



Karāpiro School

Together we grow

KARĀPIRO SCHOOL IS A SAFE AND HAPPY
LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHERE TOGETHER WE
GROW TO ACHIEVE OUR POTENTIAL.

OUR VALUES . KOTAHITANGA . KAITIAKITANGA . MANAAKITANGA . RANGATIRATANGA

Whakatupu tahi tātou



NEW ENTRANT
INFORMATION BOOKLET

Whakatupu taki tātou



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Karāpiro School! We offer a high quality education at our innovative school. We are a small rural school with great staff and students. This booklet is designed to give you some information about what we offer your child and the new entrant programme in our school.



TINA TURKILSEN

New Entrant Teacher

Kia ora. I am the New Entrant teacher at Karāpiro School. I provide a safe, nurturing play-based learning environment so each child feels they belong in our rural school. Students are supported and encouraged to take risks in their learning, embrace their mistakes and persevere to learn and grow. Our programme supports a smooth transition to school from your child's childhood setting.

MISSION STATEMENT

Whakatupu tahi tātou. *Together we grow.*

VISION STATEMENT

Karāpiro School is a safe and happy learning environment where together we grow to achieve our potential.

CORE BELIEFS

After consultation with the students, teachers and community, the following shared beliefs were agreed. Through inquiry-based programmes, Karāpiro School will:

- Provide an engaging, fun, holistic and balanced school curriculum designed to meet the needs, interests and abilities of students academically, socially, physically and emotionally.
- Present opportunities to challenge the children to succeed to their potential and celebrate their talents.
- Nurture a sense of belonging, self-esteem, confidence, perseverance, responsibility and resilience for their own actions and learning.
- Empower students to become motivated, future focussed, quality individuals who are life-long contributors.

CORE VALUES

Karāpiro School is exploring the over-arching values of: Kotahitanga, Kaitiakitanga, Manaakitanga and Rangatiratanga.

Programmes at Karāpiro School, including the Virtues Project, will encourage and develop virtues such as: Respect, Honesty, Responsibility, Self-Management, Confidence, Excellence, Cooperation, Creativity, Enthusiasm and Commitment.

SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Our school provides a caring, supportive and holistic learning environment in which a well-balanced programme of academic, cultural, arts and sporting opportunities is delivered by a team of skilled and dedicated staff. Our staff works hard to build relationships with our students by taking the time to get to know them and understanding their individual needs and abilities. Our staff strives to engage our students in fun, stimulating and relevant learning activities to improve their learning, progress and achievement. The Karāpiro School staff encourages our students to be independent students who can manage themselves confidently and articulate their next learning steps.

Karāpiro School enjoys a strong sense of community. There is a positive relationship shared between our community and our school with the activities of the school well anticipated and supported, for example: school productions, dance performances, sailing on Lake Karāpiro, prize giving, book week, cultural celebrations, community working bees, senior surf and ski camps, school disco and dance, and a wide range of EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) activities and opportunities throughout the school year.

Karāpiro School is set on attractive, well maintained grounds featuring our brand new Science Lab. This is a much loved space used by the whole school as they rotate through our STEAM curriculum. Kōwhai and Pohutukawa classes have both been recently upgraded including new insulation, lighting, heating and wall coverings. Our Whanau Room is home to our school library and is also our meeting room for assemblies and events. Other spaces include our Karāpiro School Community Play Group Room, our Music Room and our Arts Space. The school vegetable gardens and nursery enable our students to participate in sustainable environmental initiatives such as the Trees for Survival programme and Enviroschools. Our focus on The Living World is part of our move towards providing more opportunities for our students to learn about nature and nurture through caring for animals. We enjoy our solar heated swimming pool, extensive covered decking, sports field and adventure playgrounds. Our community recently raised funds to provide students with a newly turfed netball and hockey zone. We have a new parent and visitor carpark which includes a drop off/pick up and bus zone, thanks to our partnership with NZTA (New Zealand Transport Agency).

Our school is well supported by actively involved parents who support the school staff to run our sports teams each year. Eligible students may qualify for the school bus run by Cambridge Travel Lines and the Ministry of Education. Our Ministry of Education 'KiwiSport' funding goes towards the cost of our school swimming programme. Our Karāpiro School Community Play Group runs throughout the school term and forms part of our 'Transition to School' programme.

Karāpiro School works together with our local schools to improve achievement outcomes for students across the community. Karāpiro School is a member of Cambridge Rural Schools and we meet for sports events with our local rural schools throughout the year. Karāpiro School is a member of the Asian Language Learning in Schools group known as Cambridge Fusion and our students receive instruction in Mandarin. Karāpiro School has recently joined the Cambridge Community of Learning 'Te Oho Horoi'.



