



**Nau mai, haere mai**  
**Welcome to**



# **NGĀKŌROA SCHOOL**

*Bringing learning to life*

*Kaweā te Mātauranga ki te  
Whaiao ki Te Ao Mārama*



# Ko tō tātou kōrero i tuku iho mai

## The story of our name

Māori history is a link from the past into the future and is the foundation of our nation, so when we knew we were going to open a new school here, we asked local Māori to help us name the school. Ngāti Tamaoho Trust gifted the name Ngākōroa after our local awa, making the school very special indeed.

Ngākōroa means 'the long fingers', the river was named this because it starts with small streams in the Pukewhau (Bombay) foothills joining into a larger stream down in the valley, and arriving to the estuary, where our school is today, and finally to the sea.

So, why name our school after a stream? Long ago, the Ngākōroa river was the life force for the people who lived along it; providing food, rich soils for their gardens, materials for weaving and building homes. It was also an important part of their transport system up, down and across the valley, and out through the estuary to the sea. The river provided a living space for plants that were used for medicine, and water for washing, cooking and drinking. It was used for recreation and sometimes special events.

Ngākōroa is therefore a very appropriate name, as in many ways the school will be like the river has been in the past, a life force for the community; providing a place for people to learn and share the knowledge and skills needed for the future, and a place for people to care for each other, our culture and environment.

It was from this understanding of our namesake, that our vision was decided upon:

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### Bringing Learning to Life

*"Kawea te Mātauranga ki te Whaiao ki  
Te Ao Mārama"*

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In gifting us this name, Ngāti Tamaoho have asked that Ngākōroa's students, staff and parent community be the caretakers of the school and its stream in the future.

For the full story visit: [www.ngakoroa.school.nz](http://www.ngakoroa.school.nz)

# Ko tō tātou tohu Our logo

*Designed by Maaka Potini of Ngāti Tamaoho*

**The koru** nested within each other represent school and community working together to support tamariki. They are shaped to reflect a supportive hand.



**The raupō** has been chosen as an icon due to its historic uses in and around the awa; In this design it represents versatility of curriculum and culture to nurture and sustain the learning.

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**BLUE** represents our awa; the sustainer of life, growth and learning.

**TERRACOTTA** represents both the flower of the raupō and the nutrient rich soil found in our area.

**GREEN** represents the leaf of the harakeke abundant near our river and our strong connection to Papatūānuku.

*The overall intent of our logo is to reflect the whakatauaki:*

***“Kotahi te kōhao o te ngira e  
kuhuna ai te miro mā, te miro  
pango, te miro whero.”***

*– Kingi Pōtatau Te Wherowhero*

There is but one eye of the needle  
through which must pass the white  
thread, the black thread, and  
the red thread.

*This whakatauaki reflects the coming together of people to  
make connections and work towards a common vision.*

# KO NGĀ UARA OUR VALUES



**Mātauranga**



**Kaitiakitanga**



**Manawanui**



The 4 way koru represents Ngā Hau e Wha showing that knowledge and wisdom comes from everywhere and anyone. The green and orange haehae represent the idea that we are all consumers and creators of knowledge and wisdom.

**Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro  
nōnā te ngahere, ko te manu  
e kai ana i te mātauranga  
nōnā te ao.**

*Just as the forest belongs to  
the bird who feasts on the  
miro berry, the world belongs  
to the bird who feasts on  
education.*

## Mātauranga

### Knowledge and Wisdom

The value of mātauranga (understanding and sharing knowledge and wisdom), has been practiced by the people of Ngākōroa for centuries. Valuing mātauranga means that we cultivate curiosity and a passion for learning as we live and learn in our current world and prepare for our future. We love the idea that our school is a place where we share ideas, knowledge and experiences, so that we can all be our best selves.

### Living this value in our modern world means that...

- We are curious and seek out new learning
- We are innovative and creative with our learning
- We use existing knowledge to work out new things



This design shows three koru surrounding and protecting the object in the center.

It is a representation of a taonga that encompasses the environment, culture and people.

### **Ahakoā he iti, he pounamu.**

*No matter how small or insignificant it is to you, to me it is everything.*

## Kaitiakitanga

### *Protect all things special*

The people who lived in communities by the Ngākōroa awa long ago cared for the river as a living thing and a treasure. Māori call this caring kaitiakitanga, it is like being guardians or stewards. In demonstrating the value of kaitiakitanga we share the responsibility to care for and protect our environment, our histories, our community, our people and ourselves.

### **Living this value in our modern world means that...**

- We take care of ourselves and the people around us
- We value our culture; who we are and where we come from
- We contribute to the wellbeing of our community and environment





Manawanui means 'to have heart' both physically and mentally, this is represented by the double koru. The hae hae within the koru are all about never giving up, and building up strength, will and mana which are the things that support manawanui.

