



PROSPECTUS

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Welcome to all new and existing families to Kuranui School

Mission Statement

“Striving to be the best we can in a caring and safe learning environment”

Kuranui School is a new school established at the beginning of 2004 with the successful merger of Okoroire and Tapapa Schools as part of a Government Education Initiative.

The school has endeavoured to maintain the history of both schools and communities by moving the main Tapapa school building onto the Okoroire site. This building, which has been aptly named the “Tapapa” block, houses a state of the art ICT suite, library and senior classroom. The “Okoroire” block comprises of the three other classrooms and the administration area.

The school operates an open door policy and has a warm, approachable staff. It is our firm belief that working with families in a partnership enables us to provide an opportunity for children to develop into happy, educated life-long learners.

The school promotes the demonstration of the ‘Kura Kid’ qualities, where all our students strive to do their best in themselves, their learning and in relating to others.

We hope you find this information booklet informative; for further information try our website – www.kuranui.school.nz I look forward to meeting you and your family.

**Paula Hastings
Principal**

A – Z OF “WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW”



Absences:

All children are expected to attend school every day, if for some reason they are absent they are expected to bring a note explaining absences or **if your child is going to be away, please phone the School before 9.00 am of that day.** If we do not receive a phone call or note we will contact you. This is a safeguard for your child so that teachers & parents know of the child's whereabouts at all times. **You have a legal obligation to ensure your child attends school.** All absences need to be substantiated.

Accidents, Allergies, Emergencies:

We need to have an up-to-date phone number and address in case of emergency. We also require an alternative number. In the event of an accident at school, we will attend to the child with basic first aid. We will contact you or your emergency number if we feel your child needs further medical treatment. When children are unwell, you will be contacted to come and take your child home. If no contact is made, your child will be supervised at school.

If your child requires medication at school, e.g. inhalers, antihistamine etc, please label the medication clearly and bring to school (personally). You will have to sign a form to allow staff to administer medicines. (See form attached)
It will be stored appropriately where all staff members have access to it.

Agricultural Day:

This is held annually in September or October. All children are encouraged to have an animal (calf, lamb or kid). Prior to the event we may organise a practical demonstration for the children on how to present their animals in the rings and details of what the judge will be looking for. In conjunction with this event the senior students also run a mini gala with stalls and raffles to raise funds for camp. The Calf Club Committee/PTA runs this day. Group Day is held in Matamata in late October and any child may register their name and animal to enter this.



Appointments with Staff:

We operate an open door policy. The staff, including the principal, are more than happy to talk to you about any concerns you may have with your child or within the school. However, to ensure that your trip to the school is not a wasted one, it is important that you arrange a time to meet with the teachers/principal. Please contact the office to arrange a convenient time.

Assembly:

Assemblies are held every second Friday afternoon from 2.25 - 2.55 pm. This time is used for greetings, notices, guest speakers and presentation of certificates. Classes take turns to run these, developing leadership skills. Students also have the opportunity to share items.

Board of Trustees:

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the school. It consists of parent representatives, the principal and an elected staff representative. The full Board works in consultation with the community and meets once a month to hold meetings that are open to the public, for eleven months of the year.

The current Board of Trustees are:

Mike Vaughan	Chairperson
Andrea Craig	
Alastair Sherrard	
Rebecca Walker	
Juliette Thomas	Staff Rep.
Paula Hastings	Principal

Book Club (Scholastic New Zealand Ltd):

Approximately once a month order forms will come home for children to order books.

The school earns bonus points for purchasing books with every book sold.

Please make cheques payable to 'Kuranui School'.



Civil Defence / Emergencies:

Should any major disaster or emergency occur, children will be held at school, under supervision, until a parent or authorised person comes to pick them up.

Class Organisation:

The school operates in 3 classes:-

Principal	Mrs Paula Hastings
Room 1: Year 2/3	Miss Juliette Thomas
Room 3: Year 0/1	Mrs Paula Hastings/Mrs Emma Hyde
Room 5: Year 4/5/6	Ms Beryl Oxspring

We also have the following part-time teaching staff:

Teacher Aide/Librarian	Mrs Tracie Webb
Teacher Aide	Mrs Raylene Read
Teacher Aide	Mrs Karen van Waveren

Ancillary Staff

Administration Officer	Mrs Karen van Waveren
School Cleaner	Mrs Raylene Read
School Caretaker	Mr Trevor Hastings

Dental Clinic:

Our Dental Therapists are based at the Matamata Community Dental Clinic, 45 Station Road, Matamata.

Yearly the Dental Therapists organises dental checks, if you require their service any other time please contact the clinic direct on (07) 888 5202.



Education Outside the Classroom:

Outdoor Education forms an important part of every child's learning.

