

Report on how Tuia Burnside Primary School has given effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

As the educational hubs of the areas they serve, all schools in Aotearoa New Zealand have a key role to play in building the understanding of and commitments to Te Tiriti o Waitangi amongst their students and school communities.

As a Principal I ensure that those obligations extend to ensuring that those understandings and commitments are shared and promoted by all staff within their school.

Tuia Burnside Primary School encourages students to embrace learning opportunities in our school which reflects local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori and te ao Māori and builds their familiarity with te reo Māori.

Under the Act, the Board of Tuia Burnside Primary School understands and implements the primary objectives which are to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi by:

- working to ensure their plans, policies and local curriculum reflect local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori and te ao Māori
- taking all reasonable steps to make instruction available in tikanga Māori and te reo Māori and
- achieving equitable outcomes for Māori students.

Some practical ways that we honour te ao, te reo and tikanga Māori are:

- We consider and include the perspective of te ao Māori when designing learning programmes
- We start and finish our classroom day and hui with karakia
- We use karakia mō te kai
- We are developing the use of tikanga Māori as part of assemblies and ceremonies (working towards mihi whakatau at school)
- We use Māori kupu daily and as part of our normal language
- The Board of Trustees promote and resource a commitment to te reo and tikanga Māori
- We are building the relationship with Ngāi Tahu through regular engagement and communication
- We are committed to regular and ongoing development of staff capabilities in te reo and tikanga Māori
- We set and track achievement outcomes for our ākonga Māori
- We build our awareness of cultural bias and how we influence all ākonga with our attitudes and actions