



## **ĀRIA SCHOOL**

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I am forwarding a copy of our school "Planning and Reporting " documentation for 2026 and would welcome your feedback.

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**Mission Statement**  
(Tauaki taketake)



**Vision**  
(Te Tumanako)



**Values**  
(Nga Uaratanga)



**Key Competencies**  
(Nga Kaiakatanga)



**Learning Areas**  
(Te Marau Matauranga)

**"Be the Best We Can Be"**

**Whaia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me maunga teitei**

Aria School will be a place where.....

- *Learning is a partnership between family, school and community.*
- *Students have the opportunity to develop skills and attitudes to become confident, well-rounded individuals and to realise their full potential in all aspects of school life.*
- *We give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi by reflecting local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, te ao Māori and te reo Māori, striving to achieve equitable results for Māori students.*

**A ttitude**

- I always do my best.

**R esilience**

- I am motivated and confident.

**I ntegrity**

- I am honest, kind and caring. I treat all people with respect even when they are different from me.

**A ccept responsibility**

- I am organised and on task.

I am an **ĀRIA** student

Participating & Contributing

Thinking

Relating to Others

Managing Self

Using language, symbols, text

English

Maths & Statistics

The Arts

Science

Health & Physical Education

Learning Languages



## Notes

“Whaia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me maunga teitei”

Pursue that which is precious and do not be deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain.

A proverb which encourages us to strive, to set goals, to persevere by setting our sights high and to not give up on them for anything.

“Tu tonu”

Stand firm

There is no Maori equivalent to the idea of standing proud as an individual. “Kaore te kumara e korero mo tona ake reka” - The kumara does not speak of its own sweetness. Instead, many whakatauki enhance the values of kotahitanga (unity), mahitahi (working together) such as the following;

“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi. Engari, he toa takitini.”

My strength is not the strength of one. It is the strength of many.

“Ma tini ma mano ke rapa te whai”

Many hands make light work. Unity is strength.

## **General Description of the School Community...**

The Āria School community covers a wide area geographically and centres on the Aria Village where there is our school, a Cosmopolitan Club and a District Multi-Cultural Hall. Ethnic composition is mixed; mainly NZ European and Māori descendants with a sprinkling of American, Australian, English and other ethnicities (often on a short-term basis) as they are employed by the local dairy farms.

There is a wide range of parental employment with almost 50% being farm related. Older people retire and move away, leaving the area comprised mainly of younger to middle aged families with an average spread of income.

35% of our students travel to school daily on the MOE funded Mokauiti bus which arrives at school around 8:10am with some children leaving from home well before 7:30am each morning.

22% of our students are driven to school by the school funded mini-van or staff transport as there is no bus service available for them.

The remainder are transported privately as there is no transport service available.

The school day commences at 9am, with two morning breaks, 10.30-10.45 and 11:45-12 noon and lunch 12:45-1:15pm. Afternoon school finishes at 3pm. One staff car departs at 2.45 to meet the Piopio College buses at 3 pm. The school mini-van departs at 3.10pm and the Mokauiti bus departs around 3.25pm.

Around 22% of our students live outside of the Āria community (Piopio area). Āria is a generous and supportive community with high expectations from its school. It is also very self-reliant, which is evident from the wide range of facilities available. School and community relations are very positive with strong support for events such as sports days, pet day, cultural and musical productions etc. Parents and community members are willing to assist with transport, attending school camps and day trips, fundraising (annual two-day bike-ride), working bees and other activities as requested. Their expectations are high and these include a community newsletter on a weekly basis, regular reporting on student progress, regular consultation which includes parent curriculum meetings, and an "Open Door" policy at the school.

Most people believe that Āria is a good place to bring up children.

### **Strengths Identifiable in our Community are:**

1. People are very proud of their school.
2. Parents have high expectations of their school, staff and their children.
3. There is a high level of community identification with the school and a reasonably high level of parent involvement in such things as school trips, parent interviews or consultation.
4. Strong whole school Te Ao Māori programme.

## **General Description of the School**

Āria School is one of the oldest schools in the district beginning in 1908 with 11 pupils. The first building was erected in 1909 and still stands today and serves as the Āria Playcentre.

The school has three permanent classrooms with an Administration Office, Principal's Office, Staffroom, Kitchen, Resource room, Art classroom and large Library attached.

We are well equipped with digital devices, which we are constantly upgrading. All students have access to PCs, Chrome Books or i-pads within their classroom. The three classes each have an A frame teaching station, which includes a 42-inch screen.

All devices are internet capable.

We have wireless capability throughout the school.

The school has a strong I.C.T. and e-learning focus as an integral part of the teaching process.

A large playground includes concrete areas, a 12 metre shade area, a large covered outdoor learning space, a large fixed adventure play area, a fenced turf surfaced tennis/netball court, covered sandpit, solar heated and covered swimming pool with shade area and a rugby / soccer / hockey field with a fitness/obstacle trail around it. Extensive gardens and a native tree area add to a great rural school setting. Roll for starting 2026 is.... 46 students.

