



INTRODUCING OUR HOUSE LEADERS

2025



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Gerrard
&
Kereama Gerrard
Huia House**



**Jahlun Davidson
&
Jiraiya Wipani
Tui House**



**Mauriora
Matika-Campbell
&
Te Awhina Tukere
Weka House**



**Tatum-Blue
Bishop
&
Taikehu Tumai
Wharawhara
Kiwi House**



24 March 2025



Te Kura Tuatahi o Ngaaruawaahia

Ngaaruawaahia Primary

Kia ora e te whaanau,

We hope you all had a wonderful Regatta weekend! A warm welcome to our new whaanau who have joined us over the past two weeks.

A huge congratulations to our koopapa teams, who have been training diligently and made us all proud last Friday. Ka mau te wehi! A special thank you to Matua Preston and Whaea April for their dedication and support in guiding these teams.

Our school value for this term is Manaakitanga – I am caring & I am respectful. Our aakonga have been learning how to show care and respect by using their W.I.T.S when they feel frustrated:

- ◆ Walk away
- ◆ Ignore
- ◆ Tell someone
- ◆ Seek help

Have a koorero with your tamaiti on using these strategies when they get into a frustrating situation.

Looking ahead, during the last week of term, we will be holding a mini market where aakonga will have the opportunity to sell food, run activities, and showcase their creativity by selling an item.

More details will be shared soon by the mini market team—watch this space!

Wishing you all a fantastic week ahead, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Nгаа manaakitanga,
Matua Murray and the NPS team

The two blue koru symbolise the various school partnerships (staff and students, school and whaanau etc) partaking of the learning that is 'open' and available to everyone there. It is a celebration of learning and the abundance of learning opportunities at the kura.

Geographically the koru symbolise the Waikato and the Waipa rivers meeting together in Ngaaruawaahia

The pattern on the left side is a poutama pattern symbolising the opportunities for students to advance in their learning.

The area below the koru represents the food pit and symbolises Te Kura Tuatahi o Ngaaruawaahia.



The yellow lines represent success after having feasted on the learning opportunities. The blue and yellow lines combined represent the school values (Manaakitanga, Kotahitanga, Whakapiringatanga and Manamotuhake). They also allude to the Waikato River (the blue lines) and the Hakarimata Ranges (the yellow lines).

On the right side is a mangopore pattern representing strength, determination, courage and agility - qualities that help students excel in their learning.

The logo symbol is a heart shape. Ngaaruawaahia is the heart of the Kiingitanga. Te Kura Tuatahi o Ngaaruawaahia staff take seriously their responsibility for looking after students in their care. The angles, as opposed to curves, give the symbol a strong/bold look that conveys pride in the kura.

The typeface is friendly, professional looking and easy to read.

Te Kura Tuatahi o Ngaaruawaahia

The word 'Ngaaruawaahia' means 'the opened food pits' which derives from a great feast in the 17th century. Te Ngaere, a Ngāti Tamainupō chief, and Heke-i-te-rangi, a Ngāti Maniapoto woman, had eloped and settled at Ngaaruawaahia, causing a rift between their tribes. When their first child was born, Ngāti Maniapoto were invited to the celebration in an attempt to reconcile the tribes. Te Ngaere's father named the boy Te Mana-o-te-rangi in honour of Ngāti Maniapoto. Peace was established between the tribes, and Te Ngaere shouted "Wāhia ngā rua" (break open the food pits) - Wikipedia

The new logo design is not a depiction of this story but incorporates some of the ideas associated with it to tell a new story about the kura and what it stands for as a reflection of its name.

Puuawai Hub!

Puaawai Hub are learning to work independently. Here are some of the children working independently on their mahi, learning to use the laminator and signing themselves in for the day on our new interactive T.V.s.



Puanga Hub has been having fun with our in-hub Wicked Wednesday Modules. Whaea Keana's cooking group has been cooking up a storm. Last week we made cookies, and this week we made our own pizzas! Our school mini market is coming up soon! Keep your eyes out for more information!

PUANGA HUB



Whanakee Hub

Whanakee hub had a go at designing and creating new uniforms for the school.

It was a great opportunity to work together and share ideas. Whaanake Tahi Learned how to write and then followed instructions for a Procedural Text. Students started with making paper planes, jam sandwiches and finishing with ice cream sundaes.



SPORTS *Interschool Swimming*

We would like to acknowledge all our swimmers who represented NPS at last week's Interschool swimming sports day: Cyden, Wiremu, Jiraiya, Awhi, Shalias, Sarai, Delaney, Pia, Orpheus, Lyric, Lisa, Anthony & Yohaana. Our tamariki competed against Waipa, Bernard Fergusson, St Paul's, Kimihia and Glen Massey students this year, and they were exceptional role models for our kura.

Special mentions to Lyric who placed 2nd in 9 yr backstroke, and Sarai who placed 3rd in 10 yr freestyle, backstroke & breaststroke! Ka mau te wehi korua!



COMING SOON!

Netball !!

Kapapa 2025



Enviro Group & Whaea Kim

Toy Swap @ Mini Market - Whaea Kim will have a Toy swap table at the upcoming Mini market. If anyone has some unwanted, but still good condition toys at home you would like to donate, please send in with your tamaiti. Everyone who donates goes into a draw to win a prize that is kindly being donated by WDC!

Toy Swap Event

Learn about sustainability and sharing by trading your old toys for new ones!

Bring along a toy you don't need anymore, and exchange it for someone else's. You get a new toy and you're helping the environment by reducing, reusing, and recycling.

When you share a toy and go in the draw to win a cool prize too!



Waikato District Council are doing some amazing mahi to help households clear waste & better their recycling practises. If you're interested in visiting the Huntly recycling centre to learn more about what they do,

click on this link to register:
<https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/rubbish-and-recycling/how-to-reduce-our-waste/events-and-workshops/recycling-centre-tour>

If you currently have scrap metal waste to get rid of at home, details for doing this can be found on this poster