



Maketu School Te Kura o Maketu

Te Wāhanga 3, Te Wiki 7, Mahuru, Pānui 2

Kia tū rangatira ai |

To make Maketu School a learning place of
renown



► THE TERM IN REVIEW

Mai i te Tumuaki

We have certainly packed plenty into the last few weeks! Across our kura we have seen tamariki learning in the classroom, representing us out in the community, getting active, taking on new experiences and continuing to grow in confidence. Behind the scenes, our kaiako have also been doing some important mahi. We are strengthening consistency in teaching, preparing for curriculum changes, looking closely at attendance and progress, and thinking ahead about what we want learning at Maketu School to look like in 2027 and beyond. For me, the next part of our journey is not about adding more and more. It is about getting really good at the things that matter.



For Maketu School, this mahi has an important additional layer. We teach across multi-level classrooms, so our systems need to allow kaiako to know exactly where each tamaiti is, what they need next and how we move them forward. Our goal is simple: Consistency for our tamariki, regardless of which classroom they walk into. "What are you learning at the moment, and what are you getting better at?" If they can tell you, that's powerful.



► NGĀ RĀ HIRAHIRA

Dates to Remember

SEP 06 Netball Tournament
Te Puke

SEP 12 Youth Entrepreneur
Market | Te Ara Kai o
Maketu

SEP 23 Hui ā Kura
2 - 2:45 pm | Rāapa

SEP 25 Last Day of Term 3
Friday | Rāmere

OCT 12 Staff Only Day
Monday Term 4

OCT 13 First Day of Term 4
Tuesday | Rātu

► RUMAKI • REO • WHAKAPAPA • WHENUA

TŪTERANGIHARURU | Strengthening Our Pathway



An important piece of mahi underway is strengthening the future pathway for Tūterangiharuru and Māori Medium education at our kura.

Alongside curriculum support and the work happening within Tūterangiharuru, we are beginning to look further ahead.

- What knowledge should a tamaiti leave Maketu School carrying?
- What should they know about their whakapapa, whenua, reo, histories and people?
- What should distinguish a tamaiti who has grown and learned here?

These questions cannot be answered by the kura alone. Our next steps will include bringing koeke, whānau, tamariki and curriculum expertise together to help shape this pathway and ultimately build a graduate profile grounded in the aspirations and kete of knowledge of our own community.

More opportunities for whānau to contribute to this kaupapa will follow.



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Maketu School in Action

▶ TURNING OUR FOCUS INTO ACTION



Attendance

We are strengthening our attendance systems, following up directly with whānau when patterns begin to emerge, improving the way absences are recorded and looking at practical barriers that can make getting to kura difficult. Our Monday attendance celebrations continue, and we are also progressing our school van initiative to support identified whānau living outside the immediate Maketū area.

If your tamaiti is absent, please continue to contact us directly through Skool Loop, phone or message.

"I like getting to kura on time because I get to play with my friends and get my reading bag ready."

— Year 3, Takaparore



Stepping into the Day as One
Footsteps to Success



Beyond the Classroom

Some of the best learning does not happen sitting behind a desk. Our tamariki have had some fantastic opportunities to learn beyond the classroom recently, including EOTC and aquatic experiences. These opportunities are much more than a day out. Our tamariki are developing water confidence, survival skills, teamwork, independence, resilience and the ability to manage themselves safely in different environments.

A big mihi to our kaiako, support staff, whānau and community partners who make these experiences possible.



Karawhiua!
Giving it a Go!



Funky Fun Days

▶ GIVING IT A GO!

Our teina o te kura have been out and about participating in their Funky Fun Days. What we loved most was seeing our kids having a go. Running, jumping, throwing, working together, encouraging their mates and representing Maketu School with pride and plenty of energy on display! Experiences like these give tamariki opportunities to develop confidence, coordination and teamwork while connecting with tamariki from other kura. Ka mau te wehi, tamariki mā!

*"I was a little bit nervous but then I gave it a go!"
"We got to run, jump and try lots of different things."
I want to do Funky Fun Day again!"*



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Giving it a Go!

Te Kura o Maketu in Action



Te Whiringa Tika

► HOW WE TREAT ONE ANOTHER

As our tamariki learn and grow together, there will sometimes be disagreements, poor choices and moments when someone says or does something unkind. An important part of our mahi is teaching tamariki the difference between conflict, mean or rude behaviour, and bullying. Not every disagreement is bullying but every concern deserves to be heard and followed up appropriately. Our responsibility is to listen, establish what has happened, respond appropriately, support those involved and help tamariki repair relationships and make better choices. We also want to catch our tamariki doing things right. Showing kindness. Including someone. Owning a mistake. Helping another person. Looking after our kura. Standing up and doing the right thing. That is Te Whiringa Tika in action.



