



Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to 2022. It is lovely to see all the children back and ready to start the term with enthusiasm.

We have new staff on board this year so we would like to introduce you to the team:

Kia Ora Whānau

As Principal I am proud and honoured to be part of Whanganui East School. I began as Deputy Principal in 2004 and was lucky to be appointed the Principal role in 2012. I have 3 children and Lyzz attended WES and is currently at College. In my spare time I love spending time with my horses and travel up and down the North Island watching my daughter compete.



Whaea May – Deputy Principal

Talofa, kia ora, hi! Ko Whaea May ahau. I am Deputy Principal and Team Leader for our senior team, Roopū Kererū. My favourite hobbies are camping, swimming, and boarding at the beach. I have been at Whanganui East School since 2016 and I love seeing our Whanganui East students finding their own interests and talents!



Mrs Ray – Assistant Principal

(Team Leader Y0-2) Roopū Tui Hi Whanganui East Whānau, My Name is Ray Stormont but everyone calls me Mrs Ray. I am very privileged to teach our fabulous New Entrant class where we get to learn so much from each other every day. I love animals, so much so that we are lucky enough to have two awesome pet rabbits in Room 4, Elmo and Milo, who often hop by and check out what we are doing. My biggest passion is hanging out with my family, relaxing and watching my daughter play her sports.



Ko Grace Geard Ahau
Ko Taranaki te Maunga
Ko Manawatu te Awa
Ko Pakeha toku Iwi
Nō Taranaki Ahau
Ko Feilding tōku ināiane



My name is Grace Geard I grew up in Taranaki and moved to Palmerston North to study at Massey to become a teacher. I then moved to Whanganui to teach at Whanganui East school. I now live in Feilding with my fiancé, dog and cat and commute each day. I really enjoy working at Whanganui East School. This is my 6th year here! My favourite part of my job is the kids and meeting all of the whānau when we can of course! I am middle school team leader for Roopū Ruru and teach in Room One and the children call me Miss Geard. Looking forward to meeting you all when we can.

Room 7- Whaea Amie

Kia Ora

I am Whaea Amie, teacher of Room 7. This is my first year at Whanganui East school and I have already been made to feel welcome by all staff and tamariki. Room 7 has made a great start settling in to 2022 and are already producing some amazing mahi. I have grown up within Whanganui however, I've been living in Palmerston North for the past 4 years during my studies, therefore I am so excited to be back and have the opportunity to learn and grow alongside your beautiful tamariki. A little fact about me is that I danced with Shayron Underwood for 13 Years, so you will most definitely find me emerged within any performing arts activities within the school. I look forward to eventually getting the opportunity to meet you all.



Room 6 – Mrs Ramage

Kia Ora Whanganui East Whānau. It is great to be back working in the Tui team again this year. For those of you who are new to our school my name is Rachel Ramage. I have 3 daughters Katie, Jennifer and Mackensie, who all went to Whanganui East School and loved it. Mackensie is now a Year 8 at Whanganui Intermediate and Katie and Jennifer are at Girls College. My husband Keith is involved in school at the Board level and very motivated to help Whanganui East School be the best it can be for our community. This year I am working Monday and Tuesdays in Room 6 and releasing Mrs. Ray in Room 4 on a Wednesday. I am glad to be working with Mrs Cook again, who is taking Room 6 Wednesday to Friday. When not at school I enjoy reading (probably too much!!) and spending time with my horse.



Room 6 – Mrs Cook

Hello to all the Whanganui East parents and students. My name is April Cook and I have recently returned to New Zealand after teaching overseas for the past 8 years. You may have noticed me around the school last year when I was helping out in a relieving teacher capacity. I have 2 children and 3 grandchildren, who I love spending time with. My hobbies include gardening, walking miles with my dogs, reading anything and everything, although at present my main focus is on renovating my home.



Room 5 – Miss Ratima

Kia Ora I am Baylee Ratima. I am a new teacher here at Wanganui East School and I am teaching a Year 1/2 class in Room 5. This is my second year of teaching. I completed my first year at Lytton Street School in Feilding last year where I taught Year 2. When I am not at school, I enjoy playing sports, baking and hanging out with my family and friends. I am looking forward to the year ahead.



Office Administration

Mrs Emerson

Hi, my name is Megan Emerson. I work in the office at Whanganui East School. I have two teenage boys. In my spare time I enjoy biking, walking our dog along the beach and spending time with family and friends.



Property Manager Mr Whetton

My name is Ash Whetton. I am the caretaker at W.E. School. I have worked here for 27 years. I have 3 adult children, 6 grandchildren and 1 on the way. In my spare time I enjoy social squash, mountain biking and spending time with my family.



Duffy Books Co-ordinator

Mrs Lawson

I am a semi-retired Support Staff person who continues to be involved with the school as the Duffy Books in Homes Co-Ordinator. I also have continued my passion for the School Library. My children came to Whanganui East and my late husband and I were involved with school activities. I enjoy the Whanganui East Community and school as I have resided here for 48 Years.



