



# Ngāruawāhia Primary School

"Mana te Tuatahi"

\*Manamotuhake \*Manaakitanga \*Kotahitanga \*Whakapiringatanga

**TERM 2: 2023**

**Friday 05 May**

**WK 2**

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome back to term 2. I can't believe we are already in May!!  
Nau mai haere mai to our new whaanau. It's great to have you on the N.P.S journey.

I would like to give a big ngaa mihi to Whaea Kim and the team for holding the fort in my absence last term.  
The N.P.S team is always living out kotahitanga for each other.

Term 2 has started off well with aakonga settling in for another term full of learning experiences to achieve their full potential. It was great to hear of so many whaanau attending the learning conferences at the end of term 1 where you could see the progress happening with your child's learning and establish shared goals giving meaningful purpose to the learning for the year. This partnership between teacher, student and whaanau is vital to success.

Property: Finally, since signing off in 2021, the junior hub refurbishment has begun. Akomanga Tahi and Akomanga Rua will be together in Akomanga Waru while this happens with the hope they will be in their new akomanga by mid-June. We are so proud of how our juniors have adapted to the changes while things are being completed.

Sadly, the senior playground has now been decommissioned due to being unsafe. It has served the school well for nearly 20 years. However, it is time to invest into something safe, modern and relevant for our tamariki. The student leaders have some plans in place to get the project started. TOGETHER we will make this happen...  
... watch this space.

Social media: Staff have had to deal with an increasing number of incidents around messages on social media between students. The messages are extremely vile and nasty. This is happening out of school hours where students aren't being monitored. Social media platforms recommend and/or require users to be at least 13 to have an account. The kura is working with police, ministry and other providers to provide sessions for whaanau around how to keep tamariki safe when online. As we work together whaanau, we ask that you talk with your tamariki around the consequences of online bullying (nasty anonymous messages) and monitor what they are doing.

Have a great weekend.

Matua Murray

Our kaupapa this Term is titled,

**"Tū māia ki Ngāruawāhia"**

It will involve discussions about people in our whānau, community, country & the World, who are positive role models.

Tamariki will also explore how they are or can be positive role models in lots of different ways - earning how to "stand with confidence here in Ngāruawāhia"



Welcome

Brigham Koia, Rocki Apiata,  
Mannix Apiata &  
Daine Cocup-Thomas

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to: Presiding member Emma Smillie  
Ngaruawahia Primary School Board of Trustees  
39 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia 3720

by: 3pm May 29th, 2023

## KIWI CAN – KIWI KAHA



### OVERVIEW

Kiwi Can is a life skills and values programme delivered to the whole school by trained Kiwi Can leaders. There are two components to the Kiwi Can programme: one class lesson per week for the whole year and a Community Project.

Kiwi Can is linked to the New Zealand Curriculum and its key competencies. Lessons have been shown to develop greater communication skills, social interaction, cooperation and displays of kindness and caring in the students.

The programme strongly supports the Positive Behaviour for Learning strategy in schools. Kiwi Can is integrated into an individual schools vision and goals. School Principals tell us that the Kiwi Can programme has a noticeable effect on how well their children interact with each other – with significant decreases in truancy and bullying in the playground.

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### THE PROGRAMME PHILOSOPHY

Kiwi Can operates under the P.E.A.C.E. philosophy, where excellence in action is achieved through an on-going cycle of:

- Praise effort, reflection and intent
- Encouraging and supporting change through developing new skills and understandings
- Celebrating Achievement, learning and transformation
- Providing opportunity for new Challenges, including transferring new skills and understanding across a variety of contexts
- Celebrating Excellence

### POSITIVE CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Our programmes are informed by best-practice research, focusing on positive child and youth development.

The Kiwi Can programme integrates both the prevention of problem/anti-social behaviours and the promotion of child development. It uses a multi-tiered and multiple systems approach which is designed to support Lerner et al 5 C's model of positive youth development which supports young people to develop their:

- character
- caring and compassion
- confidence
- competence
- connections

These lead to greater levels of life-long contribution.