Staffing... Āria School has a professional and highly motivated staff who strive to give the best education possible. In 2026 the school will be staffed by...3.5 FTTE Teaching Staff, a 27.5 hours/week Office Manager, 40 hours/week Teacher Aide, a cleaner, lawn mowing contractor and 2 hour/week grounds person.

## **Cultural Perspective**

The school's curriculum values the unique position of Māori in New Zealand by providing a variety of programmes and opportunities that develop an awareness of all things Māori and the Māori Language. Parents and staff work together in supporting an agreed culture of oneness within the community. Marae trips, the whole school "Te Reo me Tikanga Māori" programme all contribute to developing student understanding and awareness of the Māori language and culture.

All reasonable steps will be taken to provide instruction in Tikanga Māori and te reo Māori for fulltime students and for parents who ask for it.

Our Kapahaka group focuses on several appearances during the year such as Matariki celebrations.. Kapahaka is part of our Arts programme and is offered to all children. The Maniapoto School's kapahaka festival is usually held in alternate years.

Consultation with our Māori community occurs regularly as all Parent/Caregiver consultation does.

Our Māori community feels strongly about not being identified as a "special" group.

We believe our learning programmes are meeting the educational needs of our Māori (50%) students. As a staff we continue to develop and refine our teaching pedagogy to support our Māori learners.

## **Multi-Cultural Perspective**

The school's curriculum values the multi-cultural composition of its wider community by providing opportunities that develop an awareness and appreciation of non-Māori / New Zealand European cultures for all students.

We are confident that all students at Āria School are receiving a balanced overview of the richness of our New Zealand heritage.

## **How we have given effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

### **Our Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

As a school and community, we seek to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its principles of Partnership, Protection and Rangatiratanga. We ensure that Te Reo Māori and Tikanga Māori are part of our way of learning and teaching in the classroom and beyond.

### **Our Cultural Diversity**

Our goal is to develop and maintain programmes and an ethos that reflects our schools and New Zealand's cultural diversity and, in particular, the unique position of Māori as the tangata whenua. We achieve this by:

- Developing plans and policies that are sensitive to varying cultures, and incorporating relevant aspects, especially Tikanga Māori.
- Incorporating a variety of ethnic and cultural contexts in learning programmes and raising staff understanding and awareness of New Zealand's cultural diversities.
- Encouraging Māori parents and community to take part in the planning process to assist in raising Māori achievement levels.
- Developing appropriate and reasonable provisions for delivery of programmes using Te Reo and Tikanga Māori.

## Supporting Education Success as Maori

(Refer Ka Hikitia Accelerating success 2013-2017)

Tataiako – Culturally Responsive Practice

Competency	Key ideas/elements	What does it look like at Āria school?
Āko	<b>Practice in the classrooms and beyond</b> , all of us taking responsibility for our own learning and that of Māori learners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tikanga Māori Implementation plan is continuously being developed.</li> <li>• Regular consultation with Māori community &amp; local iwi regarding appropriateness of content etc.</li> <li>• Engagement of parents and whānau is encouraged, to promote and support learning of students.</li> </ul>
Wānanga	<b>Communication, problem solving, innovation</b> - we all participate with learners and communicate in robust dialogue for the benefit of Māori learners' achievement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authentic contexts for learning.</li> <li>• Great respect is placed on being Māori.</li> <li>• Te Reo is used daily in classrooms.</li> <li>• Daily 30 minute Māori language lessons.</li> <li>• Weekly waiata.</li> <li>• Weekly whole school kapa haka sessions in library - karakia, waiata etc</li> </ul>
Manaakitanga	<b>Values – integrity, trust, sincerity, equity</b> , - we demonstrate integrity, sincerity and respect towards Māori beliefs, language and culture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unique School pātere / waiata</li> <li>• Visits to local landmarks mentioned in school pātere – Taumatini mountain, Kahuwera etc.</li> <li>• Children with Māori names are pronounced correctly.</li> </ul>
Tangata Whenuatanga	<b>Place based, socio economic awareness and knowledge</b> – we affirm Māori learners as Māori – provide contexts for learning where their identity, language and culture and whanau is affirmed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main school events (prizegiving) opened with appropriate karakia (senior leaders)</li> <li>• Whakapapa research – mihi (all)</li> <li>• Year 6 speeches presented half in Māori (choice)</li> <li>• Te Tiriti o Waitangi – what it means, senior school visit to Waitangi during year 4-6 class.</li> <li>• Culturally relevant activities and initiatives – marae visits, sleepovers, whikoi mo te reo, Te Nehenehenui Tribal Festival, Maniapoto Festival...</li> </ul>
Whanaungatanga	<b>Relationships – students, schoolwide and community, with high expectations</b> – we actively engage in respectful working relationships with Māori learners, parents, whanau, hapu and Māori community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culturally respectful practices e.g. not sitting on desks.</li> <li>• Cultural and historical connections are broadened to include other hapu, iwi etc.</li> <li>• We have an open-door policy which is totally inclusive and encourages whānau to visit at any time.</li> <li>• Consultation with Manawhenua is ongoing.</li> </ul>

## National Education Learning Priorities (NELPS)

The NZ Government is committed to continually building and developing a world class education. The National Education Learning Priorities (NELPS) set out the priorities and objectives of achieving change across our system, reflective of a culturally rich and diverse Aotearoa. At the heart of the NELPS, sit three core components: wellbeing, equity and inclusion.

