



# Kuratau School

Kimihia Te Matauranga Kia U-Ki Te Pono  
To seek knowledge and hold fast to the truth



## *Transition to school*

To make the transition to schooling at Kuratau a comfortable experience for your child the following process is highly recommended and encouraged:

1. Initial contact - Janet Ness (Principal)  
- Sharon Knight (New Entrant Teacher)

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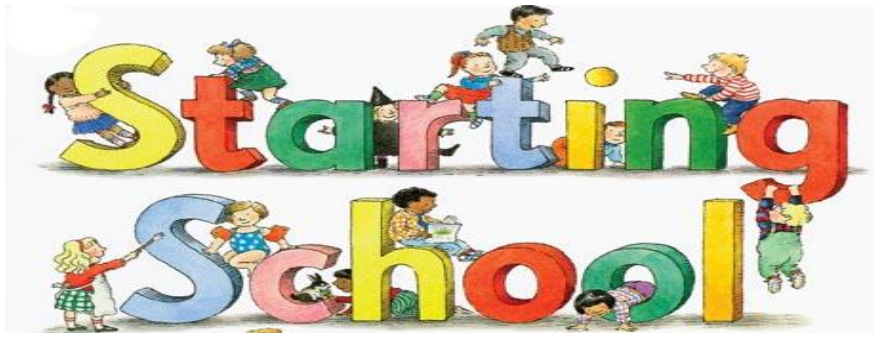
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2. Meeting with the classroom teacher above.
3. Minimum of 3-5 pre visits before the child's fifth birthday. Morning visits on Tuesdays from 8.30am-10am are preferred. Every child must be accompanied by their parent/caregiver/pre-school teacher.
4. A minimum of **ONE** am bus trip, to be arranged with the bus company driver, is strongly recommended if the child will be using that form of transportation.
5. School supplies are required to be purchased in the first week.
6. Parents are most welcome to accompany children for their first school day.
7. Bell times:  
8.30 - 10.00am  
10.15 - 11.30am  
11.45 - 12.45pm  
1.30 - 2.30pm



Please refer to the attached information sheet to help parents with the transition to school life.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



## Helpful information and expectations for starting school life.

### General Information:

- School bags – need to be big enough for a book bag, lunch box and togs to fit into.
- Sleep – children will get very tired in their first term, going to bed early is essential.
- Nits – (very common at schools), hair needs to be regularly checked and treated immediately if discovered.
- Attendance – once enrolled children **MUST** attend every day unless sick.
- Name your child's clothes to prevent items being lost.
- Daily reading and homework is essential to your child's learning.
- Stationary is required straight away on the first day.



### Expected behaviour:

- Using manners – please, thank you, good morning
- Being **kind** and **caring** to others
- No swearing
- Zero tolerance to bullying
- Listening and responding to instructions
- Knowing when to ask to go to the toilet
- Hanging up bag, removing shoes, bring book-bag into classroom
- Helping to tidy up
- Sharing with others



### Literacy and Language skills:

- Recognising name
- Writing name – Capital letter only used for first letter
- ABC chant
- Learn the name of the letters in their name
- Pen/Pencil grip



### Looking after oneself at school:

- Toilet trained – asking to go to the toilet
- Dressing after swimming
- Looking after their clothes
- Doing up shoe laces (slip-ons or Velcro is unable to do so).
- Blowing their nose when runny.
- Sneezing into their sleeve not hand.

### School Bus:



- \$4 per day (charged at the beginning of each term)
- Oldest are bus monitors
- Map showing pickup places in town is available.
- Written notes **MUST** be brought to school if child is not getting off at their normal stop.

### Bell times:

- 8.30am – 10.00am
- 10.15am – 11.30am
- 11.45am – 12.45pm
- 1.30pm – 2.30pm



### Mathematics Skills:

- Colours
- 12345678910
- Big/Small
- In front, behind, in between
- Count objects to 5



We look forward to welcoming your whanau and tamariki to Kuratau School: **Together we will provide quality education and create the foundations for lifelong learners** by providing a **safe, secure and happy environment where children learn and happy teachers teach.** 😊