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Kia ora e te whānau

## **Ōwhiro Bay School Statement of Commitment**

Ōwhiro Bay School sits in a community shaped by its landscape, its people, and the shared responsibility we hold for the generations growing up here. Our refreshed values speak to that responsibility. AWA captures the way we care for one another, how we build belonging, and how we encourage creativity that serves both our tamariki and our wider bay through Aroha, Whānaungatanga and Auahatanga.

In this spirit we reaffirm our enduring commitment to honour the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We recognise the profound history before us, the partnership, the promises, the whakapapa of this place - and acknowledge it is our collective responsibility to build a just, caring, and kind society where every ākonga thrives.

Our promise to the children, the families, and the whānau of Ōwhiro Bay is clear:

- We will nurture a learning environment in which cultural diversity is celebrated and all voices are valued.
- We will ensure that our curriculum, our practices and our relationships reflect the perspectives, language, histories and world-views of our Māori tamariki and whānau, and of all our children.
- We will encourage holistic belonging, creativity and service - so that growing up here means connecting to place, people and purpose as well as academic success .

As the waters of the Ōwhiro stream flow through our community, may we too flow together - respectful of what has gone before, alive to what is now, and hopeful for what is yet to come.

Ngā mihi nui

The Board and Staff of Ōwhiro Bay School

Noho ora mai

Cilla Scott

Tumuaki

Shaun Seebaluck

Presiding Member