**He waka eke noa.**

*We're all in this together.*

## Manawanui

### *To have heart*

To have heart, be steadfast, and never give up, is the value of manawanui in action. When we demonstrate manawanui we thrive on the challenge that new learning brings. We act with integrity and mana and wholeheartedly embrace diversity and the unique strengths that we each contribute to our community.

### **Living this value in our modern world means that...**

- We never give up
- We are brave and courageous
- We care about and include other people's ideas
- We look for opportunities in every challenge

# Ko ngā kaupapa ako Our curriculum

Ngākōroa school offers a values based education within a place based curriculum. We are focused on engaging our tamariki in meaningful learning experiences that are connected to their current world, while preparing them with the knowledge, skills and understandings that will serve them well into their future.

*Aotearoa New Zealand's core curriculum subjects will be explicitly taught through the concepts of:*

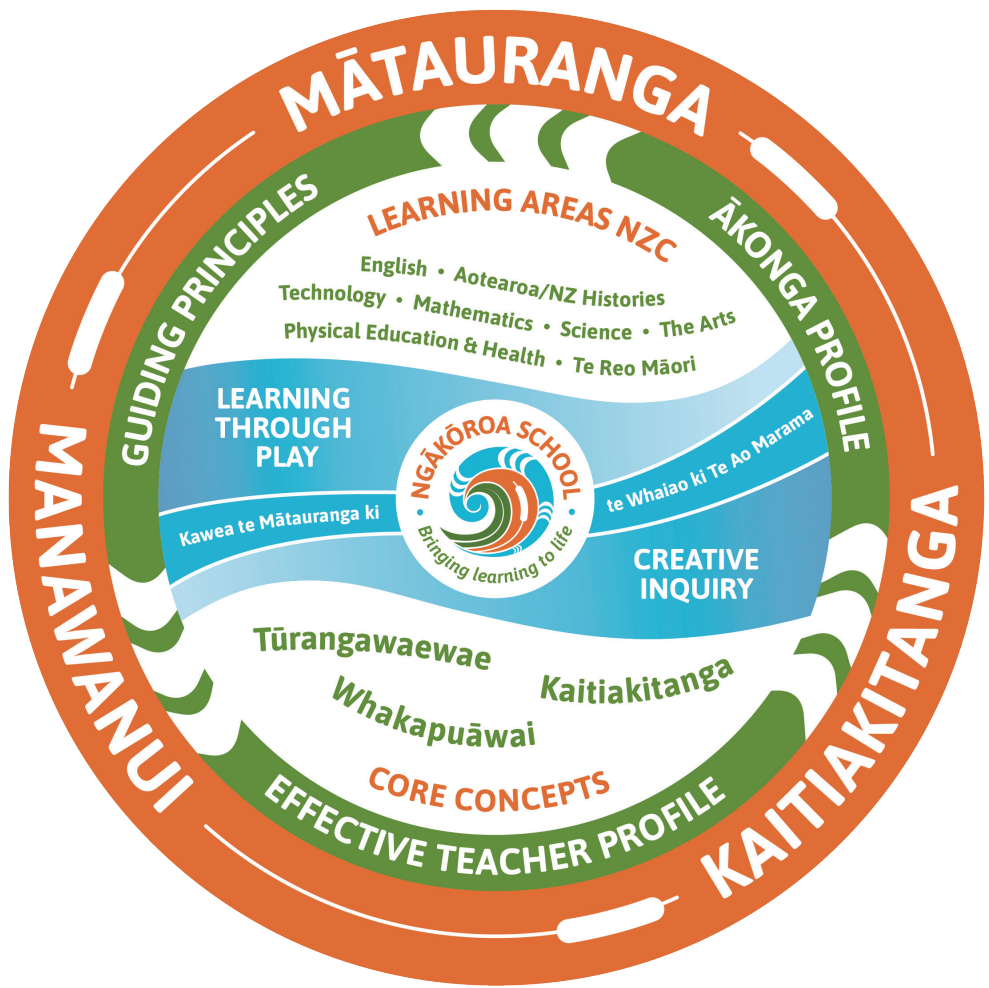
**Tūrangawaewae**  
'where I stand'

**Kaitiakitanga**  
'caring for people  
and places'

**Whakapuāwai**  
'future directions for  
humanity'

Student **creativity** and **curiosity** sit at the centre of our learning experiences.

**Strong relationships** are the foundation of our teaching and learning approaches.





## Ko Ngākōroa raua ko Te Kura o Parkside Parkside @ Ngākōroa School

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We are privileged to share our site with students and staff from Parkside Specialist School. This builds on Parkside's other specialist education facilities across the Franklin area. Our kaiako respect and value all learners for their unique and individual contributions to the school community. We work in collaboration with each other to ensure the best interests of all students are met at all times.

The strength of our inclusive education model is evident in the way the kaiako and tamariki of both schools come together to honour what is unique about each school, while celebrating our ability to share, support, learn and grow with each other.

