



Kia Ora!



Welcome to our Tūi Rua Team!

We are so excited to be your kaiako for 2024. We hope you have had an amazing holiday creating special memories with your whānau. As your kaiako, we look forward to encouraging and nurturing your Hauora (Health & Wellbeing), to enable you to thrive on your learning journey here at Te Ao Mārama. We look forward to seeing you take risks, accept challenges and be your best self! Together, we will develop our Whanaungatanga (relationships), where we will work as a collaborative team and awahi (support) each other.

*“Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro nōnā te ngahere, ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga nōnā te ao.”
The bird that eats the Miro berry owns the forest, the bird that feasts on knowledge owns the world.*

Our Tūi Rua Team is...



Whaea Ally

Kia ora e te whānau.
Ko Ally Smit tōku ingoa.

I have spent the last two years in Pūkeko Rua and feel humbled to be joining the Tūi Rua team! I look forward to meeting you all very soon.

I have had a wonderful holiday spending time with family and friends. I love adventures, sunny weather and exploring the awesome country we live in.

I am excited for our year ahead!

Ngā mihi



Whaea Sarah

Kia ora e te whānau.
Ko Sarah Shearer tōku ingoa.

I am excited to be joining you for my second year at te Ao Mārama Kura (school). I look forward to meeting you all and working with your tamaiti/tamariki (child/children) this year.

I have had a lovely holiday spending quality time and making memories with my family. My highlight was spending time with friends and family in Whangamatā plus camping up the Coromandel.

I love the sun, beach, water and adventures.

I know that we will have a super year together!



Whaea Joanna

Kia ora e te whānau.
Ko Joanna Dawson tōku ingoa

It is going to be wonderful to return to Tūi Rua in 2024.

I have had a lovely holiday enjoying our beautiful country and spending lots of quality time with friends and family. It has been great to be able to go for lots of walks in nature, relax with a coffee and read some good books.

I look forward to meeting you all soon!

Ngā mihi



Helpful Information

Role of the Whānau Teacher

Your child had been placed within a whānau group for 2024. They will start each day with this kaiako and this teacher is your main point of contact. Please feel free to come and see us before or after school in the Tūi 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:

ally@teaomarama.school.nz joanna@teaomarama.school.nz sarahs@teaomarama.school.nz

Stationery

To make this easy for you, we have teamed up with OfficeMax MySchool to have our stationery requirements lists loaded on to myschool.co.nz.

Once on the [OfficeMax site](https://www.officemax.co.nz), select our school, click 'start' on view the Requirements List, select your child's class and follow the instructions on the website.

Find: Tūi Rua - Ally, Sarah S or Joanna (Your Whānau Teacher).

PLEASE NAME ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S STATIONERY

(Your child will be individually responsible for their own stationery, which will be kept in their tray. We will hold on to extra pieces and hand this out throughout the year.

Book Bags

Please ensure that your child is bringing their book bag to school every day. Literacy Workshops are happening each day, Monday to Thursday. Without a book bag, your child will not be able to take books home. We will store book bags at school until we begin to use these.

Sun Safety

In Terms 1 and 4, all children are encouraged to wear a hat outside. Please ensure your child has a named hat in their bag every day. A spare hat could also be kept at school in their personal tote tray. We have a supply of sunblock in Tūi Rua but encourage children to come to school with this already applied.

Home Learning

This year we have introduced a Tūi Rua Home Learning book. This is to communicate, between home and school, what your child is learning at school, and how you can support them at home (if you choose to or have time). This will include Reading, Spelling and Maths.



Term 1 Focuses

This term, our main overarching focus will be 'Here We Are'. We will be focusing on our school's story (how it came to be, our logo, school values, links with our local mana whenua - Ngāti Wairere, and the significance of the tui for us in Tūi Rua. We will also explore the significance of a class treaty (our school values) to support us with our learning. As a class, we will collaborate to create a korowai (cloak) to connect us together.

Our main Inquiry will be based around the story, 'Feathers in the Wind' which focuses on our words and the impact these can have on each other in either a positive and negative way. This story will be the building block to help us build positive relationships with one another, as well as ourselves as we recognise that having a positive self-image is a number one focus before we can build positive relationships with others.

This story will also lend itself to other curriculum areas such as Social Science and Technology. For Social Sciences, we will explore governments, treaties, how rules are made, and why they are 'needed'. We will also explore Early New Zealand times before laws were introduced, what it was like then, why they were introduced and the impact this had as well as how we treat people, the importance of kindness, etc. For Technology, we will explore the concepts of aerodynamics and design features for successful flight.

B.Y.O.D. (Bring Your Own Devices)

Tūi Rua is a B.Y.O.D. (bring your own device) learning community. The use of technology is vital in our ever evolving world and we want to prepare our students with the technical skills they will need. The use of devices will be an integral part of our learning community and daily programme. If you are able to supply your child with a personal device (laptop, chromebook, iPad), we would really appreciate it.

These devices will come to school and return home each day. We ask that **chargers are left at home** and that students charge their devices each night before bringing them to school.

Please **label** your child's device with their first and last name clearly. B.Y.O.D. is optional (but recommended). We will also look to provide some school devices to our learners.

A **User Agreement** will be coming home with your child in the next couple of weeks, so look out for that. We will also spend time in class creating clear expectations around safe use of devices and the internet.

Can we also ask that if your child is bringing a device, that they start bringing these to school from

Week 3: Monday 12th February.

For more information, please feel free to come in and chat, or refer to the B.Y.O.D newsletter, or email: frank@teaomarma.school.nz or visit our school website.

<https://www.teaomarama.school.nz/13/pages/34-digital-technology-byod>



Term Dates 2024



| Date | What's On |
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| 23 rd January | Class Placements for 2024 advised via email |
| 24 th & 25 th January | Staff Only Days |
| 25 th January | School Tour – <i>New families for 2024</i> - 1pm |
| 25 th January | Optional "Meet the Teacher drop-in" session - 1pm-3pm |
| Tues 30th January | First day – Term One begins, Pōwhiri welcome for new families/students |
| Tues 6th February | Waitangi Day Public holiday – School Closed |
| Tues 13 th February | Hui-ā-whānau (Student/Parent/Teacher connects) |
| Mon 19 th February | Transport Safety Week - Kids on Bikes, Ruben the Road Safety Bear |
| 29 th February | New Parent - drinks and nibbles |
| 29th March | Good Friday |
| 1st April | Easter Monday |
| 2nd April | Easter Tuesday (note: this is a school holiday for all NZ schools) |
| 12 th April | Last Day of Term 1 |

Information: For further information about our school, see our Facebook page or visit www.teaomarama.school.nz

“He aha te mea nui o te ao?
 What is the most important thing in the world?
 He tangata, he tangata, he tangata”
 It is the people, it is the people, it is the people
Maori proverb

