

As a kura (school), we weave the principles and give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi through Te Āo Māori in everything we say and do. Our way of being is embraced through the following:

Te Reo Māori

- Te reo Māori is an official language of Aotearoa. It gives us our identity and a feeling of belonging to connect with our history and culture.
- We need to feel proud of who we are and where we have chosen to live and uplift the culture and language of this beautiful country.
- Now is the time for us to revitalize the language or it will be gone and along with it, a part of New Zealand culture, history and identity.

Tikanga

- Tikanga develops whanaungatanga, a sense of togetherness, belonging, connection, culture and what makes Aotearoa unique.
- Tikanga acknowledges, values and respects Maori culture through celebration and aroha.
- Tikanga allows us to set the tone for the day, and improve the feeling of our classroom, which adds purpose to what we do.
- Tikanga encourages us to learn about Maori culture through doing, raising awareness and preparing our tamariki for life in a multicultural society.

Māori Knowledge, Understanding and Worldview - Mātauranga Māori

- At our school, we empower our tamariki to be citizens of Aotearoa, today and tomorrow.
- Our learning of Te Āo Māori gifts us a deeper understanding and opportunity to unpack different perspectives, our unique identity and sense of belonging - our tūrangawaewae - and interconnectedness and interrelationships to the land, the people, the water, the language, the values and protocols to guide us towards our school future.
- Learning together for a better tomorrow.

Representation

- To provide an inclusive learning environment across our school and community, capturing our Māori voice at all levels - our tamariki, kaiako, kaimahi, whānau, and at a governance level.
- To set high expectations for all learning by embracing a strength-based approach and co-constructing a collaborative pathway.

Partnership

- Partnership is about forming strong links between ākonga, Kaiako, kaimahi, experts, whānau, home, kura/ university, community, business, iwi and hapu.
- By connecting we create a multi-chained net that, once knitted together, opens doors, combining to capture and collect perspectives to problem solve and raise high expectations.