



WHENUAPAI SCHOOL

Living is Striving

2018 Charter

THE HISTORY OF WHENUAPAI SCHOOL

The story of Whenuapai Primary starts in 1957 when the Waitemata City Council decided to build a new school to be located on Kennedy Road in Kumeu. The property was just about to be acquired by the Council when it was decided the school should be situated in central Whenuapai near the Airbase. The Whenuapai Poultry Farm owned by the Andersons was sold to the Council and preparations for the school began. It started with just three permanent classes which are now rooms 12, 13 and 14.

The founding principal of the school was Mr McRae, whose wife was also on the staff. They lived close by in the school house on the corner of Totara Rd. But from small things big things grow, and 57 years on

Whenuapai School has grown and blossomed on those foundations laid in

1957. We are now entrusted with the education of approximately 500 children at the School and this number is predicted to grow significantly over the coming years. 2015 will mark the start of a period of change for the school. While many things will change, our commitment to positively impacting instruction remains our focus. We will do this by inspiring discovery and empowering learners through a cohesive, robust and modern curriculum.

The School continues to maintain very strong ties with the community and in particular the RNZAF and Anderson Family, both of whom have continued to be very strong and generous supporters of the School since inception. In fact the School still is educating generations of the Anderson family to this day. The school is committed to serving its community



SCHOOL VISION AND VALUES

Our vision

“Our students will be actively involved in learning for life”

The School regularly discusses its vision. Students are at the centre of all our decision making and we strive to “inspire discovery and empower learning” in all we do.

Our Values

The School continuously reinforces at every touch point with parents, students or the wider community a set of values which create the foundation and building blocks for our vision. Those values were reviewed through 2017 and we believe the values are embedded in our school motto. In future these values will drive the thinking within the school.

Core Values:

- Respect for Ourselves
- Respect Others
- Respect for the Environment
- Respect for Learning



The values align with the NZ Curriculum requirements.

Every child will progress towards reaching or exceeding curriculum level expectations regardless of their ethnicity, or education needs. This includes taking all reasonable steps to provide instruction in Tikanga Maori and Te Reo Maori for full time students whose parents ask for it. Significant work in the development of a curriculum model has enabled a cohesive, long term strategy in which continued improved outcomes for every student underpins all decision making.