



MANGAKAHIA AREA SCHOOL TE KURA TAKIWA O MANGAKAHIA

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Tēnā koe

Thank you for applying for the position of Principal of Mangakāhia Area School.

Mangakāhia Area School can be found in the small township of Titoki, which is situated in the beautiful Mangakāhia Valley, a short 20-minute drive northwest of Whangārei. The hapū of the area is Te Parawhau and they have a long and proud history of occupying and taking care of the whenua. The community is diverse with a large Māori population, and this is reflected in the school's roll.

Generations of tamariki have been nurtured and educated at the school and it is integral to the connection and cohesion of the community. The school is surrounded by exceptional natural resources and strengthening the connection between our ākongā and the hapū and iwi mātauranga, provides enormous potential for the development of a curriculum that utilizes these taonga and speaks to our tamariki. Bringing the whānau along on the journey is fundamental to our vision and further highlights the importance of a leader who can grow strong relationships with whānau, manawhenua and the wider community.

Mangakāhia Area School enjoys a large site with significant facilities including a community hall/gym, Technology department, Community Library, Astro turf basketball courts, vegetable gardens and orchard. The Titoki Playcentre is located on site and the school hosts He Matariki School for Teen Parents (located in Whangārei). The school also has a portfolio of five rental homes which are undergoing renovation to meet Healthy Homes legislative requirements.

The principals' position is vital, and it is necessary that we appoint a passionate and strong educator who is committed to ensuring the very best environments are created for both learners and staff and that opportunities are made available for the ākongā to pursue their aspirations. Community commitment for the school is outstanding and there is a real desire to be part of the journey to strengthen the school and education of current students and those of the future.

The school has encountered a number of challenges which resulted in a Commissioner being put in place in December 2020. With the support of the hapū and iwi, the wider community and our staff, we have made strong progress towards returning to self-governance in the not-too-distant future. The new Principal would be key in leading the ongoing changes required to achieve this.

We kindly invite all applicants to send their applications in to us for consideration and we will send out a notification of the progress very soon after a decision has been made.

Nāku, nā

Vivien Knowles, Commissioner