



Could You Be Our New Kaiako?

A Little About Our School

Puketapu School is one of two full primary schools in Bell Block, a rapidly growing suburb to the north of New Plymouth. We have an amazing location, great, spacious grounds, close to the sea and the walkways, allowing us to celebrate and appreciate what is special about the place we live.



Opened in 1980, we are a young school, but we are very proud of our place in our community.

Our logo tells a story about our school – the shape at the top is our view of our maunga, the majestic Taranaki. The circle represents our whakatauki “Empower All People to be Healthy, Lifelong Learners”, with people, large and small, young and old, working together.



Community is very important to us. We place a high priority on building strong partnerships between the child, the home, and the school. This is clearly demonstrated by the involvement of our families and our community in school life and in the way we interact with other groups within the community, sports, church, marae.

We are fortunate to have a vibrant, friendly Home & School Committee of parents and staff who work tirelessly to provide the many extras that make a difference for the pupils and staff. From fundraising for our latest playground addition to running our Kickstart Breakfast Programme, the Home & School is a strength to us all.

We also have a strong Board of Trustees, who bring a range of experience and backgrounds to the governance of the school.

The tamariki of Puketapu are from diverse backgrounds and all bring their own special character. They are very trusting and loyal and we are proud of the relationships we have developed, based on mutual respect. Tamariki are encouraged to be who they are and celebrate their uniqueness.

And of course our staff. We have a Principal with an exciting vision for our kura. We all take pride in developing learning focused relationships and encourage personal development and new ideas. Exciting new initiatives include our transition programme for new entrants and learning through play: with so much new housing in our area come new families, and large numbers of new entrants, so these initiatives help to support the start of their learning journey with us. Throughout the school we look to make connections with our environment, integrate the principals of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in our activities and take our learning into our community.

Puketapu is a very special place and we are looking forward with excitement to the next chapter.



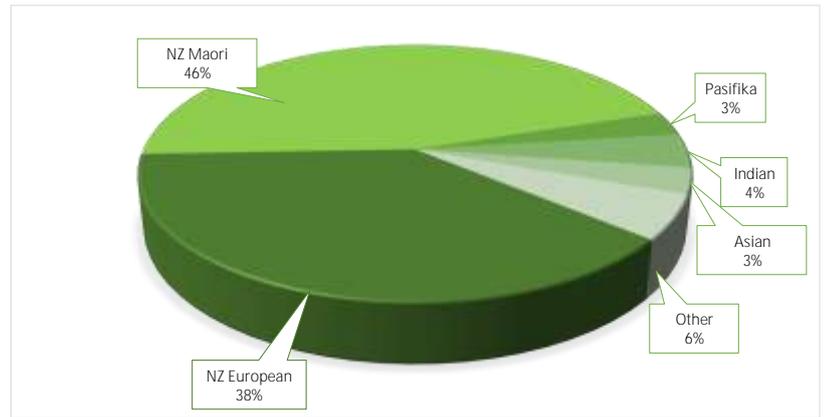


The Numbers

Roll: 390

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Grade: U5



Changing The Way We Do School

What makes a great learner?

What should we be empowering people to be?

How do we design learning experiences with the individual learner in mind?

How do we best honour Te Tiriti of Waitangi?

How do we nurture innovative and creative problem solvers?

How do we encourage learning through enquiry?

How do we promote the courage and empathy necessary to change the world?

What are your thoughts?

If you are excited by this challenge and want to be part of our future, we want to hear from you.

Our Values

Kia Kaha: Do your best

Kia Māia: Be courageous

Kia Manawanui: Have a heart

What Next?

Check out our web site for the general information about our school – www.puketapu.school.nz.

Application forms are also available from the web site.

Email your completed application, CV and your inspiring covering letter outlining your strengths and interests to our Principal,



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