

Nau mai haere mai ki te akomanga Pūkeko Rua! Welcome to the Pūkeko Rua Whānau!

We hope you all had a lovely break and are looking forward to Term 1 with your Pūkeko Rua whānau. We are really excited about all the learning and fun we'll have this term. We feel so privileged to be part of your learning journey and will provide you with the care, nurture and encouragement to enable you to grow and learn.

Our Team is....



Whaea Teresa

Kia ora koutou!
After a wonderful summer break enjoying our fabulous Aotearoa beaches with family and friends, I am looking forward to 2024 in the Pūkeko Rua Learning Space.
I have many years of teaching experience in working predominantly in the Junior School. My husband and I have 3 children. Two are now at RJHS and our lucky last is upstairs here at Te Ao Mārama.
I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you all! 😊

Whaea Sara

Kia ora, I am looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you in 2024 😊

I am originally from Kawerau but have been in Hamilton for many years now. I am a mother of four, Jasmine, Phoenix, Boe and Jett, we live just out of Hamilton and have a pig Charlie and dog Quinn. We currently spend lots of our time renovating and have also recently brought a very old campervan we are also renovating.

Whaea Linda!

I am really excited about spending 2024 in Pūkeko Rua!

I am originally from South Africa but have been living in Hamilton for the past 16 years. My husband and I have two children, Kayleigh and Kade and we have our gorgeous family dogs, Ollie and Lucy. We enjoy walking, going to the beach and watching our children play sports.

Whaea Andrea (ILA)

Kia ora.

My name is Andrea Hollebon.

I am so excited to be returning to the Pūkeko whānau this year.

I have had a lovely break, spending lots of time with my family and seeing our beautiful country.

I look forward to meeting everyone and having an amazing year.

Useful Information....

Who is my teacher?

You will have a Whānau Teacher, but all of the teachers in your space are your teachers, and will take you for various parts of the programme.

Key Dates

- 25th Jan - Optional 'Meet the Teacher drop-in' 1pm-3pm
- 30th Jan- First day of Term 1
- 30th Jan- Welcoming Powhiri 9am
- 6th Feb - Waitangi Day (public holiday)
- 13th Feb - Hui-ā-whānau
- 19th -20th Feb - Transport Safety Week
- 26th- 28th Feb - Hukanui Marae Trips
- 29th Feb - new parents drinks and nibbles
- 12th Apr Last Day of Term 1
- 29th Mar - 2nd Apr Easter break

Sunsmart

Particularly in term 1 and 4, we recommend you apply sunblock before coming to school and bring a named hat for outside play.

What do I need to bring to school each day?

- Lunch box packed with a healthy snack, morning tea and lunch (utensils if needed)
- Water bottle
- A change of clothes/underwear for wet or messy play activities and bag to contain wet items
- My bookbag
- A named hat
- A coat or raincoat in line with weather conditions

We are very well resourced so we ask that any personal toys stay at home to prevent loss or damage.

What does break time look like?

At break time you will go and play then eat with your team. All food scraps or waste will go home in your lunchbox. This will help keep our environment free of rubbish and is helpful for caregivers to see what you have eaten.

Stationery

For stationery requirements go to myschool.co.nz and find the Pūkeko Rua stationery list. Please name books and the book bag.

What do I do if I have a Question?

Email your whānau teacher, talk to one of us before or after school or arrange a time to meet.

How do I know about my child's learning?

We communicate this face-to-face and via Hero where you will be able to view your child's learning stories. For other events, keep up-to-date via our Facebook page, and website.

Wellness at school

A courtesy reminder. We ask that you monitor your child's health. If your child is slightly unwell, please be cautious and keep them home.

Self-managing - On arrival to school:

We encourage children to self-manage their belongings. This includes hanging up their bag on the hooks outside the classroom. Throughout the day we will encourage them to put their lunchbox and clothing away. It is helpful for them if they can open and close their own lunchbox and any packets. Wear footwear and clothing that they can self manage

How is the day structured?

8:00	Children welcome outside on site (unsupervised)
8:20	Families & students welcome in learning spaces
8:40	Whānau Time
9:00 - 9:30	Structured Literacy
9:30 - 9:35	Kai Time
9:45 - 10:40	Structured Literacy
10:40 - 11:00	Outside play
11:00 - 11:25	Kai Time
11:30 - 12:00	Writing
12:00 - 12:30	Storytelling
12.30 -12.45	Tākaro/Explore Time
12.45 - 1.30	Outside Play
1:30 - 1.50	Kai Time
1:50 - 2:20	Maths
2:20 - 2:30	Whānau Time

We look forward to getting to know you and your child this term. Please feel free to come and see us in the Pūkeko Rua Learning Community if you have any queries or just want to say hello!

We are also able to be contacted via email as follows:

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