

# About our school

Turaki School is the largest primary school in Taumarunui with 9 regular classrooms and a roll ranging between 180-200 pupils. All classrooms are well supported with digital technologies and with teachers who have many strengths. We have 3 syndicates; Te Kakano Year 1-3, Te Pihinga Year 4-6 and Te Mahuri, Year 7 and 8. Turaki School also features a well established and successful After School Care programme for its pupils. Our After School Care programme has been OSCAR accredited since 2006, entitling many parents to subsidies for these services. We also offer lunches in schools provided by our own kitchen which holds a ministry approved menu.

## Enroling at Turaki

If you would like to enrol your child at Turaki School please call into the school office to pick up an enrolment pack. You will need to bring a birth certificate as proof of age, any medical information that is required for your child and immunisation forms.




## Sharing the learning

Parents will be informed about the academic progress of their child's learning through the Seesaw app. This app allows teachers to report teaching and learning with Whanau quickly, and conveniently. Please speak to Whaea Chelsea about signing up for Seesaw.

## Contact us

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RURAL SCHOOL,  
GLOBAL OUTLOOK

# Piwakawaka

Making learning fun, while  
having fun with learning.

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## New entrant kaiako

WHAEA CHELSEA  
TEAM LEADER  
TE KAKANO

As the new entrant teacher at Turaki School I am dedicated to;

- ensuring that your child transitions to school smoothly.
- promoting independence in children and helping them to adopt a can-do attitude.
- encouraging students to be curious and have a voice by asking meaningful questions.
- ensuring there is clear communication between home and school.

As the Team Leader of Te Kakano, I am dedicated to;

- building a pathway for learning beyond our Year 1 class.
- preparing students for higher learning and creating opportunities for interests that students may have.

# Transitioning to School

## ● School visits

School visits will be held every Tuesday between 1:40 - 2:45. Pre-arranged group visits from early childhood centres are welcome. We recommend that parents organise at least 3 visits before starting school. During your visit, join in with classroom activities as much as your child feels comfortable.

## ● Being prepared

Ensure students are well prepared by;

- having a large backpack that is easy for them to pack and manage themselves.
- ensuring all belongings are clearly named.
- having shoes that are easy to put on and off without support.
- providing sufficient amounts of food to last through the day and a water bottle
- informing staff of any allergies or food preferences.

## ● The first day

Beginning school can be a nervous time for Whanau. At Turaki School, we will endeavour to make the process as easy as possible. We encourage Whanau to stay only for a short time to allow students to build relationships with their new environment. Students will be provided with a sunhat and a book bag.



LEARNING THROUGH NATURE

A great way for us to experience a real world context is through our KiWaho program. Te Kakano are familiar with KiWaho and visit every Wednesday throughout the year. KiWaho allows opportunities for students to be curious, self-driven, risk takers and to explore and be confident in everyday life and nature. Facilitated by Mrs Kelly-Anne Powers, we are privileged to have this opportunity.

## CURRICULUM

While enrolled at Turaki School your child will be engaged in;  
Te Reo Maori  
Kapa Haka  
Learning through play  
Core learning areas, literacy and Maths

