

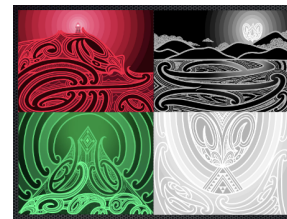


TE KĀHUI TAMARIKI

Māori Bilingual Unit

*Ka tipu ake ka puawai i te reo rangatira ma
nga tamariki mokopuna ki nga ra kei te heke mai*

*If kids are immersed and nourished in te reo Māori,
They will ensure its survival.*



Te Kāhui Tamariki - the gathering of children of ngā hau e whā - has been operating since 1980 and is Aotearoa's longest-running Māori Bilingual Unit. The foundation of the Unit is built on Tuakiritanga, identity, language, and culture, learning in and through te ao Māori.

Originally opened at Wainuiomata Intermediate on the old Moohan Street site, it was relocated to the current Parkway site during the 2001 merger of Wainuiomata schools. Te Kāhui Tamariki is an identifiable Māori space that enables and empowers our rangatahi to be comfortable in their own skin and achieve their full potential, without letting go of who they are or who they represent.

As a school, we strive to:

- Support the growth and development of Te Reo Māori across a variety of levels and needs.
- Whakamana our rangatahi and their whānau by acknowledging and celebrating the gifts they bring.
- Provide an environment where our ethnic identity is valued and seen so that our rangatahi can confidently walk in te ao Māori.
- Deliver a rich, engaging programme, providing opportunities for our rangatahi to thrive in all aspects of learning.

Whānau need to submit this application form for consideration to be in Te Kāhui Tamariki. Due to high demand, an interview may be required. These interviews will occur in November, and all applicants will be notified in December. Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list.

While most of our rangatahi in Te Kāhui Tamariki are from our contributing English medium schools in Wainuiomata, preference will be given to new enrolments who are transitioning straight from Kura Kaupapa and Māori immersion Units, or those with Māori as a first language. Students are expected to continue their journey in Te Ao Māori at Secondary School. Legacy students (tamaiti of former students) are also prioritised.

Participation in school Kapa Haka and performances, community service, and upholding kaupapa Māori are mandatory. Whānau will maintain regular contact with kaiako, attend hui and learning conferences, and ensure all needs are met.

Choosing to be part of Te Kāhui Tamariki means that rangatahi and their whānau accept the kaupapa of the Unit and, in turn, support the kaiako and kaimahi within.

If you wish to enroll your child in Te Kāhui Tamariki, please complete the attached application form and return it to the Wainuiomata Intermediate School Office, along with the School Enrolment Form, before Friday, September 11. There will be whānau interviews during Māori Language Week, September 14 - 18, and whānau will be informed of the outcome of their application on November 20, 2026.

Ngā mihi nunui kia koutou katoa,

Craig Sharp - Kaihautu



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Application Form

Ingoa / Name of Student (in full): _____

Kura tuatahi / Primary School: _____

Attended Kohanga: AE / KAO

Ingoa o te Kohanga Reo: _____

Ingoa o te Matua / Father's name: _____

Ingoa o te Whaea / Mother's name: _____

Please indicate if you have whānau who were past or are current students of Te Kāhui Tamariki:

AE / KAO Ingoa: _____

Whānau agreement:

- I have read the previous page and agree with the kaupapa and values of Te Kāhui Tamariki.
- I will support the kaiako and kaimahi when and wherever I am able.
- I agree to attend all hui and be actively involved in my child's learning at the school.
- I will ensure that my child is committed to understanding and upholding the school's shared values and works hard to meet the expectations and requirements of Te Kāhui Tamariki.

Parent / Caregiver Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student agreement:

- I understand that being in Te Kāhui Tamariki is a privilege.
- I will be responsible for my actions and strive to show our values—whanaungatanga, manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga, and rangatiratanga— every day.
- Te Reo Māori is an important part of my tuakiritanga, identity, culture, and wellbeing. I agree to learn, practice, and share my language every day so that I am confident living in Te Ao Māori and my language use and level grow.
- I agree to actively participate in Kapa Haka performances, classroom programmes, and give service to the school and our community.
- I am committed to kaupapa Māori, and I will work hard to establish my mana motuhake — self-determination, independence, and sovereignty (power) — while helping my classmates develop theirs.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Pepeha / Mihi: (Please fill out with child's marae, iwi, hapū, etc.)

Contact Details and further information needed: (Please fill out to the best of your knowledge)

1) My child's fluency and comprehension level in te reo Māori is mostly: (please circle one)

- Beginner - has very limited understanding of reo Māori
- Basic - knows basic kupu, phrases and commands but is whakamā to kōrero
- Proficient - is confident to respond and hold a simple conversation
- Advanced - is fluent in te reo Māori, kōrero, tuhituhi, pānuitia rānei

2) Other information you would like us to know about your child for consideration:

3) Contact details:

Phone number: _____ email: _____

In Term 4, our school offers extra transition visits for incoming new students and their whānau. Please let the office know if you wish to visit so they can arrange a time and a staff member to meet with you.

Noho ora mai.