

TE ARA O TE KURA O MAUKU

The Mauku Way

Our Vision

If we **CARE** for ourselves, others and our environment, then we **CONTRIBUTE** to our world, and together we **CONQUER** our challenges and achieve our dreams.

Connections between Early Childhood Education and Mauku School

At Mauku School we understand the importance of making the transition into school as smooth as possible. To help with this transition we use the connections between the the strands of Te Whāriki, and the Key Competencies of the New Zealand School Curriculum to inform teaching and learning in the New Entrant classroom. Similar to early childhood education, we value play, particularly in the first year of school and understand the role that play has in building a sense of belonging and wellbeing at school.



Transition to School



Children in the New Entrant classroom are given time to explore the environment, and get to know the routines and expectations of school. Play is an important part of the transition, and provides time and space for children to connect with each other and enjoy being in the classroom.



Children are introduced to structured learning in fun and meaningful ways, and have opportunities to make choices about their learning based on their individual skills and passions.



The School Curriculum



Reading and Writing: We use a structured approach to teach reading and writing, and the development of oral language.



Maths: We use the Numicon programme to teach early mathematical thinking and develop a range of strategies for solving problems.



Science and Technology: We provide opportunities for experimentation and problem solving through hands-on learning.



The Arts: Creativity and imagination are explored through regular art and music experiences.

Environmental Learning: Children spend time outside in nature, contribute to the growing of flowers and vegetables, and exploring our natural world.

Our School Community

A feeling of community is something we pride ourselves on at Mauku School, and all new children will be encouraged to contribute and participate within our unique learning community. Our older children take an important role in this through buddy reading, leading Whānau group activities and planning gala days for the junior children.



Celebrating Success



Celebrating our success is an important part of school life.

New children in our school are always included in these celebrations and will be able to participate in our country life day, cross country, gala days, and many other ways we acknowledge and share our achievements.