CURRICULUM

All students access the essential learning areas of the New Zealand Curriculum at their level and pace and receive instruction in: English, Mathematics and Statistics, The Arts, Health and Physical Education, Social Sciences, Technology, Science, and Learning Languages. The Key Competencies: Thinking, Using Language, Symbols, and Texts, Managing Self, Relating to Others, and Participating and Contributing are woven into the teaching of all learning areas. We encourage positive behaviour and provide positive reinforcement in the classroom and playground.

WHAT WE OFFER

PRIOR TO STARTING SCHOOL

We recognise that each child is unique and each child has different needs. Your child may have as many visits as they choose.

- Weekly visits on Fridays 4-6 weeks before starting, or by arrangement
- An invitation to:
 - Playgroup
 - Agriculture Day (Term 4 each day)
 - Community Events
 - School Assemblies
 - An “open door” policy
 - Follow us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/Karapiroschool

ON STARTING KARĀPIRO SCHOOL

- Free Sun Smart school hat on starting with us
- EOTC opportunities
- Innovative Learning Environments
- Agriculture Day
- Daily swimming in summer in our solar heated pool
- Electives Programmes
- A range of Summer and Winter sports teams
- “Trees for Survival” growing unit and school garden
- Integrated ICT (IPads, Laptops, Apple TVs)
- Whole school production and/or dance performance



READY FOR SCHOOL

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO ENROLLING YOUR CHILD		THINGS TO BRING:
<p>ENROLMENT</p> 	<p>When your child turns 4 please pre-enrol so we know you're coming.</p> <p>Complete an enrolment form online. www.karapiro.school.nz click 'Online Enrolment Form'.</p> <p>We are required to check the birth certificates and immunisation records of all students when they first enrol with us. These items must be sighted by our Office Manager prior to your child's first day at school.</p> <p>Our Principal, Tina-Maree Thatcher, wants to meet with you. She would love to answer any questions you may have and take you on a tour through the classrooms. To book this, please call Lynda in the office.</p> <p>Stationery is ordered through Office Max. Lynda in the Office can help you with a list of what your child will need.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate • Immunisation Records • Immigration Information
<p>PRE-VISITS</p> 	<p>In the 4-6 weeks prior to your child turning five, they will be invited to join the New Entrant class for visits from 9:00am until 10.35am every Friday or at another time by arrangement. This will help your child learn the school routine, build an understanding of expectations and start to develop friendships.</p> <p>Parents need to be on the school grounds during these visits. You may stay with your child in the classroom or have a cup of tea in the staffroom. Please ring the office to confirm these visits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School bag • Piece of fruit for fruit time at the start of our day • Snack for morning tea • Sun Smart hat (Compulsory in Term 1 & Term 4)
<p>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</p> 	<p>Bring your child to the classroom before 9am. Stay until your child is settled - try not to prolong the "goodbye" - upsets are rare and don't last long. Feel free to ring the office later in the day if you are concerned as to how your child is settling in.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun Smart hat (Compulsory in Term 1 & Term 4) • Fruit for 'Fruit Time', morning tea, lunch & a water bottle • A bag and a change of clothing. Please ensure all clothing is named.

SCHOOL ORIENTATION

ASSEMBLY

Several Fridays through the term, from 2.30pm until 3.00pm, we have class assemblies. A different class hosts assembly each time and you will be notified in the newsletter which class will be presenting. Parents, caregivers and the community are very welcome to attend our school assemblies. Certificates are handed out at these Friday assemblies.

SUPERVISION

Duty teachers supervise the children during morning tea and lunchtimes. They wear a fluoro vest. Explain to your child that they can approach the duty teachers if they have any problems, during break times.

LOST PROPERTY

The blue lost property bin is situated on the deck outside the classrooms.

HOME LEARNING

This comes home in your child's Book Bag. Please check the Book Bag daily for a reader and any notices. Research tells us that supported reading at home contributes to a learner's success. Please talk with your child's teacher for ways to help at home with this.

BUSES

Buses may be available for eligible students. Please contact Cambridge Travel Lines directly.
Cambridge Travel Lines: (07) 827 7363.

REPORTING TO PARENTS:

- SeeSaw is used to share your child's learning throughout the school year.
- Student Led Conferences are held twice a year, in Term 1 and Term 3. This is an opportunity for students to share their learning, progress and achievement with you.
- Written reports come home in the middle and the end of each year to demonstrate progress and achievement. It is also uploaded to your child's individual folder on SeeSaw.

