

TREATY OF WAITANGI

RATIONALE:

The Maori language and culture are a living part of New Zealand Society.

All New Zealanders should recognise and understand the Treaty of Waitangi and the cultural heritage of New Zealand.

PURPOSE:

1. To involve the local Maori community wherever possible
2. That Tikanga Maori be integrated throughout the curriculum for all pupils.
3. To ensure the language of the Tangata Whenua is retained.
4. To enable our children to understand, respect and show sensitivity for Tikanga Maori ie values, attitudes and behaviour.
5. Accepting that the knowledge of the Maori language will raise self esteem of pupils.

GUIDELINES:

1. Recognise the importance of Maori elders (Kaumatua and Kuia) and welcome them to participate in school occasions.
2. Include Te Reo Maori and Tikanga Maori in all topics of curriculum planning.
3. Include Te Reo Maori and Tikanga Maori as part of the daily programme.
4. Include Te Reo Maori, Tikanga Maori and cultural sensitivity in staff development.
5. Provide a welcoming atmosphere for all by reflecting cultures.
6. Provide opportunities to visit local Marae.

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.....Chairperson, BOT

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