All classes will regularly have experience beyond the walls of their room. Generally, only the senior pupils will stay away from school overnight.

The main camping ventures generally take place in Term 4, with further experiences being offered throughout the year.

It is our strong belief that every child should have the chance to experience camp. If you find there are financial difficulties, please see the Principal.

Enrolments/New Entrants:

Parents are welcome to bring their child to school to join in with the juniors prior to them beginning school. Please contact the school to arrange this. Also, please remember to bring your child's birth certificate and immunisation certificate so that their birth date can be verified and their immunisation certificate sighted on enrolment to the school.

The number of visits are flexible. We believe varying the time of your visit to the class also enables you to see the learning programmes in operation.



P.T.A.:

The school has a P.T.A. (Parent-Teacher Association) that works to raise funds for all the "extras" needed not provided by the Ministry of Education. The committee has events during the year to raise funds, which include social events, pizza runs, calf-rearing sales and raffles etc. Meetings are held regularly with dates and times advertised in the school newsletter.

Anyone is more than welcome to attend. If you are interested in helping out with fundraising, please contact the school.

Grounds:

We encourage pupils and the community to use our grounds/facilities outside of school hours and during the weekends. Users must report any vandalism or people acting suspiciously. We are proud of our facilities and appreciate you treating them with respect at all times. We do ask that no dogs are brought onto the school grounds.

Hats:

Bucket and wide brim hats are available through the school for purchase. Please find prices and sizes on the enclosed school uniform order sheet. These are compulsory in Terms 1, 4. Alternatively, Postie Plus has a good selection.

Health Support Services:

We have regular visits from the Public Health Nurse and Audiometrist (hearing). Should you require these services other than a normal school visit, these services can be requested.

Heating:

Heat pumps are installed in each of the classrooms and they provide regulated heating throughout the year.

Hours of School:

9.00am	School bell rings to begin classes
10.15am	Morning tea
10.35am	Classes commence for block 2
11.50am	Brain break
12.10pm	Classes commence for block 3
1.25pm	Lunchtime
2.00pm	Classes commence for block 4
3.00pm	School finishes



New Entrant pupils stay until 3.00 pm from first day at school.

Please ring to notify school if your child is to be absent.

Library:

The children are encouraged to borrow books from the library, which is full of reference and fiction books of all levels. If your borrowed book should accidentally get damaged please return it to school so it can be repaired – unreturned books will be billed to you. The library is available to students throughout the week with specific library time timetabled within each classroom.

Lunch Orders:

Lunches are offered regularly throughout the year. The P.T.A. committee have a system where school families are placed on a roster and sausage sizzles are held every alternative week. Other alternatives are also offered from time to time.

Newsletter:

Newsletters are sent home weekly on a Thursday via the Communication Book to keep you informed on school matters and upcoming events. These newsletters also get circulated to the wider community to keep them informed on all school matters twice a term.

On short weeks, due to public holidays, there will not be a newsletter.

If you have anything to advertise please feel free to do so through our newsletter. We also show children's work if there is space, and list upcoming events. Newsletters are also posted online at this site – www.kuranui.school.nz

Office Hours:

The Office Manager hours are as follows:-

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8.30 am – 3.30 pm. Mrs van Waveren is also in the classroom doing teacher aide work between 9.00 am – 11.50 am each day so the office is not always manned during this time.

If you need photocopying done, or a fax sent, please ring to arrange a time. We also have a laminating and binding service available.

Photocopy charges are:- 10c per A4 sheet, 20c per A3 sheet – Black & white
3c per sheet (if using own paper)
20c per A4 sheet, 40c per A3 sheet – Colour
15c per sheet (if using own paper)

Laminating charges are:- A4 - \$1.00 per sheet
A3 - \$2.00 per sheet

Fax charges vary according to distance. (07) numbers 50c.

Parent Help:

We encourage parent help and support in the school including assisting with reading, school trips and other little jobs within the school. If you would like to be involved within the school please let the staff know.

Parking:

Please do not park in the area directly in front of the school gate, bus stop or the mail box.

Photos:

Yearly a professional photographer comes to school to take class, family, and individual photos. Information about this will be made available closer to the time.

Policies and Procedures:

All school policies and procedures are available from our school office.

Recycling:

This is presently being reviewed because of a change in collection practices.

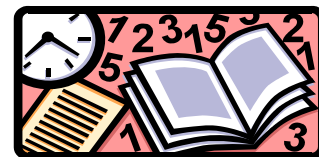
Religious Instruction:

All classes have religious instruction for half an hour per week, for 6 week intervals in T. 2-4. Voluntary helpers take these lessons. It is non denominational. Parents who do not wish their child to be involved must inform the school in writing. This Bible in School session is held on a Friday morning.

