

Week 1 Term 1 2023

01/02/2023 by Karen Poole

Kia ora e te whānau

Ngā mihi o te tau hou! Happy New Year!

Welcome back to everyone and a big welcome to our new whānau and staff who have joined the Tawhai School Community. It was so lovely to see some of our new whānau at our Mihi Whakatau this morning.

The Tawhai team is feeling refreshed and ready to go for the 2023 year. Prior to Wednesday, teachers spent several days preparing and planning for the year ahead. We can't wait to share some of this planning with you next week at our whānau picnic.

2023 Staff



Year 5/6 Ngahere Hub

Dave Whiteman – Hub Leader Room 1

Cleo Syph Room 2

Janette Page Room 14

Karen Johnston and Chelsea Sullivan Room 15

Year 3/4 Kereru Hub

Ryan Mc Garry – Hub Leader Room 4

Jane Kenworthy Room 3

Jake Harris Room 5

Year 2/3 Kopara Hub

Lynley Poole – Hub Leader and Assistant Principal Room 12

Jules Whitworth Room 11

Ginny Treadwell Room 6

Julia Dorgan Room 7

Year 0/1/2 Horoeke Hub

Deb Barnden – Hub Leader Room 10

Sarah Tucker Room 9

Anna Sissons Room 9a

Annelise Auken Room 8

Learning Support Co-ordinator: Shelley Dalton

Deputy Principal: Sharon Boese

Principal: Karen Poole

Part time teachers

Karen Jones

Jessica Harris

Nicola Simons

Jill Finlayson

Chelsea Sullivan

Karen Jones

Raewyn Young

Teacher Aides

Patsy Roberts

Rosa Stewart

Renee Saul

Shona Buchanan
Debbie Howie
Librarian – Yvonne Olivecrona

Caretaker – Lloyd Laurent

Administration Staff

Kelly Robinson
Petra van Beek

Whānau Picnic and Curriculum Expo

On Wednesday 8 February we are having our annual whānau picnic. This is a very informal time to get together and connect with other whānau and staff. Bring along your picnic blanket and something for your whānau to eat.



As mentioned above, teachers have been planning the year ahead and would like to share how the areas of our local curriculum link with our overriding whakatauki – Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai (nurture the seed and it will blossom). Following your picnic dinner we will have displays for you to look at and teachers available to talk about the different learning areas.

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This term the review is the Legislation and Administration Policy. We invite you to visit the site at <https://tawhai.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www").

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- Monday 6 February – Waitangi Day
- Wednesday 8 February – Whānau Picnic and curriculum expo (see above)
- Tuesday 14 February – School Board Hui 6pm
- Monday 27 February – Teacher Paid Union Meeting (there is only one hui this time so we will be inviting parents to pick their children up at lunch time).
- Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 February Learning Conversations (more

info to come)