NEW ENTRANT ASSESSMENT

After 5 weeks at school your child will be tested to gather data on the knowledge they enter school with. They will then be tested again after 12 months at school, at the time of their 6th birthday. This information will be shared with you.

CURRICULUM

Visit our school website www.karapiro.school.nz and click 'Curriculum' to read about New Zealand Curriculum information.

CONCERNS

We encourage you to share any concerns or queries you may have with your teacher. Our doors are always open for you.

WEBSITE

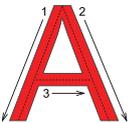
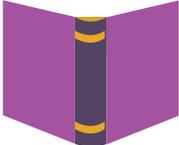
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FACEBOOK

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PREPARING FOR SCHOOL

	WHAT THIS MIGHT LOOK LIKE
<p>ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE</p> 	<p>Developing independence is an important goal of the first year at school.</p> <p><i>You can help by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing your child to be responsible for their bag and belongings, putting their Book Bag away and giving them the time to do all they can for themselves
<p>RECOGNISING THEIR NAME</p> 	<p>Encourage name recognition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support your child to begin to recognise their name correctly • Practice writing their name with a capital letter at the beginning then lower case letters – this can be a hard habit to break if learnt incorrectly
<p>PENCIL GRIP</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colouring in is perfect practice for pencil control and grip
<p>WRITING</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about the sounds different letters write eg. 'S' writes the 'SSS' sound • Play word games like 'I spy' • Have magnetic letters and numbers on the fridge and discuss these • Encourage writing or drawing for pencil control and grip
<p>READING</p> 	<p>Encourage reading by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to and telling stories • Recognising some letters of the alphabet and their phonetic sounds • Reading books daily to your child • Talk about pictures in books • Point out words on signs • There are a range of educational apps for letter formation, read along stories and early developmental skills e.g. puzzles, memory games
<p>ORAL LANGUAGE</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocalising their needs e.g. 'I need to go to the toilet' • Encourage your child to speak in full sentences when having a conversation (sometimes this may need modelling) • Talk to your child about what they have been learning or about the activity they are engaged in
<p>MATHEMATICS</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting to 10 and back from 10 to 0 • Number identification to 10 • Finding numbers around the house and neighbourhood • Talking about time, colours and shapes • Talking about halves and quarters • Playing board games to practice recognising dots on a die
<p>OTHER HELPFUL SKILLS</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handling scissors • Bouncing and catching a ball • Puzzles • Imaginative play • Encourage turn taking as well as sharing • Allow mistakes because they are vital for learning • Encourage resilience when things don't quite go their way

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL STARTING & FINISHING TIMES

School starts at 9:00am

Morning tea - 10:35am - 11.00am

Lunch - 12:30pm - 1:30pm

School finishes at 3.00pm

ABSENCES

To be reported to Lynda at the Office by 9.00am, either by phone or by clicking the 'Absence' tab on the school website.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please make the classroom teacher and the Office aware if your child has any medical conditions. Any medications required, including sunscreen, must be handed in to the Office at the beginning of the day with clear instructions on our Medical form. Medications such as asthma inhalers and epi-pens need to be provided to the school and will be kept in a locked cupboard in the sick bay.

CLOTHING

Uniforms are not compulsory. We have a red Karāpiro School t-shirt available for purchase from the Office. We recommend that children purchase a red Karāpiro t-shirt for interschool sports days and school trips.

It is compulsory for children to wear a wide brim sun smart hat in Terms 1 & 4. These are provided free to New Entrants, provided by the Board of Trustees. Subsequent hats are \$20 each.

SCHOOL DONATION

The Board of Trustees asks for your voluntary school donation each year.

\$80 - per child

Our school donations go towards the cost of student learning resources. Thank you.

SUN PROTECTION

At Karāpiro School we encourage 'Sun Smart' behaviour:

- A wide brim Sun Smart hat (provided to all New Entrants by our Board of Trustees)
- Sunscreen (applied at home before school and supplied to school if required during the day - see Medical Information)
- Sun smart clothing, covered shoulders (i.e. no spaghetti straps)
- A rash suit for swimming is a great idea
- Adults to model sun smart behaviour when at school and on school trips

SWIMMING POOL KEY

\$50 for the season + \$10 bond.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

We are always looking for enthusiastic parents who want to be involved with fundraising to join our School Fundraising Group. Please speak to Lynda at the Office if you are interested.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Parents are welcome to set up a school account. See Lynda at the school office for more information.