"Children are playing positively in the playground with fewer issues needed to be dealt with."  
School Principal

94% of schools reported that Kiwi Can had a positive impact on students' social connectedness with 64% of schools rating Kiwi Can as very or extremely effective in achieving their aims in this area.  
Evaluation report to MoE

"As a school, we have noticed a significant drop off in stand downs and use of the time out resource. Our students want to be at school and motivation is rarely an issue in class. Improved attendance across the whole school."  
School Principal

"I reckon the stuff you taught me will be really handy when I am one day Prime Minister".  
Kiwi Can Student

"It's about doing the right thing when no-one else is listening and always being honest and not telling lies."  
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decreases in truancy and bullying in the playground. The Graeme Dingle Foundation has been successfully

partnering with schools and communities for over 20 years. We are extremely excited to join the

Ngaruawahia Primary School whānau on Monday 15th of May. If you see us please come and say kia ora! We are always up for a high five

and a korero."

## CORNERSTONES

Kiwi Can has four cornerstones. These are distinct principles that form the foundation and are woven through every aspect of the Kiwi Can programme.

Whanaungatanga <i>Relationships</i>	Nga utu <i>Consequences</i>	Taura tuturu <i>Role Modelling</i>	He whakaaro pai <i>Positive Thinking</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Whole school approach</li><li>Community Development Strategy</li><li>Focus on building positive relationships</li><li>Environment of collective identity and responsibility</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Every action has a reaction/outcome (+/-)</li><li>Considering actions across contexts/situations</li><li>Promoting accountability and responsibility through positive personal choices</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Two leaders facilitating each programme (ideally a male/female role modelling partnership)</li><li>Promote a tuakana-teina approach</li><li>Celebrating local and national role models</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Promote a 'can-do' approach</li><li>Encouraging and affirming of self and others</li><li>Building vocabulary</li><li>Celebrating effort and reflection as well as achievement</li></ul>

## UNDERPINNING VALUES

The values underpinning Kiwi Can are explicit in the programme's four themes and 24 modules.

Whakawhānau-gatanga <i>Positive relationships</i>	Pono <i>Integrity</i>	Taikaha <i>Resilience</i>	Manaakitanga <i>Respect</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Positive communication</li><li>Cooperation</li><li>Friendship</li><li>Fairness and fairplay</li><li>Leadership</li><li>Conflict resolution</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Honesty</li><li>Responsibility</li><li>Reliability</li><li>Make good choices</li><li>Being a role model</li><li>Accountability</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Understanding emotions</li><li>Self-control and discipline</li><li>Dealing with challenges</li><li>Goal setting</li><li>Problem solving</li><li>Perseverance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For ourselves</li><li>Respectful communication:</li><li>For others</li><li>For our school</li><li>For our community</li><li>For our environment</li></ul>

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Each of our programmes includes a Community Project. This is an opportunity for students to develop reciprocity and build better knowledge of, and stronger relationships with, their families/whānau, school and broader community.

There are a number of great opportunities for the community and key stakeholders to engage with our wonderful Kiwi Can students through the Community Project. This could include:

- painting murals at schools, playgrounds and public spaces
- landscaping parks and playgrounds
- planting trees
- creating or restoring playground equipment
- Activities and events that promote sustainability

Kandoo Kiwi says "Can do!"



## THE EVIDENCE

Kiwi Can lessons have been shown to contribute to greater communication skills, social interaction, cooperation and displays of kindness and caring.

Kiwi Can continues to:

- improve social connectedness,
- have a positive impact on student behaviour and attendance at school,
- enhance school culture and community relationships,
- help resolve student conflict, encourage positive behaviours and introduce fun and energy into the classroom,
- have links to better academic attitudes and increased academic engagement,
- build children's confidence to 'have a go'.



  
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FOUNDATION**  
Empowering kids to overcome life's obstacles  
Whakamanawata ngā tamariki kia eke panuku



# UP & COMING EVENTS

- NZ Sign Language Week
- Tuesday 9th : Mau Rakau / Netball in Taupiri
- Sunday 14th: Mothers Day
- Friday 19th: Pink Shirt Day
- Tuesday 23rd: Interschool Touch & Netball

