

Briefing Note: Visit to Ōtamarākau School on 1 September 2023

To:	Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education		
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Purpose of Briefing Note

The purpose of this paper is to support your visit to Ōtamarākau School at 12:00pm on 1 September 2023.

A run sheet for the visit is attached. Annex 1 refers.

Proactive Release

1. **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing in full once it has been considered by you.

Agree / Disagree



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Hautū | Deputy Secretary
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28/08/2023



Hon Jan Tinetti
Minister of Education

01/09/2023

Ōtamarākau School 1872

Contact Name: Aneta Smith
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Te Puke

Key People

Principal Aneta Smith
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Ministry Officials: Tui Rolleston
Director of Education, Bay of Plenty - Waiariki
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Profile Information

Authority	State
School Type	Full Primary (year1-8)
School Gender	Co-Ed
Education Medium	English Medium
Equity Index Rating	463
Electorate	East Coast
Te Mahau Region	Te Tai Whenua

The [month/year] breakdown of roll information by ethnicity is shown below:

[Month/Year] Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	40	44
Pacific	2	2.2
Asian	12	13.2
Other ethnicity	1	1.1
European/Pākehā	36	39.6
International	0	0
Total	91	100%

Ōtamarākau School Context

- 1 Ōtamarākau School is a small rural school southeast of Te Puke catering for Years 1 to 8 ākonga. The school roll of 91, includes 40 ākonga who identify as Māori. Its vision statement, 'a country school with a view to the future', encourages 'creative thinking and high expectations'. The school's graduate profile and values relate to awesome, respect, ownership, honesty, and active learners.

- 2 A new principal Aneta Smith has just recently been appointed. There have been a number of changes in principals over the years.
- 3 Professional learning and development for leaders and teachers has included cultural responsiveness, play-based learning, and writing. The school is participating in the Positive Behaviour for Learning programme.
- 4 The school has a close connection with local hapū Ngāti Mākino.
- 5 The school is in the process of formalising its local curriculum.
- 6 The school is proud of its active board and community.

Education Review Office

- 7 Ōtamarākau School was last reviewed by the Education Review Office (ERO) in December 2019 where ERO's next steps for sustained improvement and future learner success, are in:
 - formalising a localised curriculum to reflect school priorities
 - reviewing the school charter including annual targets to focus on accelerating the achievement of all at-risk ākonga
 - building ākonga' assessment and 'learning to learn' capabilities to foster independent learning.

Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

- 8 Ōtamarākau School is part of the Te Puke Kāhui Ako.
- 9 The principal was the Kāhui Ako Across School Leader for learning support.

Learning Support

- 10 Te Puke Kāhui Ako has been allocated six Learning Support Coordinators (LSCs).
- 11 There are zero LSCs based at the school and one shared across the cluster for the smaller schools.
- 12 The school access local agencies for supports and refers ākonga that require additional learning support to Te Mahau.

Participation in government programmes

School Donations Scheme

- 13 The school opted-in to the School Donations Scheme for 2022 and has opted-in for 2023. The school received \$13,950 in lieu of donations in 2022, and \$14,025 in 2023 based on the July roll return.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

- 14 Ōtamarākau School has opted-in to the programme.
- 15 Ōtamarākau School was one of the later schools in the Bay of Plenty to join the programme, starting in July 2021.
- 16 The school receives lunches from Pita Pit Pāpāmoa, which include a mix of hot and cold meals.
- 17 The lunch programme receives high levels of engagement from ākonga and is valued by the staff.

Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata – Period products in schools initiative

- 18 Ōtamarākau school has opted-in to the programme and has one dispenser onsite.

Creatives in Schools

- 19 Ōtamarākau School has applied for Round 5 of the Creatives in Schools programme, however no result is available as the selection process is not yet complete.

Property

- 20 The Board is active in property management, but due to the location of the school it is challenging when engaging contractors for quotes or work.
- 21 Summary of funding:
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| Annual Maintenance | \$ 11,649.90 |
| Current 5YA allocation | \$208,071.00 |
| Previous 5YA allocation | \$123,362.00 |
- 22 A large canopy over the courts was recently completed, the majority of which was Board funded, which included external grants and donations, and 5YA funding was also used.
- 23 The school is part of the Ngā Iti Kahurangi programme. Initial property audits have been undertaken and a date for these works to start is to be confirmed.
- 24 The school received \$54,054 of SIP funding which was used to construct a new playground and part fund a dental clinic upgrade.
- 25 Works in progress and planned are:
- roofing remediation
 - creating external learning area with canopies, paving area areas and doors
 - replacing the concrete water tank, protecting bore and septic tank.

Other known risks or issues

- 26 There are no known risks or issues.

Proactive Release

- 27 It is recommended that this Briefing Note is proactively released, with any information needing to be withheld done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Annexes

The following are annexed to this paper:

Annex 1: Run Sheet

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Time	Activity	Other details
12:00pm	Minister Tinetti arrives and is greeted by Tui Rolleston and Principal Aneta Smith.	Other attendees include: Tui Rolleston Director of Education Bay of Plenty- Waiariki, Te Mahau Te Tai Whenua
12:05pm	Mihi whakatau	One speaker from the school Waiata by school Ministry staff to respond.
12:30pm	School Tour	Principal to show the Minister around the school and talk about the localised curriculum.
1:00pm finish		