LETTERS AND NUMBERS

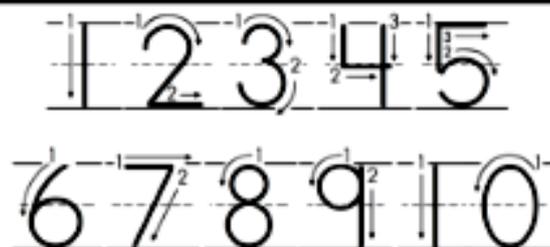
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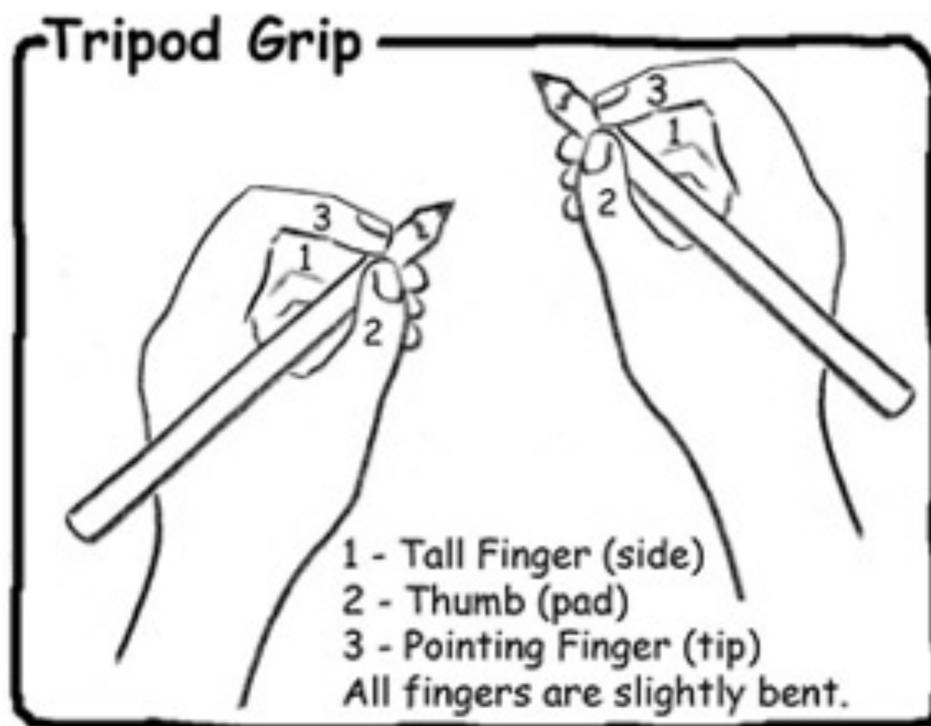
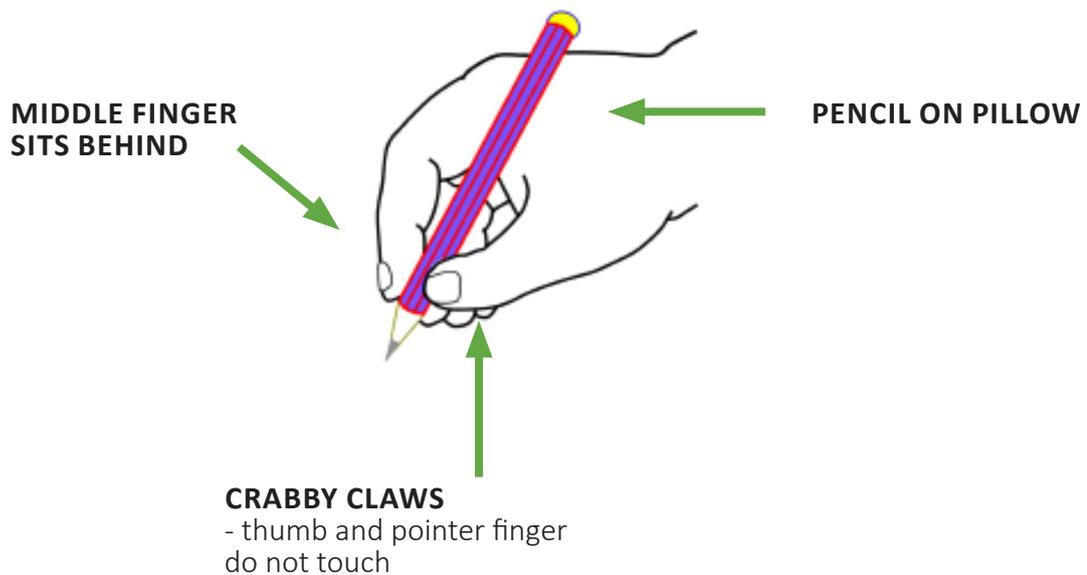
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NUMBERS