Te Whiringa Tika Mahi Tonu



He Mahi Tahi Te Hauora



Hauora

► LOOKING AFTER ONE ANOTHER

Winter has certainly brought its share of sickness into our community. Thank you to our whānau who have communicated openly with us when tamariki have been unwell and who have acted quickly when treatment or time at home has been required. Please continue to seek appropriate medical or pharmacy advice when needed and communicate health information directly with the kura rather than through tamariki. We will continue to treat health information respectfully and confidentially. Looking after our collective hauora is everyone's mahi.



Your Voice Matters

► LOOKING TOWARDS 2027

While there is plenty still happening in 2026, we are beginning to turn some of our thinking towards 2027 and beyond. Over the coming weeks and months, we will seek the voices of our tamariki, staff, whānau and wider community. We want to know:

- What do you value about Maketū School?
- What should we protect?
- What should we strengthen?
- And where should we head next?

This kōrero will help inform our future strategic direction. When the opportunity comes to contribute, please have your say.



Shaping Our Future Together

We're ARE EXCITED!
IT'S OUR SEED DEBUT!
TE ARA KAI O MAKETU
From Maketu School



SEED PACKS \$2
ALL PACKS

- MARIGOLD
- KAMOKAMO
- CHERIMOYA
- GIANT SUNFLOWER
- RURUHAU
- MULLEIN
- HUE

GOOD SEEDS • STRONG FUTURE •
GROWN WITH CARE AT MAKETU SCHOOL

SEEDLINGS \$2
PER PUNNET

- STRAWBERRY
- SPINACH
- CAULIFLOWER
- BROCCOLI
- PAK CHOI
- LETTUCE
- CALENDER
- BEETROOT
- CABBAGE

HEALTHY KIDS • HEALTHY KAI •
HEALTHY FUTURE!

YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR MARKET
SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
COME SUPPORT OUR TAMARIKI!

THE MAORI GARDENER
WILL BE COMING TO SUPPORT US!

\$2 EACH

SEED PACKS ALL PACKS
SEEDLINGS PER PUNNET

MADE BY TAMARIKI FOR OUR COMMUNITY

TE ARA KAI O MAKETU - KAITIAKITANGA • MANAAKITANGA • TŪ RANGATIRATANGA
 THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL GARDEN PROGRAMME!

FROM OUR MĀRA TO THE MARKET

Te Ara Kai o Maketu

There has been plenty happening in the māra this term. Our tamariki have been getting their hands dirty, planting, propagating, watering and caring for seedlings while learning about growing kai, kaitiakitanga and caring for our whenua.

One of our highlights has been taking what we grow out into our community. Our \$2 seedlings have been a huge success, with 82 punnets sold at our first Maketū Market. We even sold out! For our tamariki, it has been exciting to see something they have helped grow become something other people want to take home and grow too.

Now we are taking the next step. Tamariki are helping to collect, prepare and package our own Te Ara Kai o Maketū seeds, including kamokamo, hue, ruruhau, giant sunflowers and marigolds. These will head to the Te Puke Youth Entrepreneur Market on Saturday 12 September, alongside more of our seedlings.

It is a simple journey with plenty of learning along the way from seed, to māra, to market. Tamariki are learning where kai comes from, how to care for what they grow, how to prepare a product and the confidence to share and sell their mahi.

For us, that is what makes this kaupapa special. We are growing more than kai. We are growing knowledge, kaitiakitanga, confidence and opportunity.

OUR KURA AT A GLANCE



AKO

Strengthening explicit teaching, literacy and mathematics and building greater consistency across our classrooms.



TAMARIKI

Increasing opportunities to participate, lead, represent our kura and have a voice in decisions that affect them.



WHANAU & COMMUNITY

Beginning the kōrero that will help shape our future direction and the pathway we want for Maketu tamariki.

WHAT MATTERS MOST - OUR TAMARIKI, OUR PEOPLE, OUR PLACE

Hei Whakakapi

When we look back over the past few weeks, there is a lot to celebrate. But what matters most is not how busy we have been. It is whether our tamariki are learning, belonging, participating and progressing. That is the measure we will continue to hold ourselves to.

There is still plenty of mahi ahead, and there will always be things we can do better. But we are becoming clearer about the kura we want to build. One that knows its tamariki, knows its community and knows where it is heading.

Mā tātou katoa te waka e hoe.



Our People, Our Strength

There is a lot that happens around a small kura that people don't always see. Behind every trip, sporting opportunity, fundraiser, learning experience and community event are people giving their time.

To our whanau helpers, learning support staff, administration team, volunteers, Board members, community partners and kaiako. And most importantly, to our tamariki who continue to step forward, participate and represent our kura:

We see you. We thank you. Keep going.