Aspirational Profile for Ruawai Primary Learners

We aim to become and remain...

Ruawai Primary
Empowering Learning
Whakamana Akoranga

Ever-Growing Learners

Curious & Inquisitive

Literate & Numerate

Digitally Fluent

Problem Solvers

Engaged Learners

Collaborators

Innovators

Active

Kaitiaki

Ruawai Primary Learners

Ever-Growing
Engaged
Connected
Individual

Connected Learners

Sociable & Inclusive

Adaptable

Compassionate

Self-Managing

Individual Learners

Self Confident

Fair & Respectful

Culturally Aware

Located

the Heru

The heru symbolizes the uplifted symbol of Ngāti Whātua tribal authority and esteem or mana - something uniquely Ngāti Whātua to draw pride from and aspire to.
It was the practice of Ngāti Whātua leaders to be at the forefront of travelling parties.
These leaders could be easily recognised by the heru adorning the top knot of their hair.

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TERM DATES 2018
Term 1: 31 Jan–12 Apr
Term 2: 29 Apr–05 Jul
Term 3: 22 Jul–27 Sep
Term 4: 14 Oct–13 Dec

DATES TO REMEMBER:

29 Apr	Term 2 begins
6 May	Teacher union meetings
8 May	Author visit
9 May	Ki ō Rahi comp
31 May	Cross country
3 June	Queen's Bday

Principal's Korero

12 April 2019

Tēnā koutou, Kamusta ka yung lahat, Namastē, Hallo, Talofa, Kia orana

Wow, where has this term gone? When I look back at our term 1 calendar, I do not see many days where we did not have something planned. This sort of term requires a lot of managment and adaptability from both our staff and learners. I would like to really thank our staff for giving 110% effort into making this term so full of rich learning expereinces.

Below are a few photos of some of the highlights from this term

Thank you's:

A big thanks to Jewelie, Louise, Jenna and Keith for their work at the field days fund-raiser. The money raised is going towards our new sandpit and shade sails.

Thanks to Jo, Mrs Slatter and the team for making the TRYathlon such a success.

Thanks to Kyla and all of the timekeepers at swimming sports.

Thanks to all the parents who helped at Football festival.

Thanks to those who helped build the sandpit.

Congratulations to the following parents who have already completed their **10 hours** of school service for the year;

Louise Simpson, Greg Scott, Kyla Johnson, Jewelie Sterling, Keith Slatter, Craig Mitchell, Jo Forsyth, Tracy Scott, Jenna Fraser, Francis Way, Sunny Oud, Mandy Powell.

We really appreciate your support this term. Providing transport to Camp Millenium was really appreciated!

Curtis Gaylor

Tumuaki / Principal

Seesaw

The Learning Journal

Dear whānau,

This year we are using Seesaw to share and communicate with families! Your child's teacher or your child will post to Seesaw to share their learning. We'll also use Seesaw to send you messages and reminders. Seesaw is private; you'll only see posts created by your child or the class blogg.

1 **Please Sign Up Now if you have not already. If you need another invite, please ask your child's teacher and they can either email you one or send home a paper copy.**

2. Create your account

3. Once we approve you, you can see content from your child

After you sign up, download the free Seesaw Family app and sign in. You can also access Seesaw from a computer at https://app.seesaw.me.

I really can't express enough the positive impact that your comments or the conversations you have with your child about their learning, will have on your child's overall learning journey. Instead of getting the standard answer of "good" when you ask your child "how was your day today?", you can start the conversation with "wow, I really enjoyed what you shared about sustainability with me this morning. Can you please tell me more?"

This app does cost the school, but we are prepared to make this investment as we know it is almost impossible for some parents to get into school due to work commitments etc. We believe that this is a great way for you to be involved throughout the day. All you need is a smart phone. If you have Facebook, you should have this! We currently have 89 connected parents which is great, but I would love to see the parent likes and comment stats increase to at least 100 total per week. Now that the classes are in routine and established, there will be more content added to your child's account.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning!

Curtis Gaylor

Principal / Tumuaki

"If you have the Facebook app, you should have this app!"

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Junior Football Festival

Senior League Festival

Swimming Sports

TRYathlon

Board Update

Tēnā koutou,

On behalf of the board I would like to acknowledge all staff and the many volunteers that have given their time to support our tamariki this term, you are all valued and appreciated and we thank you for your time and energy!

We commend those involved with the rebuilding of the sandpit, I was privileged to watch the children enjoying the fruits of your labor this week and it's safe to say it was being well utilised. The smiles and conversation of those within it were priceless.

Late last year we committed to reporting back to you on the results of our Community Survey conducted in Term 4, overall your feedback was very affirming. Trustees appreciated the honesty and openness received from respondents and your invaluable feedback has since culminated in a constructive action plan to continue to improve what and how we do things at Ruawai Primary. In summary:
100% of responses were supportive of our Play Based Learning approach introduced in the junior school. Based on your feedback we recognise the need, and will continue to improve, our tracking and reporting of progress against our Learning Capabilities from our Aspirational Profile during these sessions.

- 91% of responses support our te reo Māori / tikanga curriculum.

- 93% of responses were more than happy with the level of communication that they currently receive from the school.

- 96% of responses were more than happy with the level of communication that they receive from their child's teacher.

- 95% of responses were happy with the level of communication from the Principal.

- It was clear that the majority appreciate the range of communication methods we are offering and no one method was a stand out. Facebook, the newsletter, notices and face to face were the most favoured. This confirmed to us that we need to continue to communicate on many different platforms to meet your needs.

- 97.4% of responses were happy with the amount of opportunity they have to discuss their child's learning with their child's teacher.

- 100% of responses were happy with the school's leadership.

- 85.53 % of responses are aware that we are an Enviroschool.

Trustees were truly humbled by the amount of parents and whanau that took the time to give us feedback, once again we thank you.

We are pleased to report that we operated to a surplus budget last financial year, despite having a planned deficit, and we thank Mr G for his management of the finances and Mrs Jenyns for her administration - our audit feedback in this area was also very positive. We intend to use part of this surplus to fund the renovation of the hall kitchen and a new shade sail for the sandpit - watch these spaces.

Elections for the Board of Trustees will take place next term, Jo Forsythe has been appointed as the returning officer. Our succession planning has highlighted that two of our current members will not be standing for re-election so if you are interested in hearing about the role of trustee please feel free to get in touch with me, my email address is kjenyns@gmail.com or you can phone me on (09) 4390 730.

Ngā mihi nui

Kim Jenyns

Board Chair

School uniform:

REMINDER: The polo shirts are $34.50, long sleeved polos are $40.50, polar fleeces are $46 and the jackets are $65. School shorts and pants can be purchased from anywhere as long as they are black or navy blue. One of the main intentions of having a school uniform is to create a culture of whānaungatanga/family connection and a sense of LOCATEDNESS to our area.

Our school house tops are for sale at the office for $20. Thanks to Kaipara Kumara for their continual support with these.

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New School Representative Shirts

A massive thank you (again) to Kaipara Kumara for their wonderful generosity in sponsoring our new representative shirts. These shirts will be worn by our learners at inter-school events.

KAIPARA KUMARA

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