

PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI

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OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

As this is my first pānui from our Senior Leadership Team, I thought it was important to begin by sharing a little more about who we are and how we work to support our kura.

Strong leadership helps create the conditions where great learning can occur and where our learners can truly flourish. While the structure and responsibilities of a Senior Leadership Team can vary from kura to kura, the purpose remains the same: to guide the direction of the school and to care for the wellbeing of the people within it.

At our school, that leadership begins with myself, as Principal, and Bev, our Deputy Principal. Together, we work in partnership to provide both strategic direction and day-to-day support, ensuring that our vision for learning is not just words on paper, but something lived and experienced across our community. Today, we'd like to share a closer look at the roles of our Principal and Deputy Principal, and the unique ways they help shape the direction and day-to-day life of our school.

PRINCIPAL

TUMUAKI

A Principal is responsible for the overall leadership and strategic direction of the school. This role is both outward-facing and deeply connected to the daily life of our kura – balancing long-term vision with the immediate needs of our students and staff.

A PRINCIPAL'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

- *Setting and guiding the school's annual direction and priorities*
- *Ensuring high-quality teaching and learning across the school*
- *Leading school culture, values, and expectations*
- *Working in partnership with the board and wider community*
- *Supporting and developing staff*
- *Ensuring the wellbeing and safety of students and staff*

At the heart, the role is about stewardship – caring for the school's present while shaping its future.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

TUMUAKI TUARUA

A Deputy Principal works alongside the Principal to bring the school's vision to life in practical and meaningful ways. Often closely connected to day-to-day operations, a Deputy Principal plays a crucial role in supporting staff and students, and ensuring consistency across the school.

A DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

- *Supporting curriculum leadership and implementation*
- *Overseeing specific areas such as student learning, wellbeing and pastoral care*
- *Leading professional learning and staff development*
- *Assisting with school operations and organisation*
- *Working directly with students, staff, and whānau to resolve issues and support success*

At the heart, the role is about connection and care – navigating the day-to-day moments while strengthening teaching and learning.

OUR GROWING KURA

We are excited to share that in Term 3 we will be opening a new entrant class – an important and positive step forward for our kura.

This is part of a bigger picture. Growing our new entrant numbers helps us move closer to the roll targets needed to expand our kura classification in the future – including the possibility of offering higher year levels. Each new enrolment strengthens our pathway forward and builds momentum toward that long-term vision.

If you are a current whānau with a child turning five this year or early next year, we encourage you to submit enrolment applications by the end of this term. Having confirmed numbers helps us plan staffing, resources, and learning spaces effectively.

We would also greatly appreciate you spreading the word within our community. If you know families who may be considering schooling options, we would love them to connect with us. Word of mouth is powerful, and your support plays a vital role in the continued growth of our kura.

We look forward to welcoming our newest learners and continuing to build a strong future together.



BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

This year, we are pleased to announce that we have secured approval to invest in enhancing our facilities, specifically to create improved play spaces for our students. Our objective is to reinvent and expand the area surrounding the playground, providing diverse opportunities for student engagement through various forms of play.

Throughout this term, our Senior Leadership Team is diligently exploring options, assessing costs, and gathering feedback from staff. Following this, we will present several proposals to both our students and the broader community. With your collaboration, we will prioritise which projects to implement first. Following this, we will issue a call for volunteers to assist with a working bee—these contributions significantly help reduce overall costs and ensure we are responsible stewards of our resources.

Additionally, we are dedicating all of our fundraising efforts this year towards the purchase and installation of monkey bars. There will be opportunities for whānau to contribute through participation in school fundraisers, and we will also communicate additional ways you may wish to support this initiative. Please stay tuned for further updates.

We look forward to sharing these ideas with you in the coming months.