CORRECT PEN GRIP



LEARNING AT KARĀPIRO

Balloons

Our goals and our dreams for the future

River - Awa

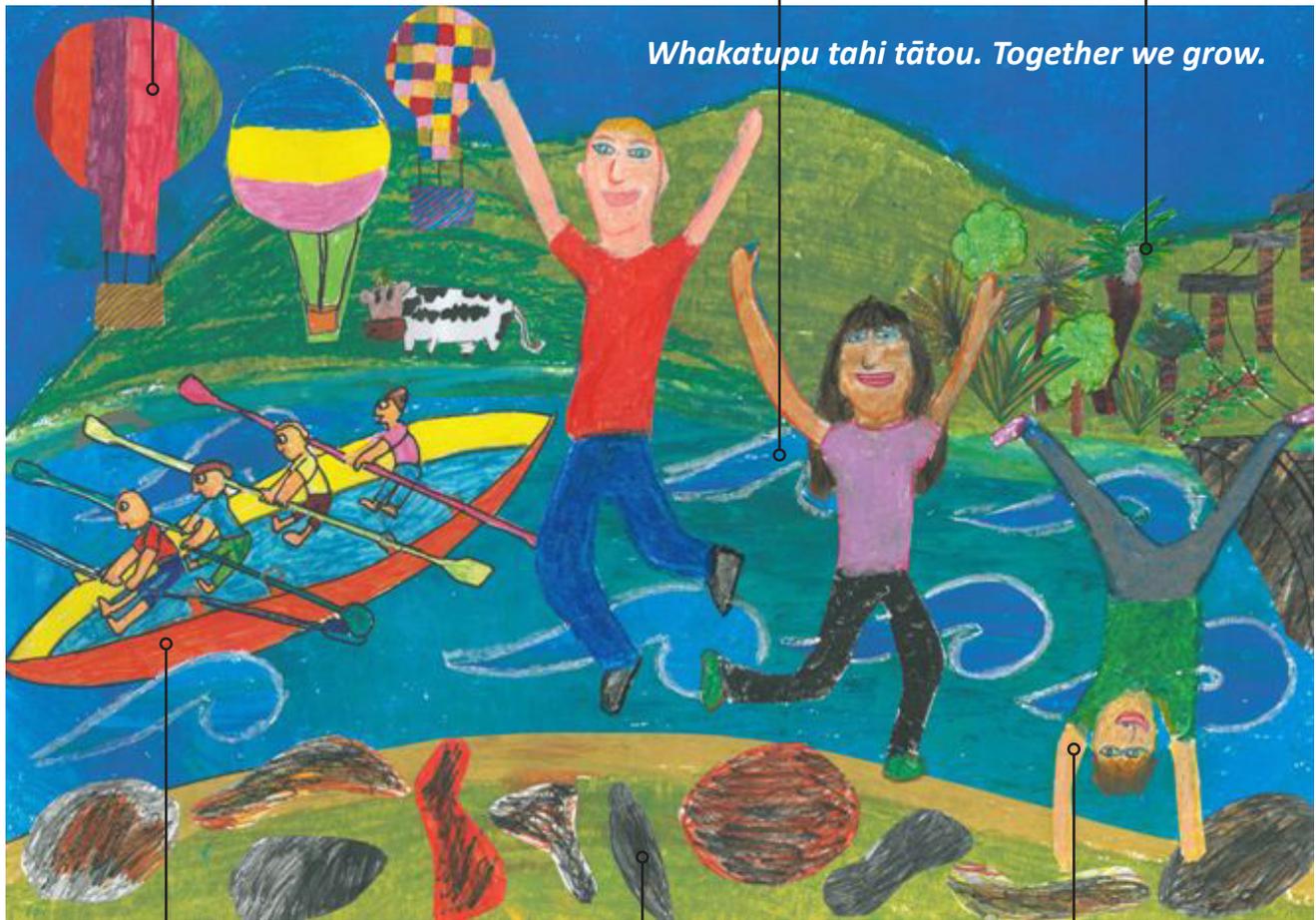
7 learning areas (waves)

Languages	Technology
Maths	The Arts
Science	Health and Physical
Social Science	Wellbeing

Mountain - Maunga

Growth, progress and achievement

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Key Competencies

Thinkers
Contributors
Explorers
Communicators
Self Managers

Stones - Kara Virtues

Kotahitanga
Kaitiakitanga
Manaakitanga
Rangatiratanga

People - Tangata

Students
Staff
BOT
Family - Whanau
Communities





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