



At Reo oriori we believe that all tamariki have innate curiosities and an enormous capacity to learn. We foster every child's natural talents, interests and strengths and teach them in ways that suit them, and with content that excites them.

Our philosophy is evidence-based, so that we are always open to opportunity, new research, new understandings. We welcome every opportunity to enhance and organically grow our offerings.

Our teaching is supported by an inquiry learning approach, where our kaiako skilfully facilitate children's learning. The inquiry process sees them enable and support tamariki to explore, research, discuss, create and reflect on their own curiosities and questions.

We believe in building children's skills in: **Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, Confidence.** To do this, we will use the guiding principles of *Te Marautanga o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa* (Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, 2017). These are:

Whakapapa - Acknowledging the connection to each child's iwi, hapū, clan, people, and community.

Whanaungatanga - Whanaungatanga is centred on relationships, rights and obligations. It is about knowing you are not alone, but that you have a wider set of acquaintances that provide support, assistance, nurturing, guidance and direction when needed.

Wairuatanga - Wairuatanga is the aspect of humanity that refers to the way individuals seek and express meaning and purpose, and the way we experience connectedness to the moment, to self, to others, to nature, and to the significant or sacred.

Manaakitanga - The reciprocal care for each other, manaakitanga is about treating people and the environment with respect. It's about nurturing relationships. It is sometimes referred to as an expected standard of behaviour, an ideal that one should aspire to reach.

Rangatiratanga - Rangatiratanga is the ability to lead, to guide, to keep people together. It is also the ability to lead others to their own rangatiratanga by nurturing them, empowering them and enhancing their own mana.

Mana whenua - Mana whenua captures the intrinsic ties and responsibilities that tangata whenua, the people of the land or the indigenous people, have to their whenua.

Kaitiakitanga - Guardianship and protection. Kaitiakitanga is a way of managing, protecting and looking after the environment, and other taonga.

Reference: Kahungunu ki Wairarapa. (2017). First Flight – stories from Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa. A guide for teachers. Huia Publishers.

