



Te Reo me ūna Tikanga (opportunities to participate and experience)

Te Reo Māori me ūna tikanga is a crucial role of Te Whānau Kōtuku. Tikanga Māori supports and guides our learning in all aspects of the curriculum.

- Haerenga ki te Marae
- Learning and being amongst the taiao
- Traditional Māori games
- Pūoro Māori
- Kapa haka
- Karakia, kōrero and waiata
- Mihi mihi
- Kapa haka festival – Takiri o te Ata

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Te Whānau Kōtuku



**“Mā te hurhuru ka rere
te manu”**

*Adorn the bird with
feathers so it may soar.*

Te Whānau Kōtuku was established in 2017 after a series of consultations with the school community, local kaumatua Koro Don Te Maipi and Mana Whenua. The vision was that of a bilingual pathway for all whānau interested in te reo and tikanga Māori. TWK started with one classroom of 21 students and has grown to its own syndicate now comprising of three classrooms catering for tamariki age 5-13 years. The curriculum is delivered at Level 2 which is 50-80% of instructional te reo Māori with a Māori worldview integrated into all subject areas.

Routines

Tamariki in Te Whānau Kōtuku take part in karakia, waiata and mihihi every morning from 9-9:30am. This is a chance for tamariki to grow in confidence to lead karakia waiata, and to also stand and learn to deliver mihihi and recite their pepeha. Please help your tamaiti learn and practise karakia and mihihi as part of their homework.

Karakia allows tamariki to connect to wairua, to our tūpuna to arua Māori and to the environment around us.



Whānau Hui

A representative of each whānau will be required to attend one whānau hui per term. This hui will usually take place on the Wednesday evening at 6:00pm.

Whānau Kai

Te Whānau Kōtuku will have shared kai throughout the terms. The expectation is that your tamaiti brings something extra to share for a communal kai. Whānau kai is to foster whanaungatanga and manaakitanga.

Kapa Haka

Kapa Haka is compulsory for all tamariki in Te Whānau Kōtuku. Kapa Haka is a platform for tamariki to enhance their identity, language and culture as Māori. It facilitates strong connections with their peers, growing skills, depositions and qualities that support well-being, success and achievement in school and in life.



Te Kokenga ki te Kura

We encourage before school visits before tamariki begin their school journey. A day and time can be arranged with Whaea Avelene or Jo Pittman. Please contact to arrange.

Communication

If you need to get in touch with your child's kaiako please do not hesitate. You can reach kaiako via email or private message. We encourage whānau to make the kaiako their first point of contact as this is often the quickest way to action requests or concerns.

Te Reo Māori in the home

We would like to encourage in Te Whānau Kōtuku to speak Te Reo Māori in the home, however little or a lot we know. If our tamariki see and hear us speaking Te Reo, they are more likely to follow suit. Kia kaha rā!

The benefits of tamariki learning te reo Māori at school

- Tamariki grow as learners.
- They discover with different ways of learning, more ways of knowing and more about their own capabilities.
- They become more reflective as they compare what they know of their first language with what they are learning in te reo Māori

Learning te reo tikanga takes important learning deeper, gives it more meaning and brings it to life.