app, so we know they are safe.



Te Whiringa Tika | MKTū Values

At Maketu School, Te Whiringa Tika is how we intentionally grow future rangatira. Every adult teaches, models, notices and recognises our school values so that positive choices become lifelong habits. Recognition celebrates growth, growth celebrates effort and effort builds consistency.

Manaakitanga
Me kōrero kia tika ki ngā
tāngata katoa

Kaitiakitanga
Me tiaki tātou ngā
taonga
o te kura

Tū Rangatiratanga
Me tiaki, me manaaki, me
tauawhi tātou i runga i te
rangimarie

How We Grow Rangatira

Positive choices are recognised freely and frequently in classrooms so that every learner experiences success. As tamariki consistently demonstrate our values, they work together towards class celebrations before reaching individual milestones and Te Whiringa Tika Values Prizes, such as branded key rings, bags and other special recognitions.

Together, we are building a culture where every positive choice strengthens character, belonging and leadership.





Our Trip to Heriheri Wetlands

This week we visited Te Heriheri Wetlands and became ecologists for the day!

We learned about the different plants and animals that live in the wetlands and why they are so important to our environment. We explored, observed, and discovered how everyone can help protect our taiao.

The coolest part was learning from Aunty Raven and Faith. (Whaea Salonica's daughter) They shared their knowledge, their love for the environment and the wetlands as well as how they turned their passion into a career. They inspired us to think about how we can become future kaitiaki too.

Thank you to the Maketu Wetlands team for an amazing day of learning. We can't wait to go back!



He Kōrero nō te Kāinga



One of the greatest indicators of meaningful learning is when tamariki continue talking about it at home. Following our recent learning experience, one whānau shared:

“Jesse Jnr loved his day! Now he’s on a mission to share his new learning and knowledge. He’s already made two phone calls to whānau, ending each one with, ‘Now share your knowledge too!’”

This is exactly what we hope for at Maketu School, learning that inspires curiosity, strengthens identity and is shared with others. When tamariki take their learning beyond the classroom, they become teachers themselves, demonstrating kaitiakitanga by caring for and passing on knowledge. Ngā mihi to our whānau for sharing these special moments with us.

Celebrating Our Tamariki

Our fortnightly hui-a-kura (assemblies) are held every **Wednesday at 2:00 PM**, and we’d love to see you there!

To help you plan ahead, certificate recipients are now confirmed every Monday. If your tamaiti is being recognised, we’ll send you a text or email, consider it your personal invitation!

Nothing brightens a child's day quite like spotting their whānau in the crowd. Come along and celebrate with us!

Looking Ahead

Term 3 brings many exciting opportunities as we continue strengthening learning across the kura. This term, our learning will be guided by the kaupapa I Te Timatanga. Our tamariki will explore local stories, places, histories and different perspectives that deepen their understanding of identity, whakapapa, culture and connection to place.

Across the kura, classes will engage with learning in ways that are meaningful for their age group and context, while building a shared understanding of where we come from and the stories that shape us.

This kaupapa will also help build towards a Cultural Celebration Showcase later in the term, where whānau will be invited to enjoy storytelling, audio reporting and drama performances that reflect the learning taking place across the school.

We look forward to a rich and connected Term 3, where student voice, creativity and cultural identity continue to be celebrated across our kura with our whānau and community.

This learning will build towards a Cultural Celebration Showcase for whānau later in the term, where tamariki will have opportunities to share their learning through storytelling, audio reporting and drama performances.

We look forward to continuing our work in literacy and mathematics, expanding learning through our local curriculum, growing leadership opportunities for our tamariki and celebrating their ongoing success .

