

Pānui Kura, Wiki 1, Wāhanga 1  
Turei, 3 Pēpuere  
Maramataka: Rakaunui o Rūhiterangi



2026

### Term dates:

**Term 1: Tues, 27 Jan - Thurs, 2 Apr**  
**Term 2: Mon, 20 Apr - Fri, 3 Jul**  
**Term 3: Mon, 20 Jul - Fri, 25 Sept**  
**Term 4: Mon, 12 Oct - Fri, 11 Dec**

## Hai Tīmatanga Kōrero

It's been a really busy start to 2026, and we've hit the ground running. A huge welcome to both our new and current ākonga who have showed up to begin their learning journey with us. **We are closed this Friday, 6 February due to Waitangi day.**

### Ākonga learning in Rumaki

It's quite a concern that we have students who have started or are currently in our Rumaki unit who don't understand or speak in te reo Māori. The concern is two-fold; tamariki don't understand instruction in te reo, and kaiako are forced to revert to English in the classroom. It is an expectation that if parents have chosen to put their tamariki into our Rumaki unit, they can at least hold a conversation - small or otherwise - mā te reo Māori. It has never been our kaiako job to teach their students te reo. In classrooms, kaiako teach THROUGH te reo Māori and this becomes very difficult when tamariki don't understand basic instructions. To expect a kaiako will translate to English is a disservice to themselves and the students in their class. Nō reira, kia āta whakaarohia tātau - let's think carefully; "is my child going into Rumaki fully equipped in their language or is this a personal language development strategy so they can teach me at home?" We also need to ask ourselves "if I don't have te reo, am I taking steps to learn so that I can be a part of my child's journey through te reo Māori?" These are big questions, but they need to be asked right at the beginning of the year. If you have thoughts or questions about this take, please come and see me.

### Kawerau Bus Run

I've noted the messages from a previous Facebook post, so Thank You firstly for your suggestions. We still haven't been able to find a driver and are currently thinking of other ways that we can move forward. We are not in a financial position to lease extra vehicles to replace our bus run, however please be patient as we hope to put some things in motion in the near future. Kia āta manawanui tātau.

## 2026 Classes and Staff Members



### Rumaki:

**Ruma 1** - Parituhara Dimitro  
**Ruma 3** - Makuini Thrupp  
**Ruma 5** - Matewaka Kahukiwa/Mere-Rose Paul  
**Ruma 7** - Contessa Burgess/Maata Niho Henry/Nikki Dimitro  
**Ruma 9** - Hapai Hake/Te Oti Paul

### Auraki:

**Ruma 2** - Waireti Austin  
**Ruma 4** - Tanisha Tapsell Umuhuri/Mere Dimitro/Jenna Te Huia  
**Ruma 8** - Nicole Mclean/Andrea Sutton

Keep an eye out for Parent/Teacher interview dates and other Upcoming Events.

School apps to download to keep up to date with all our latest pānui



Please use the email address used on your child/rens enrolment to create your login.

Please send all students with their own water bottles to keep hydrated as this weather is still quite warm and also name them if possible.



## Uniforms

All uniforms are to be purchased from the NZ Uniforms in Whakatane located on The Strand.

You are able to purchase plain black shorts, pants or skirts at K Mart or The Warehouse.

Please make sure your child/ren has correct uniform everyday and that they are named.

## WHAKAPĀNGA - CONTACT INFORMATION

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### School Values - Ngā Uara

**Te Manaakitanga - Hospitable**  
**Te Tauakitanga - Resilience**  
**Kotahitanga - Unity & Collaboration**