The NELPS outline 5 Key Objectives to achieve change across our system, which embody wellbeing, equity and inclusion:

Learners at the Centre	Barrier Free Access	Quality Teaching and Leadership	Future of Learning and Work	World class inclusive public education
<p>Learners with their whānau are at the centre of education.</p> <p><b>1.</b> Ensure places of learning are safe, inclusive and free from racism, discrimination and bullying.</p> <p><b>2.</b> Have high aspirations for every learner/ākonga, and support these by partnering with their whānau and communities to design and deliver education that responds to their needs, and sustains their identities, languages and cultures.</p>	<p>Great education opportunities and outcomes are within reach for every learner.</p> <p><b>3.</b> Reduce barriers to education for all. Including for Māori and Pacific learners disabled learners and those with learning support needs.</p> <p><b>4.</b> Ensure every learner gains sound foundation skills including language, literacy and numeracy.</p>	<p>Quality teaching and leadership make the difference for learners and their whānau.</p> <p><b>5.</b> Meaningfully incorporate te reo Māori and tikanga Māori into the everyday life of the place of learning.</p> <p><b>6.</b> Develop staff to strengthen teaching, leadership and learner support capability across the education workforce.</p>	<p>Learning is relevant to the lives of New Zealanders today and throughout their lives.</p> <p><b>7.</b> Collaborate with industries and employers to ensure learners have the skills, knowledge and pathways to succeed in work.</p>	<p>New Zealand education is trusted and sustainable.</p> <p><b>8.</b> Enhance the contribution of research and mātaurangi Māori in addressing global and local challenges.</p>

**At our kura, we exemplify and value these five objectives, which are implicit throughout our Vision, Values, Strategic Goals and Annual Plans.**

**Our Kahui Ako Goals also align to these five objectives as they do to our school's goals.**

## **Āria School Values**

**Attitude** - I always do my best.

I am an active listener - to the teacher or my classmates (e.g. I show that I am interested by looking at the person).

I have thoughtful reasons for my actions (e.g. I think about what I am going to do and can explain why I did it).

I support others with their learning (e.g. I can help my classmates who are having trouble with their Google Docs or logging in to Mathletics).

I can stay on task / focus for the appropriate time (e.g. I can sit still and focus during a discussion or listening to a story).

I can work within given timeframes, completing my best work (e.g. I can finish my writing task during the time given).

**Resilience** - I am motivated and confident.

I can adapt and bounce back when things don't go as planned (e.g. I learn from my mistakes and move forward).

I am optimistic (positive) rather than pessimistic (negative), I see bad events as temporary rather than permanent e.g. I would say "I'm not very good at this", rather than "I'm no good at anything", OR "My teacher didn't like my work", rather than "My teacher never likes my work".

I have the confidence to cope with change, I can think outside the box and recover from challenges.

**Integrity** - I am honest, kind and caring.

I treat all people with respect even when they are different from me. I am courteous towards others (e.g. I don't laugh at people or deliberately say things that might hurt their feelings).

I use my manners (e.g. Please, thank-you, excuse me, can I borrow....)

I can work well with others (e.g. sharing, asking, turn waiting etc).

I can put my hand up for questions or comments (e.g. no butting in or calling out).

I know what bullying is and that bullying is totally unacceptable in our school.

I can settle problems or disputes peacefully.

I can discuss difficult problems with a teacher or my classmates (e.g. freely contributing to Circle Time).

I can express frustration and anger without being aggressive (e.g. I will not slam doors).

**Accept responsibility** - I am organised and on task.

I take responsibility for my own actions (e.g. I act safely when in the playground).

I use equipment safely and appropriately e.g. (Working in the art room, library, using glue guns, using goggles, PE gear etc).

I look after my property and the property of others (I collect my own clothing. I return things I have borrowed).

I think about the possessions I bring to school and check that they are safe and appropriate (Special toys etc).

I can move around the school safely (e.g. not running around corners or down the hallway or past the office).

I can line up without pushing or shoving. I give people their own space.

I can sit on my seat (four on the floor).

