



Not for ourselves alone • Ehara mō matou anake

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Kia ora e te whānau,

You may have noticed in the news that the Government have passed the Education and Training Amendment Act 2025 on the 18 November 2025 which removes the legal requirement for school boards to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The Waitākere School Board would like to affirm our deep and ongoing commitment to ensuring that Te Tiriti o Waitangi continues to be at the heart of what we do and how we learn at Waitākere Primary School. We believe that the commitment to honour Te Tiriti is fundamental to an education system which is inclusive, equitable and uniquely Aotearoa New Zealand. Teaching and learning which honours the Treaty of Waitangi enriches all of our children's learning.

At Waitākere School we have been privileged to build a close relationship with Te Kawerau ā Maki, our local iwi. As part of this relationship, our students and teachers have been learning the pūrākau (stories and history), culture, and waiata of our local area. This grounding of knowledge in our local area is a really valuable experience for our children as they develop their own identities.

The principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, are woven through our Waitākere Way, which encompasses our school values of Manaakitanga (Respect), Haepapatanga (Responsibility) and Manawaroa (Resilience). Our teachers will continue to ensure that Te Ao Māori is woven through our curriculum and school experience, and are working hard to increase their reo and tikanga knowledge. To find out more, please do have a look at Waitākere School's strategic plan, on our website [here](#) We would like to assure you that Waitākere Primary School Board will continue to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi at our school.

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Ngā mihi nui,

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