# Me pēhea te whānau e āwhina mai? How can whānau be involved?

## Learning Partnerships

Our families are active partners in children's learning. For this reason every school day starts with half an hour of whanau time - we encourage families to spend time in classrooms, sharing learning and chatting with our teachers.

## Volunteering

We welcome anyone from across our community who has the time and a heart for tamariki and their learning. We believe everyone has something to offer, if you have spare time, or a particular skill or passion you would like to share, please get in touch.

## FONS (Friends of Ngākōroa School)

Be part of an enthusiastic and welcoming group of people from our community who find fun and innovative ways to support our kura: welcoming new whanau to school during cohort entry week, fundraising for new resources, taking care of our grounds and gardens.

# Ko tō tātou wātaka

## Our school day

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**8:00am - 8:30am Whānau time**

*Welcome, share learning stories & get settled for the day*

**8:30am - 10:00am Wāhanga 1**

**10:00am - 10:20am Morning break**

10:20am - 10:30am Kai time

**10:30am - 12:00pm Wāhanga 2**

**12:00pm - 12:45pm Afternoon break**

12:45pm - 1:00pm Kai time

**1:00pm - 2.30pm Wāhanga 3**

**2:30pm Home time**

# Ko ngā kākahu kura

## Our Uniform



Bucket hat



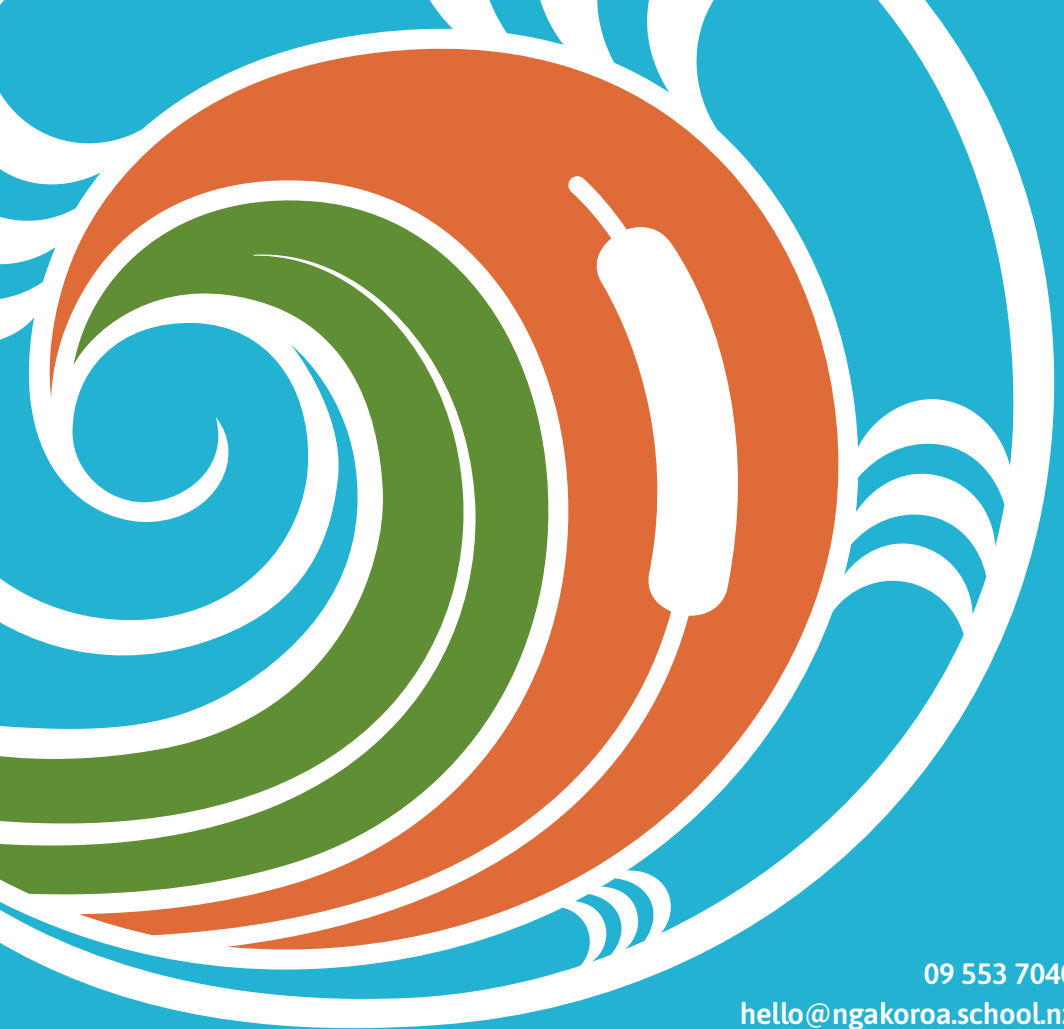
Polo, shorts and skort



Hoodie  
(front and back)



Multisport tee  
(front and back)



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