



Briefing Note: Visit to Tarawera High School on Friday 21 October at 9.30am

To:	Hon Jan Tinetti, Associate Minister of Education (School Operations)		
Cc:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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Purpose of Briefing Note

- The purpose of this paper is to support your visit to Tarawera High School, Kawerau on Friday 21 October 2022 at 9.30am to discuss attendance strategies and the attendance service.

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Core Tarawera High School Information

Tarawera High School (# 661)

Contact Name: Helen Tuhoro
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Address: 58 – 122 Tarawera Road
Kawerau

Key People

[Principal: Helen Tuhoro
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Ministry Officials: Dr Dawid de Villiers
Director of Education, Bay of Plenty - Waiariki
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Profile Information

Authority	State
School Type	Secondary
School Gender	Co-Educational
Education Medium	English
Equity Index Rating	
Electorate	East Coast
Te Mahau Region	Te Tai Whenua Bay of Plenty - Waiariki

The July 2022 breakdown of roll information by ethnicity is shown below:

July 2022 Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	347	89
Pacific	2	0.5
Asian	2	0.5
Other	0	0.2
European/ Pākehā	39	10
International	0	0
Total	390	100

Tarawera High School Context

- 1 Tarawera High School is the lead school for the attendance service for the four schools within the Kawerau township (Tarawera High School, Kawerau South School, Kawerau Pūtauaki School, Te Whata Tau o Pūtauaki). This pilot of a school-led attendance service model has now been adopted nationally.
- 2 Tarawera High School is the managing school for Alternative Education for the Kawerau and Edgecumbe catchment.
- 3 Contracts for both of these services expire at the end of this year. The new contracts are yet to be agreed and this is problematic in terms of committing to staff and resources for next year.

- 4 A Teen Parent Education Centre is based on the Tarawera High School site.
- 5 The Principal, Helen Tuhoro, was awarded a Member of the NZ Order of Merit for services to education in the last New Year's Honours list.
- 6 The Principal estimates that the use of the Equity Index has generated over \$100,000 of funding for the school.

Education Review Office

- 7 The Education Review Office (ERO) is currently undertaking its review process at Tarawera High School known as Te Ara Huarau. The next scheduled visit as part of Te Ara Huarau from ERO is during week 6 of this term.
- 8 The school was last visited by the ERO in 2019. ERO found that key strengths of the school were: an inclusive culture focused on wellbeing that embraces and celebrates diversity; collaborative connections with the Kawerau and wider community that enhances meaningful pathways; and effective use of strategies, interventions and programmes that accelerate learner's progress and achievement. Next steps for the school is to further develop effective analysis and use of achievement information and internal evaluation to inform ongoing improvement. ERO considers the school to be "Well placed".

Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

- 9 Tarawera High School belongs to the Pūtauaki ki Rangitāiki Kāhui Ako. Rachel Chater, Principal, Kawerau Pūtauaki, is the co-lead of the Kāhui Ako alongside Mike Jackson, Principal, Edgecumbe College.
- 10 The Pūtauaki ki Rangitāiki Kāhui Ako has 11 school members and nine ECE members:
 - Edgecumbe College
 - Edgecumbe School
 - Kawerau Pūtauaki School
 - Kawerau South School
 - Matata School
 - Murupara Area School
 - Otakiri School
 - St Joseph's Catholic School (Matata)
 - Tarawera High School (including the Kawerau Teen Parent Unit)
 - Te Kura o Te Teko
 - Te Mahoe School

 - Central Kids Kindergartens - Edgecumbe
 - Central Kids Kindergartens - Pūtauaki
 - Central Kids Kindergartens - Te Akoranga
 - Karamuramu Kindergarten
 - Kawerau Early Learning Centre
 - Matata Early Learning Centre
 - Ngā Ririki Early Learning Centre
 - Seedlings Preschool
 - Te Manaaki Preschool
- 11 The Kāhui Ako (as at 1 July 2021) is made up of 2,103 school age children, of which 81% identify as Māori.

Learning Support

- 12 The Pūtauaki ki Rangitāiki Kāhui Ako cluster, has been allocated four Learning Support Coordinators (LSC).
- 13 The LSCs are based at Tarawera High School (1), Edgecumbe Primary (2) and Kawerau Pūtauaki School (1).

Participation in government programmes

School Donations Scheme

- 14 Tarawera High School opted into the School Donations Scheme for 2020, 2021, and 2022.
- 15 The School received \$65,101 in lieu of donations in 2021 and \$62,850 in 2022 based on the July roll return.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

- 16 Tarawera High School has joined the Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch programme and started receiving lunches from the beginning of Term 1 2020
- 17 The lunches are supplied by Libelle who prepare the lunches on the school site using the school kitchen facilities.
- 18 Tarawera High School has indicated satisfaction with Libelle and the school has seen improvement in student behaviour and believe uptake of lunches has improved over time.
- 19 The Teen Parent Education Centre associated with Tarawera High School has chosen not to participate in the lunch programme.

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

- 20 Tarawera High School has opted into the national implementation of the initiative.

Loss of Learning Funding

- 21 Tarawera High School has opted into the Loss of Learning initiative for year 7 to 13 students and will receive \$46,501.79.

Creatives in Schools

- 22 Tarawera High School did not apply for Round 1, 2 or 3 of the Creatives in Schools programme.

Property

- 23 The Principal is happy with the school operation, and their relationship with the Ministry.

- 24 The school was built in 2016. Some problems have recently been identified in the sewage, and drainage, this project was led by Capital Work. Conditional assessments show there are piping issues underground so there has been an ongoing maintenance problem for the school. This will be resolved through the schools 5YA funding. The school, Project Manager, and the Ministry, are working together to resolve this issue. Currently the piping and drainage issue is being assessed for remediation.
- 25 The school has a project manager overseeing their 5YA funded project to deliver a new site bore and irrigation system for watering the school playing fields. They are also making the fields more usable by removing stones and debris put there when the new school buildings were constructed. Funding of around \$910,00 has been allocated for this work.

Other known risks or issues

- 26 There are no known risks or issues.

Proactive Release

- a **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing once it has been considered by you and the visit has occurred,

☒ Agree / ☐ Disagree



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