Job Description

Classroom Teacher - Ruma Piwakawaka - Years 5 - 8 - Waituna Creek School

Responsible to: Moragh Sutherland (Principal) and Waituna Creek School Board of Trustees

Terms of Employment:

This position comprises 0.6 FTTE (Principal Release) Fixed Term and 0.1 FTTE (Classroom Release Teacher) Fixed Term.

Purpose:

Your primary role within Waituna Creek School is to provide high-quality, effective teaching and learning that aligns with our school's values of Respect, Resilience and Relationships. You are responsible for fostering a positive, inclusive environment where every student is empowered to achieve to their potential through personal growth and academic attainment.

Teaching and Learning

- Plan, prepare, and deliver effective teaching programmes in accordance with The New Zealand Curriculum.
- Create engaging, inclusive, and culturally responsive learning environments.
- Differentiate instruction to meet the diverse learning needs of all learners.
- Integrate digital technologies and varied teaching strategies to enhance learning.
- Use assessment data to inform planning and improve learner outcomes.

Assessment and Reporting

- Assess and evaluate learner progress using formative and summative assessment practices.
- Maintain accurate records of achievement and progress using HERO - the school student management system.
- Report on learner progress to parents and whānau in line with school policies.
- Participate in parent–teacher–whānau conferences and learning conversations.

Classroom and Behaviour Management

- Establish clear expectations for behaviour and learning.
- Promote positive behaviour and wellbeing in line with school values school-wide behaviour management plans
- Ensure a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment at all times.

Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

- Support the social, emotional, and physical wellbeing of ākonga.
- Identify, respond to, and report any safeguarding or wellbeing concerns in accordance with school procedures.
- Act as a positive role model and uphold school values.

Additional Responsibilities

- Release Junior Class teacher for one afternoon per week or one day per fortnight (Negotiable) for Classroom Release Time during terms 1-4
- Participate actively in staff meetings, professional learning and development (PLD), professional growth cycles and appraisal processes.
- Collaborate with colleagues, learning support staff, and leadership to support learner success.
- Contribute to curriculum design, review, and school-wide initiatives.
- Support learners with additional needs in collaboration with SENCO/Learning Support Coordinators and external agencies.

Out-of-School and Community Participation

- Participate in school events such as assemblies, cultural celebrations, and community evenings such as PTA school BBQ
- Support and supervise education outside the classroom (EOTC), including field trips and camps
- Attend parent, whānau, and community events, including hui and school celebrations.
- Represent the school positively at inter-school events and community activities.

Professional Responsibilities

- Hold and maintain current Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand certification.
- Meet the Standards for the Teaching Profession and engage in ongoing professional growth.
- Comply with school policies, health and safety requirements, and professional codes of conduct.