I am an **ĀRIA** student

T E R M	Tick and date when completed	<b>Āria School Board of Trustees' Programme of Self-Review</b>
	✓	<b>2026</b>
1		<p>Appoint Chairperson at first meeting of year.            Submit Planning and Reporting to MOE by 1st March  <b>Accounts</b> to Accountant by mid-February  <b>Roll Return</b> 1<sup>st</sup> March  <b>2026 BOT Professional Development Plan/Succession Plan</b>            Draft accounts received from accountant (March 15-31<sup>st</sup>)  <b>Progress Reporting</b> to parents – end of term.</p>
2		<p><b>Audited accounts to MOE</b> 31<sup>st</sup> May  <b>Reporting to Parents-</b> mid-year (written reports and interviews)  <b>Roll Return</b> 1<sup>st</sup> July            Mid-year <b>Budget Review / Teacher Aide hours</b> confirmed            Review <b>Health and Safety</b> Policies and Procedures</p>
3		<p><b>Community / Māori Community Consultation</b> ongoing            Review <b>Self-Review / Strategic Planning</b> Policies / Procedures</p>
4		<p><b>Planning and Reporting Review</b>            2027 <b>Budget</b> approved – final meeting of year  <b>Asset Register</b> updated  <b>Job Descriptions Completed</b> - Staff / BOT            2026 Staff <b>Appraisals / PGC</b> completed  <b>Professional Development Plan</b> for 2027  <b>Annual Plan</b> for 2027  <b>Strategic Goals</b> – report on progress made  <b>Property/Maintenance</b> review /update 10-year plan            2026 Principal and Presiding member's <b>Annual Reports</b> to Community  <b>Statement of Variance</b> for 2026 Targets  <b>Reporting to Parents</b> – end of year (written reports and interviews)  <b>Principal's Performance Agreement / Principal's Professional Growth Cycle</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2027 Finance &amp; Property / Legislative Requirements</b></li> <li>• <b>2028 Curriculum / Employers Responsibilities</b></li> </ul>		

# Aria School - PROGRAMME FOR REPORTING TO BOARD ON STUDENT PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

- **Programme** – The annual programme of work, topics to be covered (what is happening in classrooms).
- **Progress and Achievement** – The progress of students towards set goals. Across the school achievement based on Overall Teacher Judgements (OTJs) and Learning Progressions for Writing, Reading and Maths. OTJs and Exemplars / ARBs for other curriculum areas.  
NB. Reporting on student achievement will include students as a whole and groups (gender/age/Maori).
- **IEPs** (Individual Education Plans) – how special needs and abilities are being addressed.

Term	Year	2026	Tick when completed
One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health and Physical Education</b> programme</li> <li>• Progress and Achievement in <b>Aquatics</b></li> <li>• <b>English</b> – programme (reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing, presenting)</li> <li>• <b>National Testing</b> e.g. <b>P.A.T</b> (Progressive Achievement Testing) <b>STAR</b> (reading for year 3-6), <b>asTTle</b> Writing year 1-6</li> <li>• <b>Social Sciences</b> – Programme / progress and achievement</li> </ul>		
Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Science/Technology</b> programme / progress and achievement</li> <li>• Review Effectiveness of <b>Teacher Aide/Special Programmes</b> (Priority Students' progress) MY</li> <li>• <b>Languages –Te Reo Māori</b> programme and progress and achievement</li> <li>• <b>Mid-Year Achievement</b> and analysis (reading, writing and maths)</li> </ul>		
Three	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ICT</b> – programme/ progress and achievement / strategic plan</li> <li>• <b>The Arts review</b> – Music, Visual Art, Dance and Drama - programme and progress and achievement</li> </ul>		
Four	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>End of Year Achievement</b> and analysis (reading, writing, maths)</li> <li>• <b>Target analysis</b> – Statement of Variance for each target</li> <li>• Review Effectiveness of <b>Teacher Aide/Special Programmes</b> (Priority Students' progress) EOY</li> </ul>		

## **Ngā Rautaki – Strategic Priorities at Āria School 2026-2028**

NB. We prioritised the following goals after consultation with the school community. The Board consults with its community through weekly newsletters, Facebook page, Skool Loop, annual community surveys and representation at all school / community events. Annual surveys are conducted in a variety of formats, online google forms, emails, hard copy, phone calls etc. to maximise feedback.

### **Goal 1 Akoranga – Learning**

*To support every child to succeed and achieve their own personal excellence, including strong support for those children with additional needs or learning challenges.*

#### **What success looks like in 2028 –**

- Every child is developing academically, socially and emotionally towards their own full potential.
- We have equitable learning outcomes across our diverse student population.
- Every child feels successful and motivated to learn.
- 80% children attend school more than 90% of the time.

#### **How will we know when we have achieved it?**

- Increasing percentage of children who meet or exceed curriculum expectations for their age group in literacy and numeracy as they progress through the school.
- Accelerated progression of students with additional needs (SWANs) towards meeting their individual goals.
- Increased equity in learning outcomes by ethnicity as students progress through the school.
- Teachers observe increased engagement and motivation for specifically identified students.
- Increased regular attendance to meet government target.

### **Goal 2 Hauora -Wellbeing**

*To provide a safe and positive learning environment with an holistic approach to health and wellbeing which includes the promotion of school values.*

#### **What success looks like in 2028 –**

- Staff and children feel safe to be themselves and have a sense of belonging.
- The skills, knowledge and expertise that staff contribute are valued and supported.
- Staff feel appropriately equipped and supported to meet the diverse needs of our students in a sustainable way.
- We have a strong culture around positive behaviour for staff and students (Restorative Practice).
- Programmes such as Yoga, Mindfulness, Pause, Breathe, Smile, Te Whare Tapa Wha, Zones of Regulation are taught and practised regularly to build confidence and resilience.
- Students are well supported when challenges / disruptions arise.
- Students feel confident to monitor their own “screen time” and understand the dangers of overuse or unsafe use.
- Students feel confident when moving on to other schools (transition to PPC), make new friends and speak up for themselves in front of students unknown to them.

