Maketu School
Te Kura o Maketu

Te Wāhanga 4, Te Wiki 1, Oketopa Pānui 1

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To make Maketu School a learning place of renown



HE MIHI AROHA

Mai i te Tumuaki

The future of our tamariki is shaped by those around them. As parents, grandparents, caregivers, and whānau, we are their first teachers. Through our words, actions, and aroha, we help them discover who they are and their potential.

After my mum's passing, I truly felt the power of that care. On behalf of my whānau, thank you for your aroha, messages, and support. Your kindness has meant so much to us.

Through simple actions such as listening, sharing, and showing kindness, we uncover essential lessons from our mothers. We don't need to possess all the answers; our mere presence holds significance. Time, hope, and love create a solid foundation for our tamariki.

As the term commences, let us reinforce the connection between home, kura, and community to empower the future of our children.

NGĀ RĀ HIRAHIRA

Dates to Remember

OCT 20	Backyard Skiffle Show Pongakawa
OCT 21	Whakanuiā Learning Celebration 2 pm
OCT 22	MOWS Field Trip The Rocky Shore
OCT 26	Labour Day Kura Closed
OCT 28	Rippa Rugby ED Fields
NOV 02	Board Hui 4 pm

EVERY DAY MATTERS | IA RĀ, IA RĀ

Term 4, Week 1 - A Positive Start!

What a way to kick off Term 4! A big mihi to our tamariki and whānau for making attendance a priority as we head into our final term of the year.

Our Week 1 Attendance Highlights:

- Ōkurei — 100% attendance!
- Takaparore — 98.1% attendance!
- Tūterangiharuru — 76.1% attendance.

A special whakanuia to our top two classes for achieving outstanding attendance. Ka mau te wehi!

Our challenge now is to keep that momentum going and support every class to achieve 90% attendance or better.

Our Week 2 Challenge: Can every class reach 90% or higher?

Maketu School in Action

TURNING OUR FOCUS INTO ACTION

A Special Moment

What a moment of pride it was to witness our tamariki standing confidently, surrounded by their whānau, as they expressed what makes Maketu School special to them.

Their voices played a crucial role in guiding an important day of kōrero alongside our kōeke and kaimahi during the Staff Only PLD.

This experience served as a reminder that by listening to our tamariki and allowing our community to share their insights, we create opportunities for learning that are meaningful, connected, and distinctly Maketu.



Tū Rangatiratanga - standing with confidence and pride



Bringing our community and kura together

Our Maketu, Our Stories Ngā Kōrero Tuku Iho

Our recent localised curriculum wānanga brought together tamariki, kōeke and kaimahi to explore an important question: What do we want our tamariki to know, understand and carry with them about Maketu?

One message came through strongly, our kura and community want to work together, building on the knowledge, skills and experiences that make Maketu special.

Our kōeke shared their whakaaro and offered their skills and knowledge to support future learning. Together, we explored how people, histories and natural environment of Maketu could become part of everyday classroom experiences, rather than something our tamariki only encounter on occasional visits.There was also discussion about establishing a group of community knowledge holders whom our kura could connect with regularly.

We recognise that making this successful will take thoughtful planning. Our next step is to explore how these opportunities can be developed alongside our kaiako, in ways that are manageable, meaningful and sustainable.

Our aspiration is simple: that every tamaiti learns about Maketu, through Maketu, and alongside the people who hold its knowledge.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, our kōeke, whānau and tamariki, for helping us take these important steps together.

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HE MĀRA KAI, HE MA9RA MĀTAURANGA





Te Ara Kai o Maketu
Growing More Than Kai

Exciting things are growing at Maketu School, and we have plenty to celebrate!
Our Te Ara Kai o Maketū kaupapa continues to flourish, creating meaningful opportunities for our tamariki to learn through gardening, construction, food preparation and caring for our environment.
We are seeing the difference this makes. Tamariki are enthusiastic, engaged and proud of their mahi. They are learning practical skills, working together and experiencing the satisfaction of seeing their hard work come to life. These experiences are helping strengthen confidence, belonging and enthusiasm for coming to kura.

So, What's Growing Next?
Thanks to the support of Western Bay of Plenty District Council, our next stage will include:

- New raised garden beds to grow more kai and provide hands-on learning opportunities.
- A secure garden shed to safely store our tools and equipment.
- Soil, compost and building materials to improve our growing spaces.

But here's the exciting part, we need our community to help bring it to life!

