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School Description

Location

Mangakahia Area School is a composite of Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools, based in picturesque and spacious grounds at Titoki, 25-minute drive west of Whangarei and 40 minutes east of Dargaville. The school is located in the Mangakahia Valley in the heart of Northland.

A Northland lifestyle gives access to the beautiful Bay of Islands studded with sheltered beaches, wineries and historical towns like Russell. It's also home to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, a historic Maori site. Famed for its sandboarding dunes, Ninety Mile Beach stretches along the west coast toward Cape Reinga.

History

Titoki School was established in 1907, then renamed Titoki District High School in 1950 and Mangakahia Area School in 1976. The school had its centennial in 2007.

Many generations from the Mangakahia Valley have been educated at the school. The intergenerational connections drive the passion and commitment to the students, the school and its future that is evident today. Community stakeholders are keen to work with the school leadership to rebuild the school to become again, a vibrant and challenging learning environment providing the best educational opportunities for all the students in the valley.

While the student roll has fluctuated over the years, the current roll level requires a focussed approach to resetting the direction of the school with the community to ensure that the school can provide a quality education that meets the needs of the students today. Developing this vision and strategic direction will be dependent on strong, competent and connected leadership. The school has the facilities to grow significantly and resources for investment in student learning.

Our School

Mangakahia Area School is a community school. On our school grounds there is a purpose-built, well-organised and busy community playcentre. Everyone in our community can use our vibrant and well-stocked community library, as well as our modern gymnasium (full size basketball, badminton, netball courts), astroturf courts, and fitness trail.



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The school was the first school in Northland to receive the Enviro-School Green-Gold Award. This is a priority area for further curriculum development given the resources we can access. We have been self-sufficient in terms of water and are working on re-establishing a full recycling programme throughout the kura. We are also a Schoolgen School, having a number of solar panels generating electricity for us.

For a small rural school, we offer a lot of choices to our students, with individual attention, guidance and support, access to specialist subjects and facilities. The school is English medium with a strong commitment to Te Ao Maori me He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The school belongs to Ngā Kura mo te ako o Whangarei Group 4 Kahui Ako and participates in professional development with colleagues.

A portfolio of five rental houses which meet Healthy Homes legislative requirements, is another school asset.

Our Staff

Staffing at Mangakahia Area School is stable and includes 12 teachers, 2 of whom are fulltime in the Junior area, 2 provide Food and Hard Technology for 4 visiting schools, and 7 teachers are a mixture of full and part time in the senior school.

The Leadership Team comprises a full time Principal, and two Deputy Principals.

We also have 3 Support staff, 2 Cleaners, a Caretaker, and 3 LSA's. The Learning Support Coordinator of our Kāhui Ako is based at the school.

Our Students

What is great about an area school is the family connections. Many of our students in the junior area have older siblings or whānau in the senior school. Our kura is one large whanau. Unlike many schools, we have the benefit of building a close working relationship with our students and their family/whānau which spans their entire primary and secondary education. This means that the school knows the student and their family/whānau really well and is therefore in the best position to provide educational opportunities and support. Furthermore, small class sizes mean students get high levels of individual attention.

The current roll is 77 students, 93% of students are Maori.



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Our Community

Key community groups include the Mangakahia Community Trust, Te Ropu Takiwa o Mangakahia and the PTA.

Te Ropu Takiwa is the umbrella group for the five marae in the valley:

Korokota: Te rohe o Titoki

Maungarongo: Te rohe o Poroti

Te Aroha: Te rohe o Parakao

Te Tarai o Rahiri: Te rohe o Pakotai

Parahaki: Te rohe o Nukutawhiti

Many of our students also associate with:

Tau Henare: Te rohe o Pipiwai

Eparaima: Te rohe o Kaikou.

In mid December, 2023 the BoT was re-established.

For further information or to arrange a school visit: please contact Ric Drake (Acting Assistant Principal), phone the school 09 4331702.