Reporting to Parents:

Regular reports are made to parents by:

- ❖ Providing parents with a learning journal with samples of your child/ren's learning in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum objectives. These come home in week 9 of each term.
- ❖ Parent/teacher/student goal-setting conferences in term one and three.
- ❖ Written reports term four.



School Donations:

The Kuranui School Board of Trustees do ask for school donations which goes a long way to assisting with valuable school resources and incidentals within the school. The donations are set at the following amounts:-

- **\$70.00 per student per year**
- **\$100.00 per family for two or more members per year**

Sport with Other Schools:

Kuranui School participates in sporting and cultural fixtures with other country and town schools in both the Matamata and Putaruru areas. These events include cross country, swimming, athletics, winter sports and others.



Stationery:

A list of stationery requirements is given to the students at the end of the school year and can also be viewed on our website. We ask that families obtain their stationery from whatever outlet they choose. However, we do ask that a couple of items of stationery are bought directly from the school. We appreciate it if students commence the school year with the necessary stationery requested. We keep a very small supply of stationery on hand at school, which is available on request throughout the year.

Student Concerns:

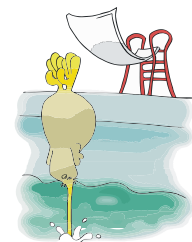
If you have any concerns please:

- a) In the first instance discuss the problem with the class teacher.
- b) If the problem is not resolved, make an appointment and discuss the matter with the Principal.
- c) If you are still not satisfied, follow up with a letter in writing to the Board of Trustees Chairperson.
- d) The Board of Trustees will endeavour to mediate a successful outcome using the appropriate channels.

We look forward to a positive working relationship, and hope that any misunderstandings can be dealt with quickly.

Swimming:

During the warmer months we have swimming as often as practical. It is a curriculum requirement that all children bring togs and participate in the school's programme. A note is required if children are not swimming.



School Uniform:

The school has a **voluntary** school uniform that you can order through the school. Please find enclosed an order form in the Prospectus folder.

Vans:

The school own two 12 seater vans. Both vans do two separate runs each morning and afternoon. Van #1 departs school at approximately 7.55 am and van #2 at 7.50 am. In the afternoon the same applies with both vans leaving school at 3.05 pm. All children are expected to behave on the van and are not to distract the van driver. Students who are travelling in the vans are bound by the Code of Conduct in place and inline with the Health and Safety Guidelines. A copy of this is included in the enrolment pack and is attached to the newsletter early in the year.

As each run in the van is nearly always full, it is important to **contact the school if your child is not required to go on the van** or if you would like he/she to go on another run. We will try to accommodate your needs but may not be able to due to the full runs.

Van #1 is driven by Mrs Tracie Webb (021 040 6260 mobile) and van #2 is driven by Mrs Raylene Read (027 553 3691 mobile).

The Kuranui School Board of Trustees do charge a van fee of \$20.00 per year per student which goes a long way to assisting with the running costs and general maintenance of both vehicles.

Working Bees:

We endeavour to hold a working bee occasionally to enable us to keep up with jobs that need doing around the school. If we require your help a note will be sent home or put in the newsletter – remember, “Many hands make light work!”

Contact Details:

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66 Waiomou Road
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Telephone (07) 883 4866

Fax: (07) 883 4866

Email: office@kuranui.school.nz
www.kuranui.school.nz

What you as a parent can do to help:

- ❖ Please support our school by coming along to school activities and events.
- ❖ We expect you to send your child to school regularly.
- ❖ We would like you to inform us of any change in home circumstances that may affect your child.
- ❖ Please keep us informed of any change of phone number, address, emergency contact numbers etc.
- ❖ Please make arrangements with your child before school if they are to go elsewhere after school. Could you also let the teacher know so that confusion does not arise, and the van driver (please be aware the van may not be able to accommodate extra passengers).
- ❖ Please send any requested money, for trips, lunches etc., to school in a named and sealed envelope. Money is placed in the green letterbox in the reception area. Prompt payment of money is always appreciated.
- ❖ Please name your child's clothing.
- ❖ Please ensure your child has a school bag to keep everything in.
- ❖ Only send water to school in a plastic bottle, soft drinks and sugary drinks are discouraged.
- ❖ Please ensure that your child has a hat at school in Terms one and four. We operate a Sun Smart Programme. Children without a hat will be instructed to play in the shaded areas at playtime and lunchtime.
- ❖ Support students with home reading (expected daily), by completing the READ IT book.
- ❖ Ensure your child has a healthy and balanced lunchbox; healthy body, healthy brain.
- ❖ Read the newsletter.
- ❖ Attend parent/student/teacher goal-setting conferences in Terms 1 and 3.

**Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet.
If there are any areas where you would like further explanation or clarification please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.**