

# PŪKEKO RUA

## TERM 1 2025



### Nau mai haere mai ki te akomanga Pūkeko Rua!

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.

#### 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.

#### Stationery 2025

For stationery requirements go to [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz) and find the Pūkeko Rua stationery list. **Please name books and the book bag.**

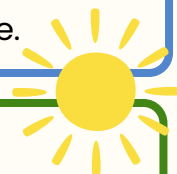
#### Who is my teacher?

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.

#### Sunsmart

Particularly in term 1 and 4, we recommend you apply sunblock before coming to school and bring a named hat for outside play. Sunscreen is available in the classroom for children to reapply as needed.

Hats are **COMPULSORY** in term 1 and 4. **No hat, NO 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.

### How is the day structured?

From 8am, children are welcome outside on site (unsupervised).

From 8.20am families & students are welcome in learning spaces. Our school bell/music rings to begin our day at 8.40am.

#### **FIRST BLOCK**

- Whanau time
- Structured Literacy
- Kai Time (snack)
- Structured Literacy
- Outside play

#### **SECOND BLOCK**

- Kai Time
- Maths
- Tākaro/Explore Time
- Pack up
- Outside Play

#### **THIRD BLOCK**

- Kai Time
- Writing/Storyways
- Whānau Time



## Term 1 Dates



Date	What's On
28 January	Class Placements for 2025 advised to families (via email)
28 January	School Tour - new families for 2025 - 9am
31 January	Meet the Teacher drop-in sessions (1.00-3.00pm)
<b>3 February</b>	<b>First day - Term 1 Begins</b>
3 February	Pōwhiri to welcome new families/students - 9.00am
<b>6 February</b>	<b>Waitangi Day (Public Holiday - school closed)</b>
11 February	Hui-ā-whānau (Parent - Teacher information meetings)
10-12 March	Hukanui Marae Trips
<b>11 April</b>	<b>Staff Only Day - Government approved curriculum focus day</b>
11 April	Last Day of Term 1



# Who is in our space?

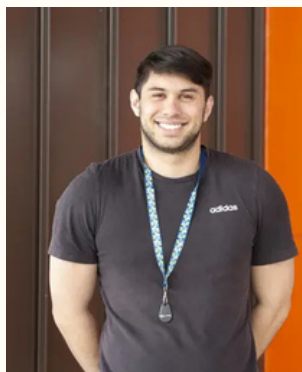
## Main teaching kaiako



### Whaea Linda

Welcome to Pūkeko Rua, I am so excited to meet all of you. I have two children of my own, a daughter who is 17yrs old and a son who is 13yrs old. I love spending time with my whanau, going for walks and reading.

[linda@teaomarama.school.nz](mailto:linda@teaomarama.school.nz)



### Matua Teina

I am very excited to join the team in Pūkeko Rua in 2025 and build positive relationships with students and their whānau. I look forward to meeting everyone in the Pūkeko community. I love being active and spending time with friends and family.

[teina@teaomarama.school.nz](mailto:teina@teaomarama.school.nz)



### Whaea Nikki

My name is Nikki and I am honoured to be part of Pūkeko Rua and thrilled to be teaching your children and leading their learning journey for this important chapter of their young lives. I am excited to learn about your children and help them grow and flourish!

[nikkim@teaomarama.school.nz](mailto:nikkim@teaomarama.school.nz)



### Miss Olivia

Kia Ora!  
I am so excited to be part of the Pūkeko team for 2025. I have two young boys (3yrs & 8 months). I love spending time with my whānau and friends and am looking forward to being back in the classroom! I can't wait to help grow your amazing brains!

[olivia@teaomarama.school.nz](mailto:olivia@teaomarama.school.nz)

**Note:** In term one, Whaea Nikki and Miss Olivia will be in a job share position with Whaea Nikki in class Mon-Wed and Miss Olivia in Thurs-Fri. In term two, Miss Olivia will be in the classroom four days; Mon-Thurs.

## Learning support in Pūkeko Rua



Rainy Lee

Hi, I'm Rainy, a learning assistant in Pūkeko Rua at Te Ao Marama. I love supporting our students as they grow and learn every day. At home, I'm a busy mum to four wonderful sons and enjoy spending time with my family. I'm excited to be part of the Pūkeko whānau and look forward to meeting you all and having a great year ahead!