Whatawhata School

Kia Manaaki | Kia Whakatupu | Kia Whakatutuki

Application Pack
Permanent Scale A position

2027 Year level negotiable
(2027 likely year 5-8)
(potential 1 year fixed term position also available)

Start date - 27 January, 2027

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the teaching position at our kura.

This is an exciting opportunity to join a supportive school community and make a meaningful difference in the lives of our learners.

Whatawhata School is a U4 full primary school (Years 1–8) with 260–290 students, situated just west of Hamilton City in the heart of Whatawhata Village.

We are a rural school community with a caring heart. Our point of difference lies in the way we value people. We celebrate the uniqueness of every individual and the experiences that students and teachers bring to our classrooms.

We nurture the whole child, empowering our learners to thrive academically and in life. Guided by our vision, Kia Manaaki, Kia Whakatupu, Kia Whakatutuki – To Care, To Grow, To Achieve, we foster belonging and a love of learning through a holistic, relational approach. Our dedicated staff provide high-quality education within a community grounded in *manaakitanga* and *whanaungatanga*.

We are committed to preserving the close relationships and unique learning opportunities that make a small, rural school special.

We welcome applications from experienced teachers and beginning teachers who are passionate about teaching, bring a strong work ethic, share our commitment to relational practice, and will contribute positively to the life of our kura.

Please find enclosed the information you need to make an informed application. Further information can be found on our school website.

We look forward to learning more about you and what you would bring to Whatawhata School.

Regards,
Rob Gunn
Tumaki / Principal

Who we are looking for?

We are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated Scale A teacher who can make a positive difference for tamariki. While the level will be negotiated, strengths within Years 5-6 or Years 7-8 are an advantage.

Our ideal teacher will:

- Hard working, fun loving,
- Take a relational, student-centred approach to learning
- Ability to create and sustain a culturally safe environment
- Provide a pathway to ensure students met high expectations
- Be a proactive, collaborative, 'can do' team member who inspires and engages students and colleagues
- Show empathy and understanding in all interactions
- Show initiative
- Have a strong work ethic
- Excellent planning and effective time management
- Effective use of data to guide planning and improve student outcomes
- Build on our school's vision and strive to be the best teacher they can be
- Strengths in Structured Literacy and Numeracy and te reo Maaori an advantage
- Strong sense of professionalism and commitment to personal growth

What we offer:

- A fun, supportive team and a community that values holistic development for our tamariki
- An opportunity to make a meaningful impact on students eager to learn
- Rural values
- A professional learning and development (PLD) pathway to enhance your skills and knowledge
- And so much more!

How to Apply

If you are excited by this opportunity and believe you can make a valuable contribution to our school, we encourage you to submit an application. You are also welcome to arrange a visit to explore the opportunity further.

Please send through the below by Friday 13th November - 12:30pm

- Complete the application form - Click here for access
- Letter addressing criteria above and other strengths you may have, alongside you Curriculum vitae
- Email to the Principal - robg@whatawhata.school.nz

Expected Timeline

(approximate guide - dates are subject to change)

Wednesday 28 October	Vacancy published online.
Friday 13th November	Applications close 12.30pm
Week of 16th November	Referee checks, shortlisting, interviews
By 23rd November	Appointment made
27th January, Term 1 2027	Start date

If your application is successful, the information will form part of the school's personnel records. That person may access it in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act 1993. Information relating to unsuccessful applicants is destroyed unless a stamped self addressed envelope is provided for return of your Curriculum Vitae.

Further Information

For further information or to ask re: school visits (during term time only) please email robg@whatawhata.school.nz or phone Whatawhata School on 07 829 8820

Application Checklist

- ☐ Covering letter addressing the qualities we are looking for and additional strengths relevant
- ☐ Curriculum Vitae
- ☐ Completed and signed Application Form
- ☐ Copy of Teacher Registration

Submit electronically - to robg@whatawhata.school.nz

or via post - Confidential
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