#### **How will we know when we have achieved it?**

- The cultural practices and identity of children and staff are consistently reflected in school life.
- Year by year improvements in wellbeing survey results.
- Students are confident, comfortable and feel safe enough to bring sensitive issues to an adult or staff member. They have control of their screen time and seek support as required.
- Interviews with staff indicate that they are satisfied with their professional working life.

- Teachers have access to high quality, regular and impactful professional development and/or mentoring as required.
- Staff, whānau and children are confident that school processes are effective at reducing and addressing harmful behaviours at school.

### **Goal 3 Te Ao Māori – Māori World View**

*To deepen our connection with Te Ao Māori.*

#### **What success looks like in 2028 –**

- Staff and students learn and practice tikanga and use Te Reo increasingly during the school day.
- We connect to the aspirations of local iwi through immersive experiences in Te Ao Māori.
- Whānau Māori are better represented in school governance and decision making.
- Local Curriculum (linking programme of learning to school signage, pātere etc) is developed.
- We have raised Board awareness and understanding of Te Ao Māori.
- There will be regular collaboration with Manawhenua.

#### **How will we know when we have achieved it?**

- Attain Level 4b or greater, of Te Reo Māori Learning and associated operational funding.
- Staff and students are confident observing tikanga as part of their life.
- Staff, students and board members have increased experience of Te Ao Māori in a variety of settings.
- Local stories are known, annual visits are made to important places, we are included in events.
- Board consistently includes Māori representation.
- A visual representation shows/links across school learning to our school signage/pātere).
- Board have attended at least one relevant workshop.

### **Goal 4 Mahi Tahī – Working together**

*Foster productive partnerships within community maximising use of community resources.*

#### **What success looks like in 2028 –**

- Relationships within and between staff and community are mutually respectful and characterised by active listening, transparency and trust.
- School communications are streamlined and sustainable for staff and families.
- Coherence in teaching practice across the school.
- Coherence in collaboration between teachers and teacher aides.
- The school is fully supported by an engaged parent/carer community.
- Community resources are identified and utilised.

#### **How will we know when we have achieved it?**

- Input is sought from whānau and other stakeholders when we make changes to our school.
- Twice yearly student reports meet the needs of whānau in communicating progress in learning across all curriculum areas.
- The method of teaching (pedagogy) and teaching practices (methodology) in the local curriculum is observable in all classrooms.
- Teachers and Teacher Aides work as a team and this is reflected in student learning.
- Greater number of community volunteers actively engaged to support the school.
- Resources utilised (e.g. people with valuable skills) increasingly reflects our diverse school community, especially with delivery of local curriculum.
- Comprehensive and welcoming onboarding experience for new families, particularly new entrants.

## Annual Plan 2026

<p>Strategic Goal 1</p> <p><b>Akoranga / Learning</b> - to support every child to succeed and achieve their own personal excellence, including strong support for those with additional needs or learning challenges.</p> <p><b>What success looks like in 2026</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Every child is developing academically, socially and emotionally towards their own full potential.</li><li>• We have equitable learning outcomes across our diverse student population.</li><li>• Every child feels successful and motivated to learn.</li></ul> <p><b>How will we know when we have achieved it?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increasing percentage of children who meet or exceed curriculum expectations for their age group in literacy and numeracy as they progress through the school.</li><li>• Accelerated progression of students with additional needs (SWANs) towards meeting their individual goals.</li><li>• Increased equity in learning outcomes by ethnicity as students progress through the school.</li><li>• Teachers observe increased engagement and motivation for specifically identified students.</li></ul>	<p>Annual Target /Goal</p> <p><b>Literacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- An increasing percentage of students will meet or exceed curriculum expectations for their age group in Writing and Reading.</li><li>- To focus strongly on implementing the Refreshed English Curriculum into current programmes of work.</li><li>- To record student voice accurately and appropriately, increasing engagement.</li><li>- To increase the teachers' knowledge and skills for teaching Writing and Reading (Structured Literacy approach).</li></ul> <p><b>Numeracy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- An increasing percentage of students will meet or exceed curriculum expectations for their age group in Mathematics.</li><li>- To focus strongly on implementing the Refreshed Mathematics Curriculum into current programmes of work.</li><li>- To record student voice accurately and appropriately, increasing engagement.</li><li>- To increase the teachers' knowledge and skills for teaching Maths (Relevant PD for Numicon and Prime Resources).</li></ul>	<p>What do we expect to see by the end of the year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- An increased percentage of students who have met or exceeded curriculum expectations for their age group in Literacy and Numeracy.</li><li>- Students will be able to articulate their writing, reading and maths goals, their next steps and clearly express a desire to achieve their goals.</li><li>- Students will be engaged in their learning.</li><li>- Teachers will have greater confidence with the new curriculums and resources and be more effective teachers.</li></ul>
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<b>Actions for Literacy</b>	<b>Who is responsible?</b>	<b>Resources required.</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>How will we measure success?</b>
Developing understanding of the Refreshed English Curriculum.	Pam and all staff	Documents PD as required	Throughout 2026	Teachers will be planning and assessing using the new curriculum approach (SMART Tool). Teachers will feel more confident.
Analyse all data collected, identify target students and decide on appropriate intervention programmes. Target students will undertake interventions which will be monitored regularly and changed as required.	Pam / All Staff	Reading and Writing assessment – e- AsTTle /OTJs/ SMART Tool	Early term 1, 2026  Throughout year.	Data will have been collected and analysed. Target group identified - will have appropriate intervention programme developed. Progress of Target students will be recorded – using e-AsTTle, SMART tool and OTJs.
Review classroom programmes “What does reading and writing look like in your class?” Develop an Action Plan for Literacy.	Pam	“Literacy Action Plan”. “The Writing Book” and “The Reading Book” by Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey. The new English Curriculum.	Term 1, 2026.	Literacy Action Plan adopted and implemented in each class.
Focus on writing goals in child friendly language – refer to “Writing Progressions Year 0-6 in Child Speak”. Discuss how to implement the above in the best possible way. How do we monitor, record etc. How will students know when they have achieved goals?	Pam / Staff	Copies of 2024 “Writing Progressions in Child Speak”. Copies of current goal sheets.	Throughout the year.	Children will be able to identify and talk about their goals, they will know what they have to do to achieve them - Interviews.