HE KARANGA KI TE WHANAU

Calling All Helping Hands

Our goal is to bring together approximately 220 hours of volunteer mahi from whānau, kōeke, staff, board members, local businesses and community supporters.
Whether you can swing a hammer, build a garden bed, move soil, plant seedlings, share your gardening knowledge or spare an hour of your time, we'd love your help! You don't need to be an expert. Every contribution counts.
A huge mihi to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council, our Maketū Community Gardens partners and everyone who has helped our tamariki get this kaupapa growing.
Te Ara Kai is about more than growing food. It's about growing capable, confident young people who know how to care for their whenua and contribute to their community.

Mā tātou katoa e whakatipu | Together, we grow!
Want to lend a hand? Contact our kura through Skool Loop or speak with one of our kaimahi.

Term 4 Reminders

As the weather warms up, please ensure tamariki bring a **sun hat and water bottle** each day.
Keep an eye on **Skool Loop** for notices, permission forms, event details and important updates.
Thank you for continuing to support our kura. We look forward to another term of learning, connection and celebration together.

Ngāti Whakaue Whakanuiā 2026
He Whakapapa, He Whānau, He Kotahitanga



He mihi nui ki a Whaea Mia rāua ko Waimaria me ngā whānau katoa o tō tātou kura!
What a proud celebration of whakapapa, whanaungatanga and Ngāti Whakaue identity at Whakanuiā 2026!
A special acknowledgement to Whaea Mia, Hineana, their whānau and Te Kapa Haka o Whakaue Marae for the countless hours of preparation, dedication and aroha poured into this kaupapa.

We are especially proud of our Maketu School tamariki who stood alongside their parents, grandparents and whānau, carrying their whakapapa with confidence and pride. Different marae, different generations, one whakapapa connecting us all.

And the celebrations don't stop there!

Ka takoto te mānuka! Whakaue Marae's successful tono means they will host Whakanuiā 2028, an especially significant occasion marking their centenary year. What an opportunity for our tamariki to grow alongside their people, deepen their connections and help carry this kaupapa into the next generation.
Whakanuiā reminds us that kapa haka is more than performance. It is identity, belonging, whakapapa and whanaungatanga in action. To everyone who contributed, performed, prepared kai or supported behind the scenes tēnei te mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa!

He toki ngao matariki!
Our whakapapa connects us. Our whānau strengthens us. Our tamariki carry us forward.

Te Kura o Maketu in Action

Rippa Rugby is Back

▶ THREE TEAMS, PLENTY OF ENTHUSIASM

Our Term 4 Rippa Rugby teams are officially FULL, and we're excited to see our tamariki back on the field, representing Maketu School with pride!

Games kick off at E.D. Fields on Wednesday 28 October (Week 3), with three teams ready for action:

- Years 1–2: Coach Matua Scott | Manager Jahlaya
- Years 3–4: Coach Jesse | Managers Donna and Owen
- Years 5–6: Coach Whaea Koha | Managers Matua Scott and Jahlaya

A massive mihi to our wonderful volunteer coaches and managers. Without your generosity, time and commitment, these sporting opportunities simply wouldn't be possible.



Karanga o Te Rangatahi 2026

▶ KIA TŪ RANGATIRA AI - STANDING PROUD THROUGH KAPA HAKA

Our tamariki are preparing to take the stage at Karanga o Te Rangatahi 2026, the Te Puke Kura and Kōhanga Kapa Haka Festival! This special kaupapa brings together kura and kōhanga from across our rohe to celebrate te reo Māori, tikanga, whanaungatanga and the confidence of our young performers.

Ngā Taipitopito — Event Details

- Thursday 12 November 2026
- Venue: The Orchard Church, Te Puke
- Arrival: 9:00 am for Session 1
- Maketu School performance: 10:20–10:40 am
- Entry: FREE — whānau welcome, subject to seating capacity.

Our tamariki will join Te Matai, Pongakawa and Paengaroa during Session 1.

Important Whānau Reminders

Auditorium seating is limited, so please arrive early. Doors will remain closed during performances, and no food or drinks are permitted inside.

Tamariki must remain with their supervising kaiako until formally released. Whānau collecting children early must arrange this with the teacher in charge.

Further information about transport and permissions will be shared through Skool Loop.

Ngā Taipitopito Event Details

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2026

THE ORCHARD CHURCH, TE PUKE

ARRIVAL: 9:00 AM FOR SESSION 1

MAKETU SCHOOL PERFORMANCE: 10:20–10:40 AM

ENTRY: FREE

WHĀNAU WELCOME, SUBJECT TO SEATING CAPACITY.

▶ OUR KURA AT A GLANCE

AKO

Increasing active participation in inter-school sports, cultural festivals (like Karanga o Te Rangatahi) and athletics

TAMARIKI

Expanding student voice, roles, kapa haka leaders, and sports team captains across all year levels.

WHANAU & COMMUNITY

Hosting regular informal hui and consultations to gather whānau voice for the kura's future strategic direction.