

WELCOME TO KURATAU SCHOOL

Whanaungatanga, Kaitiakitanga, Manaakitanga, Mahi Tahī

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI KITE KURATAU SCHOOL

- Welcome to Kuratau School. We are looking forward to meeting you, your whānau and your tamariki.
- To ensure a smooth transition to school for your pre-schooler we encourage you to read the following information.
- If you would like to visit our school prior to enrolling please contact our Principal, Shirley Bailey – shirleyb@kuratau.school.nz or call our office (07) 386 5801 to arrange a time.

Our School Vision



SCHOOL VISITS

We recommend 2-4 school visits before your child starts school. One of our teachers will phone you directly to arrange these. Morning visits, from 8.30-10.30am are preferred. However, if this time doesn't suit we can arrange a time that works for your whānau. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver at each visit – this is a legal requirement.

STATIONERY PACKS

- A stationery pack is issued to your child during their first week at school. This pack contains all the stationery they need for the year. You will be invoiced for this pack. See Rachel in the office for more information.

HOW DO I ENROL MY CHILD?

- Keen to enrol? Please visit our website – www.kuratau.school.nz and complete the 'Intention to Enrol' form.
- Upon receipt of your intention to enrol, our Office Manager, Rachel, will contact you with details about how to complete your enrolment.
- You will need to provide 'proof identity' for your child – eg. birth certificate or passport AND your child's immunisation certificate. Your child cannot legally be enrolled at school without proof of identity/age.
- Once you've completed the enrolment form, one of our teachers will contact you to arrange school visits for your child.

TRAVELLING BY SCHOOL BUS?

- If your child is going to use one of our school bus services, please contact Rachel, at the office, to organise a start date. We recommend starting with an afternoon trip so children can be buddied up with someone who gets off at the same stop.
- Our Turangi Bus incurs a daily charge of \$7.50, which is invoiced termly.
- An email must be provided if your child is not getting off at their usual stop.

Parents/caregivers are very welcome to join their children in class for a short period on their first day – if needed.



TIPS FOR STARTING SCHOOL

GENERAL INFORMATION

- School bag - needs to be big enough for a book bag, lunch box and togs/spare clothes to fit into.
- Clothing - name your child's clothes to prevent items getting lost.
- Sleep - children get very tired in their first term, going to bed early is a great idea.
- Attendance - once enrolled your child MUST attend everyday, unless sick.
- Nits - these are common at school, so please regularly check your child's hair and treat if discovered. We have treatments available at our school office.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR

- Displaying our school values: whanaungatanga, kaitiakitanga, mahi tahi and manaakitanga
- Using manners - please, thank you, greeting others
- Being kind and caring towards others and using nice words
- Zero tolerance towards bullying
- Listening and following instructions
- Hanging up their bag, removing shoes, bringing their book bag into class each day, putting their homebooks & word rings away
- Helping to tidy up

LEARNING LITERACY AT HOME

- Daily reading at home is recommended
- Recognising their name
- Writing their name - capital letter only for the first letter
- Recite the ABC (letter names and some sounds)
- Learning the letters in their name
- Pen/Pencil Grip
- Know some nursery rhymes



LOOKING AFTER ONESELF AT SCHOOL - CAN YOUR CHILD ...

- Go to the toilet by themselves / ask to go to the toilet
- Get dressed after swimming
- Look after their belongings
- Do up their shoe laces (slip-ons or velcro shoes if unable to tie laces)
- Blow their nose when runny, sneeze into their sleeve - not their hand
- Express their needs

BELL TIMES

- 8.30 - 10.30am - Ako 1
- 10.30 - 11.00am - Break / Playtime
- 11.00 - 12.50pm - Ako 2
- 12.50 - 1.30pm - Break 2 / Lunch
- 1.30 - 2.30pm - Ako 3
- 2.30pm - Home Time



LEARNING MATHS AT HOME

- Know names of colours
- Recognise numerals 0-10
- Count forwards/backwards (0-10)
- Know some mathematical language - big/small, in front, behind, in between
- Sort objects into groups
- Create patterns

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