Room 2 – Miss Linda

Kia Ora, my name is Linda and I teach in Room 2. The children call me Miss Linda. I have been teaching for approximately 25 years in New Zealand and overseas. I have been teaching at WES since I moved to Whanganui about 3 years ago. I'm really enjoying our students here at WES – they're bright, kind, friendly and helpful. I'm looking forward to a really good year.



Room 8 – Whaea Fran

Tēnā koutou, Tēnā koutou, Tēnā koutou ngā whānau o Tōtara Puku.Ko Whaea Fran ahau.

No Ngāfi Pōrou toku whaea. No Ngā Puhi toku matua. I started teaching at Whanganui East School in the middle of the first Lockdown in 2020. I teach a fantastic group of Year 5 and Year 6 learners in Room 8. I love providing different learning experiences for our tamariki. I look forward to meeting new whānau and catching up with whānau from last year. Kia ora koutou katoa.



Room 9 – Whaea Noelene

Kia ora koutou

I am Noleen Murray. I am a teacher of many years experience but I am new to Whanganui. My husband (Hori John - te Atihaunui a Paparangi, Ngāfi Tuera) and I moved to Whanganui last November as this is his place of birth. As he is semi-retired, we decided to move home, which pleased me greatly as I love living here. Most recently we lived in Paeroa and I taught 5 year olds at Ngatea Primary. Over my many years of teaching I have taught all across the primary years in many parts of our wonderful mout, from Ngunguru in the north to Waiouru in the south, and now Whanganui! I am looking forward to working with your tamariki and eventually meeting you all. I really believe that we need to work together for the benefit of our children.



Room 10- Whaea Kellie

Kia ora koutou katoa

Hi, I'm Whaea Kellie and I can be found hanging out with your awesome tamariki in room 10. While this is only my second year teaching I have been around at Whanganui East School for a number of years as a teacher aide. I have four children and two grandchildren. When I'm not at school I like spending time with my partner exploring the outdoors. When the current restrictions lift I look forward to meeting you all in person.



Whaea Darryl



Kia Ora, my name is Darryl Dunford. I am the lucky teacher who gets to teach in nearly all classes across the school, releasing the class teachers. I say I'm lucky because I get to interact with so many of the great children at W.E.S. I have taught in the U.S.A. and in Brunei and was in the R.N.Z.A.F. for 10 years. I have been renovating my house and love to read and go on adventures. I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible.

Kia Ora

My name is Beth Ditchfield. I have a long association with the school as I am a past pupil and my four children also attended here. I have been part of the staff for over 20 years, working across the school as a Learning Support Person which I really enjoy.



Kia Ora Whanganui East School whānau. My name is Amy Hoekstra also known as Whaea Amy. I have worked with our amazing Whanganui East tamariki for the last 5 years as a Teacher Aide. This year I am on a learning journey of my own and will be beginning my teacher training. I will be working in Room 4 as a teacher aide and one day a week as a student teacher. I have four children who have all been through Whanganui East School. We are a busy active family and you will often find me at one of the many sports fields around Whanganui. I am looking forward to 2022 and learning alongside our children and whānau.



Hi, I'm Natasha. I have one of the best jobs at our school. Being a Teacher Aide, I get to work alongside many of our wonderful students. I also get the fruit in schools organised so the classes get fresh fruit daily and have the pleasure of transforming the school hall for our Year 6 leavers meal once a year.



Hi, I'm Mel, I am a Teacher Aide at Whanganui East School. I have two children, a seven year old boy who attends Whanganui East School and a 2 year old daughter who attends Totara Puku Kindergarten on the school grounds. I love being able to guide the students at school to do the best and be the best they can be.



Hi, I'm Chantel Hina. I'm in my 2nd year as a Teacher Aide. I have had two children at Whanganui East School. I currently have a child in Year 4, while my other child has just headed off to Intermediate this year.



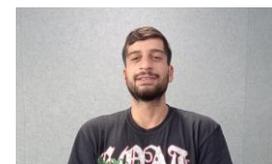
Kia Ora I'm Whaea Ti. I have been a Teacher Aide at Whanganui East School for 3 ½ years. I have four tamariki and 1 moko. I enjoy dancing and learning NZ Sign Language.

Kia Ora I'm Leigha, I have had the pleasure of working alongside tamariki as a Teacher Aide at Whanganui East Primary for over a year. I am passionate about sports and supporting the youth in our communities, in the future I aspire to join the fire brigade or police force



Tena Koutou whānau, my name is Tracey. I love spending time with the children, swimming and playing games. I am working as a Teacher Aide in the junior and middle school. I also have horses and spend lovely afternoons riding and caring for them.

Kia Ora Whanau! My Name is Jaxon Corfield. In my spare time I enjoy working on my car's, making music and jamming the game! I will be helping the student's and teacher's around the school this year as a Teacher Aide!



Miss Rudduck

Tena Koutou. I am Helen Rudduck and I've been working here at Whanganui East since 2018 teaching in the classroom and working with small groups of children. This year I am continuing to work with small groups supporting children and teachers with reading and writing. You have probably seen me out on my bicycle riding to school as I don't have a car! Ngā mihi.



Absences:

Please contact the office if your child is not going to be at school.

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