

## Honouring Tikanga and Embracing the

### Future: Implementing Te Ao Māori at Our Kura

Last week, we had the privilege of working with our local tohunga guide, Matua Toa Te Poono. With his guidance through karakia (prayers) and kōrero (discussions), we recognised and acknowledged the need to implement Te Ao Māori in to Our kura.

"Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi," a whakatauki (proverb) meaning "The new net goes fishing, while the old net is put away", perfectly encapsulates our kura's future endeavors. This whakatauki symbolizes our commitment to integrating Te Ao Māori into our school's strategic planning and daily life.

In line with this vision, Matua Toa sought and received permission from the whānau (family) of the carver whose taonga (treasures) adorn our Waharoa (entranceway). The carvings, which have stood for over twenty years, were taken down for inspection, restoration, and repainting to honour their significance and ensure their longevity and vibrancy. Additionally, new signage will be placed strategically around the school to further embed Te Ao Māori into our environment, creating a space that respects and celebrates Te mahinga o Te Ao Māori.

Matua Toa's sincere dedication to this project has been invaluable. We look forward to continuing this journey, embracing both tradition and innovation for the benefit of our kura and community.

## OUR SCHOOL VALUES

**RESPECT**  
**MANA WHAKAARO**

**EXCELLENCE**  
**MANA KAIRANGI**

**PERSERVERANCE**  
**TE MANAWANUI**

**SELF CONTROL**  
**MANA WHAIARO**

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**WHAKAKĀNGIA TE MURA O ROTO,  
PĒRĀ I TE RAKAU O TE MAHOE**

**IGNITE THE FIRE-LIKE THE MAHOE**



## INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

"Ko te amorangi ki mua, Ko te hāpai ō ki muri" (*"The leaders at the front, having being supported from behind the scenes"*), we proudly introduce the dedicated whānau who make our school a thriving community. This diverse group of people includes our front-line teachers and the indispensable support staff working behind the scenes.

Our team is committed to providing tamariki (children) with a safe and nurturing environment. Our goal is to foster growth, creativity, learning, and self-advancement in a positive atmosphere. The teaching staff, our amorangi, will lead the way with innovative instruction and personalised attention, ensuring each student receives the best possible education. Behind them, our hāpai ō, the support staff, work tirelessly to maintain the smooth operation of the school, from support staff to van driving to maintenance, contributing to the well-being and success of our tamariki.

Together, we strive to "Ignite the flame – like the Mahoe"

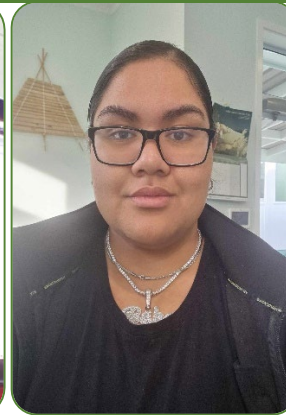
### TEACHING STAFF



WHAEA Mariana



WHAEA Rangihotuana



WHAEA Roimata

### TEACHING SUPPORT STAFF



WHAEA Donelle



WHAEA Te Oti



WHAEA Brenda



MATUA Bill



WHAEA Jackie

### NON TEACHING SUPPORT STAFF



WHAEA Cheryl



PAPA Mike