

KĀHU TAHU TERM ONE 2026



"Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu"

Creating opportunities for our learners to soar



Important Information:

Nau mai haere mai e te whānau o Kāhu. We are excited about you joining us in Kāhu this year. There will be many new learning opportunities and we can't wait to share these with you. Our website and Facebook page have useful information and frequently asked questions that may help answer any queries you may have.

Please head to:

www.teaomarama.school.nz

Stationery

To make this easy for you, we have teamed up with OfficeMax My School to have our stationery requirements lists loaded onto myschool.co.nz. Once on the OfficeMax site, select our school, click 'start' and view the Requirements List, select your child's class, and follow the instructions on the website.



Te Puāwaitanga

In 2026, Kāhu Tahi Rua will include our Bilingual Te Reo Māori class, named Te Puāwaitanga o te Rito Tuakana, meaning "the blossoming of the flax shoot."

The word tuakana meaning the age group. In Māori tradition, te rito (central shoot of the harakeke/flax plant) represents the tamariki (children), surrounded and protected by the outer leaves, which symbolise whānau, community, and teachers. As te rito grows, it blossoms into its full potential, supported by those around it.

Ananaia House will be the kaiako/teacher of this class, and both (Nikki and Ruby) will teach regular English medium classes. All 3 classes will work together for Literacy and Mathematics with children learning in English and Te Puāwaitanga having an increased instructional reo Māori component.

For Te Reo Māori and kaupapa Māori learning, the bilingual class will have dedicated time to focus on these areas in depth.

We have spent considerable time working out how this class will operate, and our approach will foster a sense of unity across all 3 classes while celebrating and supporting the unique strengths of our bilingual programme.

Meet the team

Your child has a whānau teacher who they begin each day with and this is your first point of contact. Feel free to come in and chat to us if you have any queries or just to come in and say hello. We are also able to be contacted via our email.

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Reminders

- In Terms 1 and 4, all children will be required to bring a hat from home to wear outside. This is a non-negotiable. Please ensure your child has a **named hat** in their bag every day. A spare hat could also be kept at school in their personal tote tray. We also ask that you apply sunblock on your child each morning.
- Children should bring a named water bottle each day.
- Bring enough food to ensure your child has enough to eat for three eating times: a healthy snack, morning tea and lunch.
- Have devices charged and placed on the shelves at the beginning of each day.
- We love to celebrate your child's birthday alongside them, but we kindly ask that you not send your child to school with lollies to share with others due to the large number of tamariki and dietary needs in our space.

Book Bags

Your child will need a book bag this year. It is needed to bring home essential information, notices and readers for some children.

Meet the Teacher

On Friday 30th of January we have an optional Meet the Teacher drop-in session. This will be held at school to enable you and your child to call in and say "hi". Kāhu Tahi is upstairs on the left. We can't wait to see you there!



B.Y.O.D

B.Y.O.D (Bring your own device) is an integral part of the learning philosophy of Kāhu. As your child will be a student of Kāhu in 2026, we ask that you consider supporting your child with a device.

If you wish to learn more about BYOD, check out our [school website](#) and look for the tab "Digital Technologies and BYOD". A document will be sent home on the first few days of school and we ask that this is signed and returned ASAP.

Upcoming events:

TERM 1 KEY DATES	
Date	What's On
27 January 2026	Class Placements for 2026 advised to families (via email)
28 January 2026	School Tour - new families for 2026 - 9am
30 January 2026	Meet the Teacher drop-in sessions (12.30-2.30pm)
2 February 2026	First day - Term 1 Begins
2 February 2026	Pōwhiri to welcome new families/students - 9.00am
6 February 2026	<i>Waitangi Day (Public Holiday - school closed)</i>
11 February 2026	Hui-ā-whānau (Parent - Teacher information meetings)
27 February	Cultural Identity Day / Wā Ngākau (Assembly)
9-11 March 2026	Haerenga ki Hukanui Marae (Hukanui Marae Visits)
2 April 2026	Last Day of Term 1 / Wā Ngōkau (Assembly)
3 April 2026	<i>Good Friday (Public Holiday - school closed)</i>