Attend relevant and appropriate PD as required. Structured Literacy PD. Share within school expertise through focused staff meetings. "The Writing Book" – share and implement ideas. "The Oral Language Book" – share and implement ideas. "The Reading Book" – share and implement ideas.	Teaching staff	Relevant readings.	Throughout year.	Teacher Knowledge will have improved and reading and writing sessions will be more focused with specific skills being taught (deliberate acts of teaching).
Review all assessment practices. SMART Tool, e-AsTTle, OTJs, Exemplars, Running Records, PAT etc.	Teaching staff	Current assessment practices	Throughout year.	Assessment will be consistent.
<b>Actions for Numeracy</b>	<b>Who is responsible?</b>	<b>Resources required.</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>How will we measure success?</b>
Developing understanding of the Refreshed Mathematics Curriculum.	Pam and all staff	New document. PD as required.	Throughout year.	Teachers will be planning and assessing using the new curriculum approach. Teachers will feel more confident.
Analyse all data collected at end of 2025; identify target students, set goals.... Group target students for term 1 2026. Develop intervention programmes of work.	All staff	EOY Assessment 2025.	Early Term 1 2026	All identified target students will have intervention programmes developed and operating well before end of term. Across school grouping will be based on this.
Relevant external PD as available, online or within school, based on new curriculum and new resources of Numicon and Prime Maths.	All staff	PD Providers. New Resources provided by MOE.	Throughout year.	Improved teacher confidence and competence and ultimately improved achievement data.

Review Target group progress – Effectiveness of programmes/groups. Assess as per “ Maths Action Plan 2026”	All staff	Student voice collected. Achievement data.	Throughout year at least once/term.	Improved target group achievement data.
Refer “Maths Action Plan 2025” for full / further details.	Pam	Action Plan 2025	Term One 2026	A clear path to follow.

**Annual Plan 2026**

<p><b>Strategic Goal 2 Hauora / Wellbeing "Readiness for Learning"</b></p> <p><i>Focusing on building self-awareness, resilience and ability to manage/regulate/identify own emotions. By developing these skills our students will know they have the power to effectively manage themselves, their feelings and their health and will have improved readiness for learning.</i></p>			
<p><b>Annual Target /Goal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students will be able to identify their emotions (how they are feeling each day).</li> <li>- Students will learn skills to navigate through their identified emotions and be able to self-manage and self-regulate.</li> <li>- Students will feel confident, feel supported and able to cope appropriately with challenges (includes screen time).</li> <li>- Students will be ready to learn.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>What do we expect to see by the end of the year?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students showing increased resilience and ability to cope with challenges.</li> <li>- Students able to express and manage their feelings in an appropriate manner.</li> <li>- Students who are happy and ready for learning.</li> <li>- Students who are able to articulate their feelings and needs via conversation (interview), surveys (written) etc - in such a way that the appropriate support can be offered.</li> <li>- Appropriate means of collecting data will have been developed and tested e.g. weekly check in with teacher or survey...</li> <li>- A programme of work will have been developed to continue into 2027.</li> <li>- Improved achievement levels.</li> </ul>			
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who is responsible?</b>	<b>Resources required.</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Develop a programme of learning that teaches the skills required for self-regulation of emotions. Programme daily within the school timetable.	Pam	As references - All current Hauora programmes such as "Zones of Regulation", "Pause, Breathe, Smile". Other MOE resources already within school.	Complete by end Term 1, 2026
			<b>How will we measure success?</b>
			Programme will be in place to meet the needs of our students.

