

Tuakau Primary School

Charter



Mission Statement

Together we learn, grow and succeed.

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CHARTER UNDERTAKING

In accordance with Section 64 of the Education Act, the Tuakau Primary School Board of Trustees undertakes to take all reasonable steps to achieve the aims, vision and goals in the Charter which have been approved by the Board following consultation with the staff of Tuakau Primary School, Maori and the community in terms of Section 61 and 63 of the Education Act, and to take full account of the National Education Guidelines and all the statutory obligations. The Board has accepted this charter and its undertaking to the Ministry of Education.

Tuakau Primary School Statement – 2017

Tuakau Primary is a Contributing Decile 2D school built within large, attractive grounds and with a current roll of 225 children. It is situated in the Franklin area, 40kms from Manukau City, 10 km. from Pukekohe and is one of two schools in the small town of Tuakau.

Ethnically, the major groups are: 63.6 % NZ Maori, 15.6 % NZ European; 2.7 % Indian; 4.9 % Tongan; 2.7 % Cook Is. Maori; 6.6 % Other Pacific Is groups (Kiribati, Tuvaluan, Tokelauan, Fijian), 0.9% other European, 1.8% Filipino and 0.4% Vietnamese.

School facilities include 10 classrooms, a well-equipped library, an Administration area, sheds and storerooms for the caretaking equipment, art supplies, and sports' equipment, and a resource room. The shady covered outdoor stage area serves as an assembly area when the weather permits. Play areas include two adventure playgrounds, two hard court areas, large grassed playing fields and a swimming pool. There is a kindergarten onsite, a Playcentre, 4 privately run Early Childhood Centres in Tuakau and four Kohanga Reo in the area. A new 4-classroom sized Innovative Learning Space was opened in October 2016.

Currently the staff consists of a Principal, a Deputy Principal (fully released) and 9 classroom teachers, all of whom are permanent. We currently employ a second year provisionally registered teacher. Two classes cater for parents who wish to have their children taught in te reo Maori. There is 1 kaiawhina in support.

We have support staff who work with children with special needs; support staff who work in a general capacity to aid classroom teachers; one who organises the resource room; one who supports in the library; a part-time caretaker; a part-time accounts person; 2 cleaners; and an administration officer.

The Charter, Strategic and Annual Plans have all been reviewed by the Board of Trustees and Principal this year with input from staff and the community. It builds on the successes of the past and sets a direction for the next three years.

'Together: We Learn, Grow and Succeed'



Vision Statement *(currently being reviewed by community, staff and Board of Trustees)*

To acknowledge, value and foster the unique qualities and attributes of our school community.

To challenge our children to achieve personal standards of excellence through a balanced educational programme within a safe and caring environment.

New Zealand's cultural diversity

- All cultures within the School will be acknowledged, accepted and celebrated through active encouragement of an inclusive school culture and values.
- Staff members will ensure that students from all cultures are treated with respect and dignity, and will actively work towards high standards of achievement .from all children, irrespective of cultural backgrounds.

The unique position of Maori culture

- All Staff members are expected to develop an awareness of tikanga Maori and Te reo Maori, and to incorporate these into classroom programmes.
- Tuakau Primary School will encourage better cultural understanding, consistent with the Treaty of Waitangi.
- Staff will undergo professional development to build knowledge of and connections with the local area and students.

What reasonable steps will the school take to incorporate tikanga Maori into the school's curriculum?

- Themes and units will have a Maori perspective appropriate to topic and class level
- Children have the opportunity to join a kapa haka group
- Classroom practice reinforces tikanga Maori (eg. No sitting on tables, no shoes in classroom)
- EEO principles are met when employing staff
- Bilingual signage and instructions will be used where appropriate
- The children will experience powhiri and learn about the relevant components
- Whakatauki (weekly values focus)

What will the school do to provide instruction in Te Reo Maori (Maori language) for full time students whose parents request it?

- All such requests will be given full and careful consideration by the Board of Trustees with regard to personnel with appropriate skills and qualifications; the overall school financial position; and availability of accommodation within the school.
- The school has 2 bilingual classes
- A kaiawhina is employed to support the bilingual classes
- Bilingual staff both took part in full time study in te reo Māori in 2016 and will lead the rest of the school in te reo Māori acquisition in 2017.

What steps will be taken to discover the views and concerns of the school's Maori community?

- Close association with local marae and kohanga will continue.
- Consultation with our Maori community will be undertaken at least once a year.
- The school will consult and communicate with Maori families about Maori student achievement and progress
- Maori representation is strong on our Board of Trustees and whanau hui are held twice a term.
- Involve the community in discussions and workshops about the intent of *Ka Hikitia – Managing for Success* – to help make the shifts in thinking and expectations to ensure Maori students experience success as Maori. (Community/whanau involvement is vital!)
- Explore ways to involve whānau in their children's learning



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Our Mission is to provide our children with a positive environment which promotes success for all.

'Together' is the key word that embodies the way we want to move forward toward that success, giving our children the very best opportunities to guide their future.

TUAKAU PRIMARY SCHOOL



OUR CORE VALUES



Our Innovative Learning Environment that was opened in 2016



Computer in homes training for our parents/whanau to help support their tamariki.

School motto:

*Service:
The Master Key
of Life*