

# PŪKEKO RUA TERM 1 2026



## Nau mai haere mai ki te akomanga Pūkeko Rua!

Nau Mai haere mai whānau! We are so excited to have you all join us in 2026. We are looking forward to observing, learning and getting to know you all as you begin your journey here at Te Ao Mārama school. We hope you are all looking forward to the exciting adventure ahead and had a restful and relaxing Christmas break.

### What do I do if I have a Question?

Email your child's whānau teacher, talk to one of us before or after school or arrange a time to meet.

### How do I know about my child's learning?

We communicate this face-to-face and via Hero where you will be able to view your child's learning stories. For other events, keep up-to-date via our Facebook page, and website.

### Wellness at school

A courtesy reminder. We ask that you monitor your child's health. If your child is slightly unwell, please be cautious and keep them home.

### Stationery 2026

For stationery requirements go to [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz).

and find the Pūkeko Rua stationery list.

**Please name books and the book bag.**

### Who is my teacher?

Your child will have a Whānau Teacher, but all of the teachers in the space are their teachers, and will take them for various parts of the programme.

### Sun safety



In Terms 1 and 4, all children MUST wear a hat outside. Please ensure your child has a named hat in their bag every day. We have a supply of sunblock in the class but ask that children please come to school with this already applied. **NO hat, NO play!**

### Self-managing - On arrival to school:

We encourage children to self-manage their belongings. This includes hanging up their bag on the hooks outside the classroom. Throughout the day we will encourage them to put their lunchbox and clothing away. It is helpful for them if they can open and close their own lunchbox and any packets. Wear footwear and clothing that they can self manage.



### Getting in touch

As always, if you need to get in contact with your child's whānau teacher, please send us an email  
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### What do I need to bring to school each day?

- Lunch box packed with a healthy snack, morning tea and lunch (utensils if needed)
- Water bottle
- A change of clothes/underwear for wet or messy play activities and bag to contain wet items
- My bookbag
- A named hat
- A coat or raincoat in line with weather conditions
- We are very well resourced so we ask that any **personal toys stay at home** to prevent loss or damage

### Our amazing CRT team

This term, we will be released from the classroom on Thursday's week 3, 5, 7 and 9. During this time, our amazing CRT team will be in teaching our tamariki some incredible things! Say HI to the team!



### What does break time look like?

At break time your child will go and play, then eat after. All food scraps or waste go home in their lunchbox. This helps keep our environment free of rubbish and is helpful for caregivers to see what they have eaten.

### Our school day:

A friendly reminder that our school day starts at 8.40am and finishes at 2.30pm. If you arrive after 8.40am please sign in at the office. Whānau time is a really important part of our school day and it helps to have your child at school on time to be part of whānau time. This helps them settle into their learning for the day and be emotionally regulated. Your help with this is much appreciated.

### Hui-ā-Whānau

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February (week 2), you will have the opportunity to come to an information evening about our space. This is a time to listen, ask questions and see what learning is all about in Pūkeko Rua in 2026.



## 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	Waitangi Day (Public Holiday - school closed)
11 February 2026	Hui-ā-whānau (Parent - Teacher information meetings)
9-11 March 2026	Haerenga ki Hukanui Marae (Hukanui Marae Visits)
2 April 2026	Last Day of Term 1



# Who is in our space?

## Main teaching kaiako



**Whaea Linda**

Welcome to Pūkeko  
Rua!

I am so excited to meet  
all of you. I have two  
children of my own, a  
daughter who is 18yrs  
old and a son who is  
14yrs old. I love  
spending time with my  
whanau, going for  
walks and reading.



**Miss Olivia**

Kia Ora!

I am so excited to be  
part of the Pūkeko  
team for 2026. I have  
two young boys (4yrs &  
20 months). I love  
spending time with my  
whānau and friends  
and am looking  
forward to being back  
in the classroom! I  
can't wait to help grow  
your amazing brains!  
I work Mon-Thursday in  
our space.



**Whaea Nikki**

My name is Nikki and I  
am honoured to be  
part of Pūkeko Rua  
and thrilled to be  
teaching your children  
and leading their  
learning journey for this  
important chapter of  
their young lives. I am  
excited to learn about  
your children and help  
them grow and  
flourish!



**Whaea Yana**

Kia ora, my name is Yana.  
Having previously taught  
at Te Ao Mārama, I am  
thrilled to be back in 2026  
and supporting the  
tamariki of Pūkeko Rua.  
I live in Gordonton on a  
dairy farm with my  
husband, son and  
daughter who are three  
and one. We have a quiet  
little life, spending lots of  
time in the ngahere, the  
library, baking, and in the  
garden.  
I will be working on  
Friday's for Miss Olivia.

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## Learning support in Pūkeko Rua



Hi, I'm Rainy, a learning assistant in Pūkeko Rua at Te Ao Marama. I love supporting our students as they grow and learn every day. At home, I'm a busy mum to four wonderful sons and enjoy spending time with my family. I'm excited to be part of the Pūkeko whānau and look forward to meeting you all and having a great year ahead!



Kia ora whānau, My name is Nicole and I'm an Inclusive Learning Assistant working in Pukeko Rua at Te Ao Mārama. This is my second year at the school, and I feel so grateful to be part of such a supportive learning community. I hold a Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood), which means I especially love working in the junior school. I'm passionate about building strong, trusting relationships with tamariki, as I believe these connections create meaningful pathways for learning and growth. I look forward to supporting your children as they learn and grow this year.