Decide on the needs of our students to ensure they are ready for learning.	All Staff	Identification of all student needs as <b>we</b> see them. Identification of all student needs as <b>the students</b> see them.	Term 1 2026	The list will be comprehensive, honest and as accurate as we can make it.
Review the Restorative Practices handbook and decide if it is still relevant and meets our needs.	All staff	Current programme, knowing what is happening in classes.	Terms 2 and 3, 2026	Programme and Handbook will have been reviewed and shared with Board and Community.
Review the Programme developed in term 1 on a regular basis at staff meetings to assess progress i.e. is it working? What differences are we noting with learning behaviours?	All staff	OTJs and Student voice from all classes.	Term 2/3/4	Through OTJs and Student voice we will note that students show improved readiness for learning and self-regulation of emotions. Improving MY and EOY achievement data.
Explicit teaching of self-management skills e.g dealing with anger, identifying how I am feeling, knowing what to do....	Classroom teachers	Knowledge of programmes. Time allocated.	Throughout year.	End of year expectations will have been met – see above.
Increase Staff knowledge and skills in the area of Health and Wellbeing.	Teaching Staff	PD as required – possibly Zones of Regulation, Restorative Practice, Pause, Breathe, Smile etc.	Throughout year.	Staff will be competent, effective and have an increased knowledge.

## Annual Plan 2026

<p><b>Strategic Goal 1</b>  <b>Target 3 ATTENDANCE</b></p> <p><i>To support every child to succeed and achieve their own personal excellence , including strong support for those children with additional needs or learning challenges.</i></p> <p><b>What success looks like in 2028 –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every child is developing academically, socially and emotionally towards their own full potential.</li> <li>• We have equitable learning outcomes across our diverse student population.</li> <li>• Every child feels successful and motivated to learn.</li> <li>• <b>80% children attend school more than 90% of the time.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>How will we know when we have achieved it?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing percentage of children who meet or exceed curriculum expectations for their age group in literacy and numeracy as they progress through the school.</li> <li>• Accelerated progression of students with additional needs (SWANs) towards meeting their individual goals.</li> <li>• Increased equity in learning outcomes by ethnicity as students progress through the school.</li> <li>• Teachers observe increased engagement and motivation for specifically identified students.</li> <li>• <b>Increased regular attendance to meet government target.</b></li> </ul>				
<p><b>Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recognition and Celebration:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acknowledge students with excellent attendance through certificates, assemblies, or newsletters.</li> <li>- Include attendance achievements in student reports and other reporting methods.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Who is responsible?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Classroom Teachers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitor daily attendance and encourage students.</li> <li>- Nominate students for recognition and rewards.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Resources required.</b></p> <p>Certificates, Awards.</p>	<p><b>Timeframe</b></p> <p>At least 3 times / term at whole school assemblies.</p>	<p><b>How will we measure success?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Visible Recognition:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Termly certificates awarded at assemblies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Office Manager:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintain accurate records and generate attendance reports.</li> <li>- Coordinate communication with whānau.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Whānau / Caregivers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support regular attendance through routines and communication with the school.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Positive School Culture-</b> Students feel proud of their attendance and motivated to maintain it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attendance is seen as a shared responsibility between school and whānau.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Improved Engagement:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students with strong attendance are more engaged in learning and school activities.</li> <li>- Whānau feel valued and involved in their child's success.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Whānau Engagement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send positive communication home to whānau acknowledging their support.</li> </ul> <p><b>Monitoring and Feedback:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Track attendance data regularly to ensure students remain on track.</li> <li>- Provide feedback to students on their attendance progress.</li> </ul>		<p>Several times / term or as often as required.</p>	<p><b>Data-Driven Support:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attendance data used to identify and support students who may be close to the threshold.</li> <li>- Early intervention prevents minor absences from becoming patterns</li> </ul>

**Statement of Variance 2025**

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**Numeracy**

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To increase the teachers' knowledge and skills for teaching Maths (Relevant PD for Numicon and Prime Resources).

Actions (what did we do?) <u>Numeracy</u>	Outcomes (what happened?)	Reasons for the variance (why did it happen?)	Evaluation (where to next?)
<p>Developed understanding of the Refreshed Mathematics Curriculum.</p> <p>Analysed all data collected at end of 2024; identified target students, set goals....</p> <p>Grouped target students for term 1 2025. Developed intervention programmes of work.</p> <p>Relevant external PD as available, online or within school, based on new curriculum and new resources of Numicon and Prime Maths.</p> <p>Reviewed Target group progress – Effectiveness of programmes/groups.</p> <p>Assessed as per “ Maths Action Plan 2025”</p> <p>Refer “Maths Action Plan 2025” for full / further details.</p>	<p>Attended relevant PD x 2 TODs.</p> <p>Students were ability grouped – Teacher Aides used to teach groups.</p> <p>Teachers’ knowledge of new curriculum improved.</p> <p>Progress was not as good as expected.</p> <p>Assessments were confusing. The PR1ME assessments were too hard – too many unknown words.</p> <p>Working from Numicon Teacher guide on-line was too difficult for Junior classes.</p>	<p>Confusion regarding use of new resources.</p> <p>Not prepared as resources arrived late.</p> <p>Difficult to monitor all groups when they were in a separate location with a Teacher Aide.</p>	<p>Complete days 3 and 4 in 2026.</p> <p>Return to whole class grouping with Teacher Aide support within the class.</p> <p>Buddy children in senior class so that a confident student supports a struggling student to give more support.</p> <p>Wait for MOE assessment PD - which has to be introduced in 2026.</p> <p>Hard copies of Numicon Teacher books purchased.</p>

