PRINCIPAL | Poutoko;

Full time | Permanent

Area / Composite (Years 1-13), Principal (Poutoko)

Te Reo Māori, Hauora, Hangarau, Ngā Reo, Ngā Toi, Te Reo Pākehā, Tikanga ā-iwi, Pāngarau, Pūtaiao, Te Reo Mandarin, Hākinakina

"Ko Tawhiuau te maunga, ko Rangitaiki te awa, ko Ngāti Manawa te iwi, ko Rangipo te wehenga o te tuna."

Murupara is situated 65km south of Rotorua at the foot hill of our tribal māunga Tawhiuau also known as the gateway to Te Urewera Ranges. Our kura is a Aotearoa's first Designated Special Character School. The designated character or Kaupapa of the kura is Ngāti Manawatanga. Ngāti Manawatanga traces whakapapa to Ngāti Manawa te tangata whenua of Kuhawāea (Galatea), Murupara and Kaingaroa.

Ngāti Manawatanga is a description for Ngāti Manawa culture, of a particular world view that encompasses Te Reo Māori, History, Traditions, Tikanga, Tipuna, Values, Beliefs, The Natural Environment and Matauranga. Our kura is a Kura-a-Iwi, a tribal kura whose wairua, ngākau and mauri is Ngāti Manawa.

The Kura is a haven for our uri (children), sustaining the precious uniqueness of our uri as Ngāti Manawa and where they may develop their talents to the fullest possible extent on their journey to autonomy.

We aspire and commit to the ultimate achievement of MANA MOTUHAKE for all our uri at Te Kura Kaupapa Motuhake o Tāwhiuau.

We are looking for an outstanding Poutoko to lead our school and ensure our students have the best education. The ideal Poutoko must be familiar with Ngāti Manawatanga and must be willing to socially engage with whānau and the community.

Approval has been granted for this kura to recruit a Poutoko under the Principal Recruitment Allowance (PRA) scheme. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria of that scheme. An independent assessor will determine whether those criteria have been met, in addition to the appointment recommendation made by the Poumarumaru.

Further information about the PRA can be found at:
http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/specific-initiatives/investing-in-educational-success/principals-recruitment-allowance

How to apply

Please send your:

- written application
- a covering letter
- a curriculum vitae
- completed application form

Send it by email to:

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Applications close: 10 December 2026
Position starts: 01 February 2027 (or earlier by negotiation)