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<p>Developed understanding of the Refreshed English Curriculum.</p> <p>Analysed all data collected, identified target students and decided on appropriate intervention programmes.</p> <p>Target students undertook interventions which were monitored regularly and changed as required.</p> <p>Action Plan for Literacy was updated. Reviewed classroom programmes "What does reading and writing look like in your class?"</p> <p>Focused on writing goals in child friendly language – referred to "Writing Progressions Year 0-6 in Child Speak".</p> <p>Discussed how to implement the above in the best possible way. How do we monitor, record etc. How will students know when they have achieved goals?</p> <p>Attended relevant and appropriate PD as required. Structured Literacy PD.</p> <p>Shared within school expertise through focused staff meetings.</p> <p>"The Writing Book" – shared and implemented ideas.</p> <p>"The Oral Language Book" – shared and implemented ideas.</p> <p>"The Reading Book" – shared and implemented ideas.</p> <p>Reviewed all assessment practices. e-AsTTle, OTJJs, Exemplars, Running Records, PAT etc.</p>	<p>Teachers have started planning and assessing using the new curriculum approach. Teachers beginning to feel more confident.</p> <p>Data was collected and analysed. Target groups identified - appropriate intervention programmes developed and monitored frequently.</p> <p>Progress of Target students was recorded – using e-AsTTle and OTJJs.</p> <p>Children not yet able to identify and talk about their goals.</p> <p>Teacher Knowledge has improved and reading and writing sessions were more focused with specific skills being taught (deliberate acts of teaching).</p> <p>Assessment continued to be reviewed.</p>	<p>Interviews did not happen due to staffing changes and lack of time.</p>	<p>Continue with relevant PD</p> <p>A greater focus on interviewing children so that they clearly understand what their next steps/goals are.</p> <p>Continue to focus on relevant Deliberate Acts of Teaching.</p> <p>Continue to fine tune assessment practices to keep them as simple, meaningful and relevant as possible.</p>

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**Strategic Goal 2 : Hauora / Wellbeing**

**“Readiness for Learning** *“Focusing on building self-awareness, resilience and ability to manage/regulate/identify own emotions. By developing these skills our students will know they have the power to effectively manage themselves, their feelings and their health and will have improved readiness for learning.*

**Annual Aim Annual Target /Goal**

- Students will be able to identify their emotions (how they are feeling each day).
- Students will learn skills to navigate through their identified emotions and be able to self-manage and self-regulate.
- Students will feel confident, feel supported and able to cope appropriately with challenges.
- Students will be ready to learn.

**Achievement Target 2**

- Students will feel confident, feel supported and able to cope appropriately with challenges.
- Review current systems and processes for collecting reliable data (surveys, interviews, weekly check in...)
- Develop skills of self-awareness and ability to manage / regulate / identify own emotions e.g. Te Whare Tapa Wha, Zones of Regulation, Pause, Breathe, Smile, Yoga, Mindfulness.

What do we expect to see by the end of the year?

- Students showing increased resilience and ability to cope with challenges.
- Students able to express and manage their feelings in an appropriate manner.
- Students who are happy and ready for learning.
- Students who are able to articulate their feelings and needs via conversation (interview), surveys (written) etc - in such a way that the appropriate support can be offered.
- Appropriate means of collecting data will have been developed and tested e.g. weekly check in with teacher or survey...
- A programme of work will have been developed to continue into 2027.
- Improved achievement levels.

Actions (what did we do?)	Outcomes (what happened?)	Reasons for the variance (why did it happen?)	Evaluation (where to next?)
<p>Students were assessed using OTJs and using our self-assessment tool.</p> <p>Te Whare Tapa Wha – used daily.</p> <p>Zones of Regulation taught as required – all students can place themselves in a zone.</p> <p>On-going Professional Development for all staff as available.</p> <p>Focused staff meeting sessions – priority students' progress assessed weekly.</p> <p>Teacher Aides supported the programmes in all classrooms.</p> <p>Teachers' skills in implementing programmes continued to be developed.</p>	<p>Resources used and referred to regularly.</p> <p>Shared and evaluated successes regularly during staff meetings.</p> <p>Teachers' knowledge and skills for teaching and understanding the relevant programmes improved.</p>	<p>All teachers embraced the Hauora approaches and worked hard to improve their skills in teaching the programmes appropriate to their students.</p> <p>More regular discussion / reflection / at staff meetings proved beneficial.</p>	<p>Focus on building self-awareness, resilience and ability to manage/regulate/identify own emotions.</p> <p>By developing these skills our students will know they have the power to effectively manage themselves, their feelings and their health and will have improved readiness for learning.</p> <p>Continue to discuss Priority Students' (SWANS Student With Additional Needs) progress at each staff meeting.</p> <p>Continue with regular PD at staff meetings, keeping us up to date with any new resources available.</p>